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Aella's Pov 1

Everything felt so surreal, watching everyone run around, preparing for the twins one year celebration.

A hand wrapped around me, I soaked in the scent, leaning backwards into, "hey doll." He whispered lovingly into my ears.

I giggled, "Hey papa"

He spun me to face him, "Papa, mmmm I think I like the sound of daddy better" He bit my lips.

"Naughty" I laughed aloud, "isn't that what Elysia and Ragnar call you."

"I don't mind an extra one, besides I was your daddy before they came into the picture."

I raised an eyebrow, "Really,"

"Yes, they've been hogging all your attention. Oh how difficult my life is, I have been turned into a single father," he whined dramatically.

I couldn't help laughing at his childishness, "Stop being so dramatic, are you learning from

Kay or is Kay learning from you?"

"Well, we're best of friends for a reason after all." He shrugged, "Now about that, what do you say we spend the day indoors"

"Yeah, and leave the pack to celebrate the twins alone. While their Alpha and Luna disappear to where they know."

"You're just been mean now. They can survive without us. Come on doll, just today" he pouted.

"No. You're still the Alpha, besides today is the day we're announcing the kingdom too."

"They can do it themselves. Can't a wolf be in love and just spend the whole day with his Luna," he groaned,

"no more excuses."

He smashed his lips into mine, suddenly I felt eyes boring holes into my back, I pulled away from the kiss only to find Ragnar and Elysia watching us like they've just stumbled into an interesting TV show.

"Shit." I tapped Eros.

"Ahhh, why now" he groaned dramatically,

Ragnar had a look of disgust in his eyes,

like he would rather be anywhere but here meanwhile Elysia looked at us curiously.

"What are you doing?" She asked.

"Nothing"

"Showing how much I love your mother," Eros answered seriously

Heat crept up my ears, I didn't need to look in a mirror to know that I was already a blushing mess.

"Really? That means I can do it with Brandy?" She asked, eyes wide and curious.

"Hell no." Eros exclaimed, "you aren't kissing anyone."

"I second that" the father and son pair seemed to finally agree on something.

Elysia rolled her eyes, "but you were kissing mom just now to show her that you love her. I want to show Brandy that I love him too" she whined childishly.

I giggled, waiting for how Eros would get out of this one,

"Ummm. Sweetheart, that's only for grown ups." he said gently, picking her up.

"Really? Then I can't wait to be grown up, I'll do it a dozen times with Brandy," she said satisfactory, assured that she had reached the best conclusion.

"No. You have to be mated first." he began walking away with her,

"But I like Brandy, and uncle Braz isn't mated but he seems to be doing it alot. Why can he, and I can't."

"No. That's different." Their voices faded away,

"Ready for your big day little man?" I bent down to Ragnar's level, fixing his outfit, patting down on the little black suit he had settled for.

I found myself lost in his eyes, the tip of his ears turned red, "stop looking at me like that."

"What? Can't I admire my little cutie?"

"Not so blatantly, save me some dignity mother." He said, and held out his hand.

I picked him up, a bit shell shocked by his choice of words.

It's been a year since everything happened, the twins grew rapidly, but their growth had began slowing down a month ago, so hopefully they'll grow normally from now.

They were one with the body and mind of a six year old, it was disturbing to an extent especially the fact that they were exceptionally smart, mostly Ragnar.

Eros had woken up after Aragon left, he was a bit disoriented but with a little rest he was back on his feet, the pack thrived, working hard to cover up every loss.

The alliance had decided to take things a little further, to unite Goth under one banner again; the announcement would be done today, alongside the twins ceremony.

"There's my favourite sister and nephew." Richard's soft voice filled the hallway, he intercepted us.

"I'm your only nephew, which I didn't agree to as I'm yet to see how a vampire and wolf ended up as siblings" Ragnar mumbled.

"And that's why you're my favourite," he pinched his nose.

"Hey sis" he pecked my cheeks before settling to pick Ragnar from my hands, then holding me by the other.

"well don't you look every bit the gentleman" I nodded approvingly.

"A handsome one at that," he said smugly.

"Father is much more handsome" Ragnar scoffed.

"Like father like son" Richard shot back, "besides, your father cannot compare to this" he showed off.

Ragnar looked at me with teary eyes,

"Don't bully my son." I smacked his head.

"He started it" he grumbled.

"Arguing with a child? Really?"

"He's a sharp mouthed one."

"That's besides the point. Any news yet?"

His expression fell, turning sour instantly, "nothing."

"It's been a year" I sighed, "a person doesn't just disappear off the face of Goth"

"Guess Lilith isn't just anyone then."

"We'll find her, I know it. She's somewhere out there, and I'm going to find her." I swore resolutely.

Plates clicked, laughter filled the air, conversations, feets shuffling, the joy in the air was unmistakable.

I carried Ragnar to stand beside Eros, he clicked the wine glass in his hand, drawing the attention of everyone.

I stood by his side, looking at what was supposed to be an impossibility, wolves, vampires, dryads, faes, etc all mixed together, interacting happily.

Somewhere I found my friends in the crowd, engaged and taking.

"Firstly I must thank each and everyone of you, including our lost heroes, you have contributed greatly to our being here. It is not something to be taken for granted." His voice boomed across the quiet room.

"We have gathered to celebrate my children and announce them to the world" we presented the twins,

"As per the customs we shall announce their full names. My Luna and I have made our decisions, so listen as she calls out their names." he stepped aside.

I stepped out fully, "it is said that names are the doors to our souls. These names are by no way random but made to Honour what we've lost, to show that they're still part of us and as a way to show our gratitude." I paused,

my gaze wandering, then continued.

"For my first born, he shall be named, Ragnar Argaon Shaw. And his sister Elysian Lilith Shaw." I finished.

The hall was silent, all looking at me, then the first clap, and everywhere exploded, cheers and clapping filled the air.

I hugged my babies close to me, sniffing back my tears.

Eros continued, "Aside from that we would announcing another important decision. The alliance has decided to form a kingdom, one where all living creature will feel safe no matter your species which representatives from each species at the centre and with I and Aella as your King and Queen. With that said I would like to toast to the Kingdom of Valeria,"

Just then a voice rang out from the Crowd, "All hail the king, long live the Queen"

"hail the king, long live the Queen"

"hail the king, long live the Queen" they echoed.

Third Person's Pov

The party continued, the twin were out playing with Brandy

Yes Brianne and Xavier had their own bundle of joy 3 months after the war, Brianne just happened to find out about her pregnancy really late.

Celeste and Kaden decided to take things Slow, meanwhile the real Braz was back but his trauma face him a hard time.

Aella and Eros stood at the balcony watching everything with a smile tugged a their heart.

"I'm scared" Aella whispers against her mate.

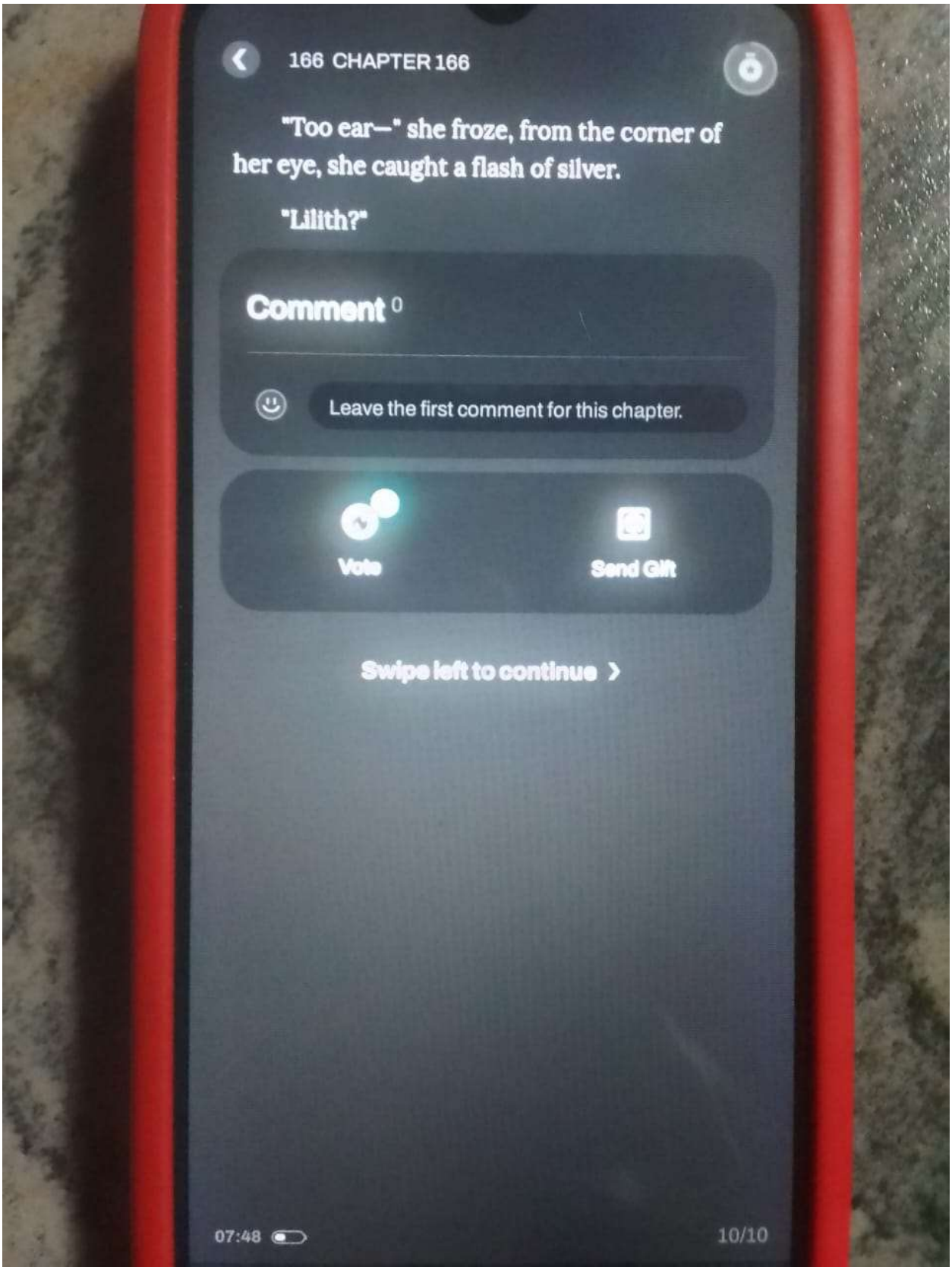
"Of what?"

"Him, I'll be 25 soon and Aragon said I should be careful, what if he comes again?"

"This time we'll be ready," Eros pecked her forehead.

"Yes." She smiled, "we'll be ready, we will protect our family with everything we have, we will maintain this peace."

"Exactly, now, what were you saying about having another little rascal?" Eros pressed her back further into him, arms wrapped strongly against her waist.


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"Too ear—" she froze, from the corner of her eye, she caught a flash of silver.
"Lilith?"
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