

Chapter 21

~Rae~

"Alexia, you are right. I don't know what's in Alpha Kieran's," Rae admitted. "But I know I have never seen him this way, and even Jaxon thinks the same."

"Maybe he doesn't realize it yet or is not willing to acknowledge it, but soon, he will" Rae supplemented.

Rae saw the disappointment on Alexia's face, and her heart ached. She realized her answer gave her friend no assurance. If only Alexia would look past the contract and see the obvious signs.

Maintaining to hold Alexia's arm, she suggested, "Even if he has that poker face, trust me when I say he cares for you, Alexia -"

she feels sorry for me. Or he is still doing this out of obligation to the king." Alexia interrupted.

"Can you speak on behalf of Kieran, Rae?"

The question caught Rae off-guard. Of course, she could not speak for Alpha Kieran. Her lips parted, but no words left her mouth.

"Anyway," Alexia looked down, her brows meeting as she said, "I am not in the position to complain. My life is better here - a contract wife or not, true mate or not. I want you to know that I am happy here. You and all the pack members have been incredibly welcoming."

"Alexia -"

"Let's go. Please, let's forget about this discussion. I'm sorry I even brought up finding true mates when, statistically, half of

the werewolf population never find their true mate," Alexia suggested.

Rae saw Alexia smile at her. She said, "The Goddess blessed you and Jaxon for finding each other."

They walked away, leading to the backdoor of the packhouse.

~Kieran~

Inside his office, Kieran was in his chair, listening to Sheena's report. Jaxon, his beta, was doing the same, standing behind him.

"Alpha," Sheena placed a black duffle bag on Kieran's desk and revealed, "We've checked the money, and it's two million dollars, as you have asked from Alpha Roland."

Kieran let out a low growl, remembering how Alpha Roland dared to file a formal complaint about

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him to the king. The old alpha was courting death! His eyes narrowed at the bag, asking, "Did you have trouble securing the money?"

"Just a little, Alpha," Sheena admitted. "They did not want to give any money at first, denying how they had mistreated Alexia, but I told them how Drake was the source of my information in the first place."

"I made their refusal as an excuse to take Drake with us. That was how we managed to punish him for trying to assault our Luna," Sheena revealed. "They paid up after two days."

Kieran nodded. He turned to Jaxon and ordered, "Put the money in the bank and under Alexia's name. This way, she has money of her own."

"Yes, Alpha," Jaxon confirmed.

Returning his attention to Sheena, Kieran asked, "Anything else I should

know?"

"Eh, well." Kieran saw Sheena form a sneer. She responded, "There is something that you should know."

Sheena chuckled lightly and reported, "Alpha Roland's family seems to be under the impression that our Luna Alexia married an ugly alpha and that she had to endure being in your presence, wearing a blindfold at night. They think Alexia is in a worse condition than her previous state, living with them:"

Another growl left Kieran's lips. He did not mind being called ugly. However, it did not sit well with Kieran that Alpha Roland's family belittled Alexia for having married him.

"I'm sorry, Alpha Kieran. Their mocking provoked me that I dared threaten you would eventually see them." Bowing her head, Sheena said, "Of course, it would not matter now. They paid up, and that's what's more important -"

"I will." Kieran sighed. "I will see them in person soon."

His eyes narrowed as he added, "Soon."

Waving his hand, he commanded, "Thank you, Sheena. You are dismissed. Don't forget.

Tomorrow, you will take over Alexia's training."

"I would be happy to train Luna Alexia personally." Sheena bowed before leaving Kieran's office.

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After Sheena left, Jaxon and Kieran discussed security matters before finally making their way to

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