382 MOTHERLY INSTINCTS

Xaden stood at the door, and there was no one other than Anna behind him. 1

And she was grinning from ear to ear.

Jasmine's heart raced so rapidly.

Had he seen Erik kiss her forehead?

She knew how possessive and jealous Xaden could get.

And why was Anna here? Had she been the one to report to him?

Jasmine wouldn't be surprised even though she hadn't done anything wrong.

Erik must have seen how troubled she looked because she gently touched her shoulder and mouthed.

"Calm down."

And then she tried her best to.

Erik walked up to Xaden and Anna.

Kire remained with Jasmine.

And then it seemed like Xaden had told Anna to give him a minute because she nodded and came towards Jasmine.

Jasmine anxiously backed away as she saw Anna progress towards her.

"Hi, Jasmine," Anna said sweetly. "Came back to see you."

Anna was about to take it away on the bed when Kire growled at her so viciously that even Xaden and Erik turned to look. 1

Anna backed away quickly.

"I'm fine." She told the men, and then they returned to their discussion.

Anna looked down at Kire in anger. "You know that I'm your mate. You can't growl at me like that."

Kire growled again, but this time, Jasmine reprimanded him.

"Don't do that, Kire." She warned. "Stay."

He whimpered sadly, then sat beside her and put his paws on the floor before placing his head on them.

"I'm sorry about that." Jasmine apologized. "He isn't usually this harsh. He is quite friendly with people."

Anna glared at her. "I had it all under control. And what do you mean by people? I'm his mate.

I didn't need you to stop him from doing anything. Moreover there was no way he was going to attack me."

Jasmine sighed .

"Of course." Jasmine wasn't interested in any of Anna's taunts.

Anna eyed her tummy. "I hope you're taking good care of niece and nephew."

"My baby is fine!" Jasmine snapped at Anna.

Anna was taken aback.

Jasmine had never really spoken back at her before.

This was new.

Jasmine on the other hand was surprised at how sharply she had spoke to Anna.

It was as if from the moment she knew that she was with child, her motherly instincts had come to life.

A threat to her baby was a threat to her and she reacted to it quickly.

Jasmine quickly put her arms around her baby.

"My baby is fine." Jasmine repeated.

A mean smile sprung up on Anna's face. "Of

course she is. And I really hope you are going to relish these moments with the baby before time goes by."

Jasmine's eyes narrowed in suspicion.

"What do you mean by that?" Jasmine asked her.

"Mean by what?" Anna asked.

But Jasmine knew that Anna knew exactly what she was talking about.

"By me saying you should relish these moments of you with your baby before time goes by?" Anna asked. "I mean you aren't going to protect and hold your baby in there forever. You are going to eventually be separated from your baby once you give birth to her."

Jasmine started to panic.

Anna wasn't just saying anything.

She knew well that she had inner meanings to her words.

What did she mean by she would be separated from her baby?

Something was wrong and she could smell it.

"If you try to harm me and my child, I won't take it easy with you." Jasmine warned.

"Oh so Jasmine now has a sharp mouth." Anna giggled.

"I'm warning you. This isn't just about me anymore. You can hurt me and you can make fun of me the way you always have, but a threat to my child, and I would show you a part of me that you never knew existed."

Anna's face went white and in shock.

Jasmine had never in her entire life spoken to her in such a manner.

Never.

She genuinely felt threatened.

The men were still both discussing and barely paid any attention to what was happening.

And then Kire growled at Anna.

It was not a loud growl. It was low one, a warning.

Her own mate's wolf was choosing Jasmine's side over hers?

She swallowed.

There was no way he was going to hurt her.

He was her mate, he owed her loyalty.

As if sensing that she didn't think he would do

any harm, Kire growled and showed his teeth while taking a step forward towards her.

Anna felt the fear in her bones.

He would rip her apart if he was given the chance to.

"Kire." Jasmine gently cajole and the giant wolf slowly covered his teeth and took a step back.

Jasmine looked back at Anna who was burning in rage.

How dare Jasmine.

"Stay away from me." Jasmine warned her.

Seeing that she was outnumbered and most definitely not welcome, Anna had no choice but to back out.

She got up from the bed and looked at Jasmine .

"For now." Anna said. "But I will be here to make sure your nightmares come true."

And then Anna finally walked away.

She headed to where Xaden was.

"I offered Jasmine my assistance anytime she needed help." Jasmine heard Anna lie blatantly. "But I don't think she still wants to have anything to do with me. I only wanted to help

with my little niece or nephew and she said such awful things to me."

Jasmine heard Anna weep and Jasmine rolled her eyes in irritation at the exaggeration.

"She even made Kire go against me." Anna said. "And he is my mate. Why does she continue to do such things to me?"

"But Kire is your mate and he is usually gentle." Xaden said. "I don't think Jasmine could put him against you." 1

Jasmine felt her heart soften a bit.

Xaden had just stood for her.

"Are you calling me a liar?" Anna asked. "You're my brother and you're taking an outsider's word over your own flesh and blood?"

"Of course not." Xaden said.

"You were also an outsider only until recently too Anna." Erik said.

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