

Omega's Rebirth

I Will Leave (Ch.26)

6-8 minutes

Neveah staggered down the hallway, heading to her quarters whilst clutching a vial in her hand.

She was not surprised to see she did not encounter anyone on the way, most of the Eclipse Alphas had already left the palace for Mount Vernon and the Eclipse Fang warriors had been dismissed.

Neveah groaned quietly, every ounce of her body throbbed with pain and she could feel her torn skin grazing against the clothing she wore but she bit her lip harshly to keep in any sounds.

She continued down the hall till she emerged from the main palace and then headed to her quarters.

Neveah stumbled into her room, breathing heavily as she shut the door and headed to her mirror, stripping out of her clothing and wincing at the sight.

Whip marks and ripped skin crossed the entire expanse of her chest and Neveah did not even want to guess how her back looked like.

Prince Alessio had been ruthless, not an inch of her skin was left intact save for her face... the one part of her Alpha King Lothaire cared the most about.

Neveah was only glad the whip had not been silver or her cover would have been blown immediately when her skin sizzled and burned in reaction to it

"By the creator!" A voice exclaimed from Neveah's bathroom and Neveah turned sharply to see Laila, her new attendant.

"What the hell are you doing here?!" Neveah snapped furiously as the bucket of water Laila had been holding dropped out of her grip in her shock, spilling all over the ground.

Neveah frowned in distaste at the messy sight and the trembling attendant.

"Who did this to you princess?! I will inform the Alpha King immediately!" Laila exclaimed in panic,

Neveah quirked a brow at Laila, fixing her with a deadpan gaze and Laila's eyes widened in understanding.

"The Alpha... Alpha King...did this?!" Laila exclaimed in shock and Neveah was growing annoyed by Laila's innocent pretenses.

Laila was sent from the Alpha Queen, excluding the fact that everyone in Eclipse Fang already knew Neveah was not the noble princess she acted to be but was infact a scorned bastard,

Anyone from Alpha Queen Vilma had obviously been sent out to torture her, how could she act surprised to see Neveah in such a condition when she should have rightly been elated?

"Leave." Neveah ordered, turning her gaze back to the mirror.

"But Princess, let me tend to your wounds..." Laila began to protest.

"Leave!" Neveah snapped fiercely, her gaze blazing with furry.

Laila quickly grabbed the bucket and hurried out of Neveah's room, shutting the door behind her.

Finally alone, Neveah's strong act crumbled as she dropped to her knees, trembling in pain.

Neveah glanced down at the vial, it was a rare magic potion her father had requested from a witch that would heal all surface injuries in the blink of an eye.

It was a precious item, one only the Alpha King could be granted and the generous amount she had been given was to rub all over herself so come morning, there would be no evidence left of what had happened.

Neveah scoffed, touched by her father's concern that she would have a scar left behind and she desperately wished she could keep all these whip marks as scars just to spite him.

Neveah lifted a hand, tempted to toss the vial across the room but at the very last moment, she changed her mind and placed it in her drawer.

Neveah then reached into her mind and dropped the block between herself and her wolf, letting her wolf's consciousness return to her mind.

"What? You need my help now?" Neveah's wolf asked in an annoyed tone and Neveah winced guiltily.

"I'm sorry." Neveah apologized,

Her wolf huffed in response before Neveah felt her pain deplete greatly and watched in awe as the wounds across her skin began healing up at a rapid pace.

"You come to me only when you need mending...we are one, I am willing to mend you. But for how long do you plan on living such a life Neveah?" Neveah's wolf asked in a defeated tone.

Neveah sighed, her wolf had been the most understanding and supportive, accepting to be locked away rather than run free like she was born to.

It had been years, Neveah knew she had been too inconsiderate of her wolf's feelings and denying herself of the precious bond between wolf and man was cruelty to her ownself.

Neveah had realized today that her father would never let her find out anything about her mother, at least not from him,

And if he would not tell her, then there was nothing keeping her here anymore.

There was no reason why she had to endure such pain and heartache, leaving with the disdain and scorn of all the wolves from Eclipse Fang,

There was no reason why she had to live such a pitiful existence, it was about time she thought for herself alone.

So what if she could never find her mother? Her mother had abandoned her as a baby and left her to such a cruel fate,

Her mother had never come looking for her all these years, not even caring if her own child was dead or alive.

Even a heartless and evil person like Alpha Queen Vilma loved her son more than her own life, where was there a mother that abandoned their child in the wolf's den?

All these years, Neveah had got by with the believe that she could one day leave in search of her mother but it was only now Neveah considered it clearly,

What if her mother did not even want to be found? To have abandoned Neveah at the Eclipse Palace, didn't that already make it clear that her mother did not want her?

Neither her father nor her mother wanted her, Neveah understood this now.

"In that case, I will find my own path in life and cut all ties with my past. I will leave Eclipse Fang." Neveah decided.

Be a rogue, living on the run... whatever it was, as long as it was freedom... Neveah would take it.

Poison (Ch.27)

5-7 minutes

"Neveah?... Veah?" A voice called from Neveah's door,

Neveah frowned wondering who it was so late in the night as she got off her bed and headed to her door.

Neveah pulled the door opened and was surprised to see Luna Colleen standing there with a bright smile on her lips and Alpha Dane stood behind her.

"Aunt Colleen, Uncle Dane...hi..." Neveah greeted, recalling she had not gotten around to visiting the Luna of Eclipse Hunt Pack.

That was probably why Alpha Dane had such a broody mood and Neveah winced in guilt.

"Veah darling, I waited and waited but it was a no show...did something happen?" Luna Colleen asked as Neveah stepped aside to let the couple in.

"No... no, I'm fine. My father needed my attention and I was by his side all the while." Neveah replied in an apologetic tone, lying through her teeth.

"Ow... that's such a pity, my mate and I will be heading out to Mount Vernon for the Alphas Summit at dawn and I just wanted to see you before leaving." Luna Colleen said with a disappointed sigh.

"Please sit, let me examine you." Neveah said, gesturing for Luna Colleen to sit on her bed.

Luna Colleen complied and Neveah lowered herself to a knee and placed a hand over Luna Colleen's stomach.

This time, Neveah let her wolf hover just beneath the surface of her mind, for some reason, they had always had much more alert senses than anyone else.

Neveah studied the heart beat of the pups and frowned slightly.

"Luna Colleen... have you come in contact with the Moon Whisper recently?" Neveah asked in concern.

The Moon Whisper was an extremely poisonous flower and deadly to even wolf shifters.

Luna Colleen's eyes widened in horror as she exchanged a glance with her husband.

"Moon Whisper?! That's poison! Why would Leen keep that anywhere her?!" Alpha Dane exclaimed.

"The Moon Whisper is not life threatening but causes paralysis when ingested, but when administered in small measured quantities..."

"It has less effect and our body can handle it without sustaining any harm...but the life within..." Neveah trailed off at this point when Alpha Dane was right in front of her in the blink of an eye.

"You are telling me that my mate is being... poisoned?!" Alpha Dane exclaimed and Neveah winced.

It was just an assumption on her path but she was certain there was the presence of the Moon Whisper in Luna Colleen's body.

"It is not that Luna Colleen has not conceived all these years...it is that she loses the child, is this accurate?" Neveah asked,

Luna Colleen nodded, her eyes brimming with tears.

"We have never told anyone..." Luna Colleen sobbed out.

"I understand, but now, you must be honest with me and I shall be straightforward. Do you reckon this to be normal? The body of a wolf shifter is not so weak."

"A She-wolf is naturally made to carry her pups and there should be no mishaps as humans face during pregnancy...unless there is an external interference." Neveah explained seriously.

Luna Colleen's grip tightened on Neveah's hand as she shook her head quickly.

"I cannot lose my pups Veah, you have to help me! Tell me you will save my pups!" Luna Colleen pleaded.

"Neveah, the Eclipse Hunt will owe you a debt of gratitude if you can save my daughters." Alpha Dane added, his eyes wide with panic.

Neveah was touched by the love this couple showed to their unborn pups, pups they were yet to even set eyes on yet they already loved them unconditionally.

"I...I can neutralize the poison but not as soon as before dawn." Neveah replied,

"We can stay, we will return here after the summit...we will stay as long as you need us to." Luna Colleen replied quickly,

"It's not just about neutralizing the poison Aunt Colleen, you must figure out how you came in contact with it...from your meals, to herbal tonics, everything you have been taking all this while must be monitored."

"Whoever wishes to harm your pups is close by and if they can poison you once, they can surely do it again and who will neutralize the poison then?" Neveah pointed out the most significant problem.

Alpha Dane and Luna Colleen exchanged a look.

"Then you can come with us! Come with us to the summit and afterwards, to Eclipse Hunt! I will trust you alone. Stay by my side till my pups are born, please Veah!" Luna Colleen pleaded.

Neveah's eyes widened slightly as she began shaking her head to decline, her father would not hear of her attending the Alphas Summit but Alpha Dane placed a hand on her shoulder.

"Veah, I will speak to your father. As long as you agree to it, I will make sure he cannot say no. Do this for the future of Eclipse Hunt... I swear on my honor that I will return this favor at any costs." Alpha Dane vowed.

Neveah was quiet for a moment, thinking over Alpha Dane's words.

"Veah... please... please say yes..." Luna Colleen pleaded.

"Alright... I will go with you." Neveah agreed.

A Warning (Ch.28)

6-8 minutes

"Veah...Dane tells me there has been a change of plans?" Alpha King Lothaire asked as he noticed Neveah's approach.

He stood in all his 6ft4 glory, in the midst of other Eclipse Alphas, as imposing and domineering as he always was.

His hands were crossed behind his back as he watched the last batch of Alphas including those from the Eclipse Hunt prepared to depart for Mount Vernon where the Alphas Summit would take place.

The Eclipse Fang Pack which was the royal pack led by the Alpha King, his queen and his heir would be the last to depart for Mount Vernon.

Neveah slowly strode up to her father, dressed in her riding gear, she had received his summons an hour before dawn and a newly tailored riding gear had been delivered to her.

The clothing was a pure white made from the most luxurious and softest fabric, it was in the form of a combat suit with golden embroidery running along the rims and cuffs.

There was a white cape accompanying it, with patterns at the edges also embroidered with gold.

'An apparel befitting of the Eclipse Princess.' These were the words Lado had delivered along with the clothing, his condescending sneer intact on his face.

Of course, Laila had accompanied Lado to Neveah's quarters at such early hours where Neveah had been forced to sit through another hairdo.

And then Neveah's crown, the one her father only permitted her to don on special occasions like balls and whatever had the gathering of many people enough to bear witness to his daughter's magnificence.

The moment Neveah had set eyes on it, she knew her father had been convinced by Alpha Dane to let her come along to Mount Vernon and accompany Luna Colleen.

Although Neveah was not certain her father had granted the request to accompany the Eclipse Hunt wolves back to their territory but she guessed she would find that out in time.

Neveah also understood this was her father's method of calling a truce after he had left her to be tortured by Alessio.

Like a dog, he would beat and then gift her with the very same hands and Neveah could do nothing but smile and be grateful for his grace.

Neveah could feel various eyes on her as her cape fluttered behind her and she came up to her father's side, lowering her head to a bow in greeting.

"Only if father allows it." Neveah replied in response to Alpha King Lothaire's obvious bait.

To see how Neveah would respond to his inquiry before the other Alphas and Neveah knew it was also in a bid to show Alpha Dane that his words were supreme.

"And if I do not?" Alpha King Lothaire asked,

"I will abide by father's wishes." Neveah replied knowing these were the words her father wanted to hear, words that glorified him before his subordinate Alphas.

"Your father is only teasing, my dear girl. The Alphas Summit is a place for leaders and warriors, no place for a child..." Alpha King Lothaire began with a chuckle, stretching a hand to Neveah.

Neveah swallowed down her reluctance and disgust at her father's pretentious concern, taking her father's outstretched hand.

"But I fear I cannot deny Dane's request, you shall accompany Luna Colleen to Mount Vernon." Alpha King Lothaire decided.

"Yes, father." Neveah replied.

"She is precious to me... this one, my only daughter and I think I shall not be blessed to have another."

"She is so fragile too... you must understand my worry and hesitance Dane." Alpha King Lothaire said to Alpha Dane.

"I certainly do understand, my mate and I are in your gratitude, Your Grace." Alpha Dane said with a nod.

"The Eclipse Princess is docile and obedient, gifted too and by the creator, she is such a beauty. You have raised an excellent daughter, Your Grace." Alpha Varleston of Eclipse Claw commended in an approving tone.

The other Eclipse Alphas present murmured their agreement to Alpha Varleston's words.

"It is my son's loss that she will not have him as a mate, the Eclipse Claw would have considered it a blessing." Alpha Varleston added in a regretful tone.

"Ah... Varleston, so that is what you have been up to..." Alpha Dane said in amusement, the other Eclipse Alphas laughing heartily.

"You have no sons Dane, you cannot understand how I feel." Alpha Varleston countered with an amused roll of his eyes.

"Well, well Veah... what do you have to say to dear Varleston?" Alpha King Lothaire asked, his grip tightening on Neveah's hand in a warning manner.

Neveah gritted her teeth against the bone crushing pain but kept her expression neutral.

"Alpha Varleston flatters me." Neveah said with a forced smile.

"Not at all, Princess. I am rather elated you shall accompany us on this trip to Mount Vernon..."

"Especially since your overprotective father and brother will be coming later...no offense to Your Grace and the Prince, but perhaps my son might have the chance to make a more convincing case." Alpha Varleston said, laughing.

"No offence taken, I surely wish the young Varleston luck...Veah can be rather difficult at times." Alpha King Lothaire replied with a chuckle.

Neveah stood there and watched in utter silence as her father overturned all her efforts to put an end to her relationship with Lucas Varleston.

Neveah could not even blame Alpha Varleston for eagerly raising the topic, he did not understand the situation and he truly seemed to favor Neveah greatly.

"Veah...will you play nice to the young Varleston? Father does value the Eclipse Claw dearly and the Varlestons clearly adore you." Alpha King Lothaire said to Neveah,

Neveah however knew this was not a question but a warning not to ruin her father's plans again...a warning that would come with consequences if she failed to heed it.

"I understand, father." Neveah replied.

"It is settled then! Begone with that horse! My son Lucas shall give Princess Neveah of Eclipse Fang a ride on his wolf all the way to Mount Vernon!" Alpha Varleston declared in a delighted tone to the amusement of the Eclipse Alphas.

Mount Vernon (Ch.29)

7-8 minutes

"I didn't know you were coming..." Lucas murmured, scratching the back of his neck awkwardly as Alpha Varleston observed from a distance in what he must have thought were subtle glances.

Alpha Varleston had just announced to his pack that Neveah would be accompanying them and Lucas would have the honor of serving as her mount.

"I didn't know either." Neveah replied, her lips twitching slightly.

Despite the situation, she was amused by the father and son pair, most especially Alpha Varleston who seemed keen on conjuring up a chemistry between them just by his staring.

"By the end of this trip, having you so close yet knowing we can never be... my heart will be broken into a thousand pieces and my father will dig me a grave for failing to win your hand." Lucas pointed out and Neveah chuckled quietly.

"I wish there was something I could do to make this easier for you." Neveah admitted apologetically.

Neveah was relieved to see Lucas Varleston's stance had not changed due to the insistence of their parents, he had already accepted Neveah's rejection.

"Well there is, it would be my honor to serve as your mount... that is if you will permit it, of course." Lucas Varleston said hopefully.

"I think my father already gave his consent to that." Neveah replied with a shrug.

"Well, I'm not asking him... I'm asking you, Veah." Lucas Varleston replied seriously.

Neveah was quiet for a moment, since when had anyone cared to ask her permission for anything?

Although she was Eclipse Princess, every last detail of her life was determined by her father.

Her likes, dislikes, the food she ate, the dresses she wore, the people she associated with... everything.

Lucas Varleston had come off as domineering and imposing in the beginning but he was much different from what Neveah had thought him to be.

These little unconscious acts from Lucas Varleston was precisely why he was so different from everyone else and why Neveah was unwilling to do him any harm.

Neveah sighed inaudibly as she nodded her consent.

"Well...it would be just as uncomfortable as a horse is, no hassle." Neveah said with a shrug.

"I'm hurt you think I am some thin and bony wolf Veah, with this build? My wolf is all muscles, you'll see." Lucas Varleston said, laughing.

"I'll just take your word for it then." Neveah replied with a shrug as she took a step back and to let Lucas Varleston take his wolf form.

The sound of bone cracking and reforming came first and soon a large blonde wolf was standing in the exact spot where Lucas Varleston had been standing.

Neveah passed a glance back at the Eclipse Palace to see her father standing right there and just as she expected, his gaze was fixed on her.

Neveah sighed quietly, it was time for the Eclipse Alphas to move out and she walked up to Lucas's wolf who waited, his lips stretched in a lopsided wolf grin believing Neveah was impressed by his muscular build and large wolf.

'My wolf is almost twice your size pup.' Neveah thought, smirking as Lucas lowered his height so she could comfortably get on his back.

Neveah passed one final glance at the Eclipse Palace and came to a decision.

'This time... I will never return here.' Neveah decided as Lucas shot off into the woods.

The trip to Mount Vernon was short and pleasant,

Neveah had spent most of the time in comfortable silence with Lucas and by nightfall, they had arrived.

Mount Vernon was an impressive mountain and the designated location for the Alphas Summit,

This was because the blood oath of the first unified alliance of the Eclipse Domain had taken place in Mount Vernon.

The Alphas Summit as it was called was a convention of all the Alphas of the Eclipse Domain that took place every decade.

It began with the royal ball at the Eclipse Palace, after which the Eclipse Alphas would proceed to Mount Vernon.

It was a convention with the purpose of taking collective decisions on the challenges faced by the domain under the supervision of the Alpha King.

Topics on territory distinctions, population control, mating games, discords between packs and the likes would be discussed at the Alphas Summit.

As her father had said, the Alphas Summit was a place for leaders and warriors as it was not uncommon for fights to break out and challenges to be thrown, leading to blood shed.

For the duration of their stay on Mount Vernon, each Eclipse pack had a lodge they would reside in, in a part of the mountain reserved only for that pack.

The mountain was large enough and the lodges were spread all throughout in a manner that ensured the different packs did not have to come in contact with each other unless they wanted to.

Neveah was to reside with the Eclipse Hunt till the end of the Alphas Summit since she had only come to tend to Luna Colleen.

And for the first few days at least, Neveah knew she would not have to deal with her family and the relief it brought to Neveah's heart was so great, she hoped it would last.

Neveah got off Lucas's back and turned around to him.

"Thank You, Lucas. I will head off with the Eclipse Hunt first, get some rest... I will find you tomorrow." Neveah said to the blonde wolf,

Lucas nodded his large wolf head before he bounded off into the woods to change back into his human form.

"Veah, dear child... come." Luna Colleen called to Neveah and Neveah headed over to her.

"How are you doing, Aunt Colleen?" Neveah asked in concern and Luna Colleen shook her head slightly.

"I worry Veah, now that we know of the poison, is it okay to leave it unattended this long? If we delay..." Luna Colleen trailed off in a low whisper,

Not daring to continue as Alpha Dane headed over from where he conversed with his Beta, most likely feeling his mate's distress.

"Neutralizing the moon whisper is not a process that can be hurried, the Alphas Summit begins on the morrow and lasts an entire month,"

"I have come along with all I shall need... within the next few days, I will do my best. Rest assured, your pups will be safe." Neveah promised.

"Thank you, Veah. I feel reassured with you here." Luna Colleen said in a relieved tone.

"For tonight, I will brew you a potion that can help you calm. You will need the calm." Neveah added as she turned to Alpha Dane.

"The Eclipse Hunt resides not too far from here, I'll show the way." Alpha Dane said as he led the way through the forest.

Mount Vernon 2 (Ch.30)

6-7 minutes

"Veah, darling...how did you sleep?" Luna Colleen asked in her familiar doting tone as Neveah emerged from her room.

They had only arrived Mount Vernon the previous night and Alpha Dane had escorted them to a mountain range with about ten small cottages built from wood.

These were the lodgings prepared especially for the Alphas Summit and they were renovated every decade in preparation for the arrival of the Alphas.

The party from Eclipse Hunt numbered to a total of twenty people including Alpha Dane, Luna Colleen and Alpha Dane's Beta.

The rest were warrior wolves and a few elders of the Eclipse Hunt Pack.

Neveah had been momentarily concerned at the thought of sharing a cottage with people she was not familiar with as she had not associated with the wolves from Eclipse Hunt at all,

However Neveah had been surprised to see Alpha Dane and Luna Colleen had set her up to share the Alpha's cottage with them.

There were only two rooms in the cozy little cottage and while Alpha Dane and Luna Colleen shared a room, Neveah got her own room to herself.

Neveah was glad the couple were so considerate of her and after a tiring trip from the Eclipse Palace to Mount Vernon,

Neveah had slept the very moment her head touched the pillow and Neveah had to admit, being out in the middle of nature, with the sight of the woods from her window,

And being so far from the Eclipse Palace as well as her supposed family, Neveah had never slept so peacefully...not even when she was in the healers tribe.

Neveah guessed it was because even the omega healers held prejudice against her and so even there, she could only remain alert at all times.

Neveah had learnt early on that she could not trust anybody, it would not be the first time Alpha Queen Vilma had attempted to buy the hands of others to get rid of Neveah.

However this time, for some reason, Neveah felt safe and at peace with Alpha Dane and Luna Colleen's presence, because she knew they would not let any harm come to her.

And it was not because she was of use to them, if that was the only reason, then they would be no different from everyone else.

But Neveah strangely felt the Alpha couple from Eclipse Hunt were good people worthy of trust...but Neveah would never be so quick to trust anyone.

"Very well, thank you." Neveah replied as she lowered her head to a small bow at the Alpha couple, wondering if she had interrupted something.

"Good to hear, child. If there is anything you need, do not hesitate to ask." Alpha Dane said with a warm smile.

"You do know you should get going right? It's inappropriate to keep the Alpha King waiting." Luna Colleen pointed out to her husband who hovered behind her as she moved around in the kitchen, checking on the supplies available.

"I don't know if I can bring myself to leave you right now Leen, especially with your condition." Alpha Dane said with a sigh.

"Uncle Dane is leaving?" Neveah asked curiously.

"The Alpha King arrived this morning, all ranked wolves are summoned to the upper range, the summit has officially begun." Luna Colleen replied.

Neveah winced slightly at the news that her father had already arrived, regardless of the fact that he was nowhere near this part of the mountain, his presence alone made that feeling of suffocation return in full fold.

"I cannot go with Dane, I told him you would need the next three days to neutralize the poison and I would like it if we could commence as soon as possible...if that is okay with you." Luna Colleen said hopefully.

"I was going to suggest the same, the first summit lasts seven days... Uncle Dane can leave without worries, I will pay close attention to all of Aunt Colleen's needs."

"Upon your return, your pups will be safe and sound." Neveah promised the reluctant Alpha with a small smile.

"You heard the girl, now go on over and do convey our apologies to the Alpha King for our unavoidable absence." Luna Colleen told her mate.

"Very well, I shall entrust my mate and pups to your care Veah." Alpha Dane said and Neveah nodded in acceptance.

Alpha Dane lingered for a moment before he strode out and Luna Colleen laughed quietly, staring after her mate.

"He can be such a baby sometimes." Luna Colleen said with a shake of her head.

"He worries for you Aunt Colleen... he cannot help it." Neveah replied, her heart warm from just watching the love shared between the two.

"Well with you here, I believe everything will be fine...I believe in you." Luna Colleen said with a smile and the honesty in her tone warmed Neveah's heart.

"Well, seeing as we are out in the mountains and practically the only females amongst the Eclipse Hunt party, we will have to take care of ourselves. What would you like for breakfast?" Luna Colleen asked Neveah.

"You don't need to do all of these things... just sit Aunt Colleen. " Neveah chided with a roll of her eyes as she headed over to take the knife out of Luna Colleen's hand.

"But... I do not want to burden you anymore than I already am, you must not be accustomed to seeing to your own meals." Luna Colleen argued.

Neveah quirked a brow as she recalled excluding the Eclipse Fang, the entire Eclipse Domain considered Neveah to be a spoiled and pampered Princess.

"I am an Omega, Aunt Colleen...not a handicap, and you would be surprised how much I see to by myself." Neveah replied with a shrug.

"You just take a seat, I will have breakfast ready in a bit and after which I will begin brewing the herbs to neutralize the poison."

"It will be a tasking process on you Aunt Colleen, you will need your strength." Neveah added in a grim tone.