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Alpha Kieran! Alpha Kieran!" Seth yelled, trying to find his alpha. He and his group had called out to him for hours, but it was useless. Kieran did not answer.

When the fog blinded them, they tried moving into the crater but realized they could easily slip and fall into the volcano. While the volcano's center was no longer burning, Mount Nefarious was known to kill, even if the fire was out.

"Alpha Kieran!" Ace called from afar. Seth glanced his way, and he saw Ace's look of defeat.

"Alpha Kieran is still alive. We would have felt it," Seth claimed. While they were no longer formally a pack, their allegiance to Kieran remained the same. They were still bounded by the promise under the blood oath. If Kieran had died, they would have sensed it, but that did not happen.

"He is still alive. I know it!" Seth claimed.

"Let's look around then!" One of the king's guards said, and Seth nodded. Seth was thankful to the king's guards. Despite how two of their own had been badly wounded, they did not give up on Kieran.

For another hour, they navigated around the crater.

When they went past the path where the fire root plants had poorly been destroyed into nothing, some clearly had been thrown down into the volcano's opening, Seth's heart broke. While he still felt deep within his bone that Kieran was alive, he could not say the same for their king.

King Balthasar might not survive, not without the fire root plant.

Looking at the king's loyal guards, he saw them stilled. Some cried, knowing what would happen next. That was how much they loved their king.

One of the king's guards had climbed up to the very top where Alpha Kieran had fallen, saying, "Maybe I can get a better view from there!"

It made sense. At the very peak, the said guard could see parts of the opening

that may not be visible from where they stood. For minutes, he kept eying the insides of the crater, but moments later,

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he turned, saying, "I see movements down there!"

The king's guard was looking outside the volcanic opening, narrowing his eyes, Seth climbed up to where the guard was and looked down. There was thick vegetation around, and it was moving downward.

Seth did not know why, but his heart raced. He frowned and decided to descend on the same path, no matter how difficult it was, going through the rocks and the slippery earth of the volcano.

He suddenly felt that familiar aura reaching out to him as if calling him. He shouted, "Alpha Kieran! Alpha Kieran!"

Out of nowhere, the movement below stopped. Whatever vegetation below started to clear, and a hand reached out. As seconds passed, more and more of the leaves opened up to a view of a frame.

Soon, he felt the man's scent. It was indeed his alpha.

"Alpha Kieran! Alpha Kieran!" Seth repeatedly called. He shifted into his wolf, hoping to reach Kieran faster. When he did, he was more than elated, for not only was Kieran safe, he was holding about ten of the fire root in his hands.

Seth heard Kieran declare, "Let's return and save the king."

– Kieran –

The next day, Kieran awoke from his rest. Last night, when his group returned to Morgan's house, they first attended to the wounded guards of the king.

It helped that Kieran brought more than enough fire root plans that the soldiers also received a dose of the healing potion Morgan created.

Back in the cave, after securing the miracle root, Kieran followed a lighted path, eventually leading him to an opening right side of Mount Nefarious. That was how he made it out, alive and well.

Kieran also received treatment for his eyes. He could still see, but there were minor signs of burns. He rested it overnight and was surprised to wake up with a twenty-twenty vision.

"Kieran, you are awake," he turned to his left and saw his wife holding a tray of food. "Have something to eat."

"What time is it?" Kieran asked.

almost noon, Alexia answered while kneeling beside the made-up bed outside

Morgan's home. They needed to stay close to the king, and since Morgan's house was not big enough to accommodate everyone, they set up tents as their resting place. Alexia raised the tray and suggested. "This is lunch for me and brunch for you."

"The king, Kieran asked.

Alexia smiled and replied, "He is doing better after getting the first dose of the healing potion. In fact, he is sweating and starting to make movements simple ones, like flinching and hands clenching. Sometimes he would groan – it's a significant improvement compared to how he was a few days back."

"By the way, while you were asleep, Alpha Declan called. They suspected him already. He said they practically turned his pack upside down in search of the king. However, since the queen's guards did not find the king. Alpha Declan was absolved somewhat. Movements within his pack are still being monitored, and he said it will take some time for him to join us at the Cross River Pack," Alexia reported.

"That's understandable," Kieran replied.

Alexia fed him some food, but instead of taking it, he put it down and first embraced his wife. He k\*ssed her cheek and neck, saying, "I thought I was going to die."

Kieran narrated to Alexia what had transpired at Mount Nefarious. How he had fallen down and nearly fell into the inferno. He described how he was saved by violent rains and shrub trees that miraculously carried his weight. Of course, the best part was how he found the cave and discovered a plantation of fire root plants.

Despite the good in what happened, he also realized how Caspian had escaped him, and then he revealed to his wife, "The prince is not the king's son."

"What?" Alexia asked in horror, her eyes widening.

"He colluded with his mother, and I could not accept that he would kill his father. I questioned him back at Mount Nefarious. He

probably thought I would die with the sneak attack that he admitted not to be the king's biological son," Kieran revealed. "He didn't deny the poisoning either, and the fact that they were there, they knew that the fire root plant

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Was the only way to save the king!

With a sigh, he added, "They were trying to sabotage our plans to save the king, Clearly, Caspian and the Queen had been poisoning the king

"Kieran, Alexia k\*ssed his l\*ps. She said, 'I'm glad you are safe. I don't know what I would have done without you. It was the Moon Goddew will. She saved you"

"With the truth out, at least, we know who are the real enemies, Alexia suggested, and Kieran nodded.

Alexia and Kieran ate together in the next few minutes, relieved that the king would soon be fully healed. After finishing their

meals, however, Alexia acted to heave, and her face paled completely,

"Are you okay?" Kieran asked,

"I-I don't know. I have been feeling sick since yesterday, Kieran – Alexia covered her mouth and ran outside the tent, where she threw up all the contents of her stomach. She was at it so hard that she alerted the other tens around them.

Seth, who saw Alexia, expressed his concern, "Are you fine, Luna?"

Immediately after Alexia emptied her stomach, Kieran carried her in his arms and rushed into the house, alerting Morgan.

"Morgan! Morgan! My wife is sick. Please check her!"

Morgan promptly attended to Alexia, guiding her inside her treatment room.

Half an hour passed, and Morgan came out of the

chamber, saying, "Your wife is not sick, Alpha Kieran."

"What do you mean, Morgan?" Kieran was utterly worried. He could handle all the pain in the world, but he did not want anything to happen to his wife. "Why was she vomiting?"

Behind Morgan, Kieran saw Alexia walk out. She was still pale, but unlike earlier, she had a smile on her face.

"Alpha Kieran. I have good news. Congratulations, your wife is pregnant,"

Morgan revealed, and the half-witch grinned from ear to ear:

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"You better have good news, Caspian," Queen Helen said, seeing her son arrive at the king's office.

As if she were the king, she sat on Balthasar's seat. Her mate, Alpha Blaze, sat on the chair across the table.

"Did you do it, Caspian? Son?" Alpha Blaze asked. "Did you destroy all the fire root plants?"

Caspian smiled from ear to ear. He lifted his chin and proudly revealed, "I did more than that! When I reached Mount Nefarious, I crossed paths with Kieran Stone. He was after the fire root."

"I knew it! It was Alpha Kieran all along! But how did he manage to get the king out?" The queen wondered bitterly.

"He must have helped from Beta Ford, my love," Alpha Blaze suggested.

"Since the beta had gone missing, we can assume his involvement in this."

"Caspian, please tell me you took care of Kieran?" The queen inquired.

"Most definitely, mother. Kieran Stone is dead. He slipped into the crater's center while trying to race after me. I distracted him, and he wound up falling down!" Caspian eagerly reported. "I killed him, mother, father. I killed Kieran Stone! Haha!"

Queen Helen's eyes widened. Her smile reached her ears. She was so happy that tears rolled down her cheek. Kieran had always gotten in the way of her plans unknowingly. Without him, she and Blaze can finally push through with their plans.

"Oh, Moon Goddess! Thank you!" The queen praised. "Thank you for answering my prayers!"

"This is good news, son, but what about the fire root plants? Did you destroy them all? Kieran may be dead, but others will try to take it to keep Balthasar alive," Alpha Blaze sought.

"Don't worry, father. I took care of it. I destroyed every single living fire root plant in the crater. There is nothing left! The king will die eventually, and I! I will be king!"

The family of three celebrated, hugging each other. After taking it all in, Chapter 32

the queen said, "Now, it's time to follow through with our plans. First, we must announce Beta Ford's betrayal – abandoning his responsibility. We will also declare how the king has been kidnapped by Kieran Stone, so no other pack will help him in Taplean."

"The doctor said the king will only have one week to live. Let's give it one month and then formally announce the king dead and declare Caspian king!" Helen happily expressed.

"I can't wait, mother," Caspian remarked.

"Me too, son. I can't wait," Helen replied with a smile. She turned to her mate and said, "Blaze, take care of your divorce, please.

We will slowly introduce the idea to the people how you had been my constant aid in the king's passing, and then we fell in love."

"That's a great idea, my love," Blaze replied. "I'll divorce my wife first, so they

will not suspect us when we publicly announce our relationship.”

“Yes,” Helen said, maintaining her smile. “With Kieran gone, no one can stop us. We will hold power in Taplean.”

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“What what did you say?” Kieran asked, wanting to clarify things.

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“Alpha, Luna Alexia is pregnant,” Morgan repeated. “She is not sick – well, morning sickness always goes along with the early stage of the pregnancy. Your wife is three weeks pregnant. With the signs that she is showing now, also, given you both have alpha blood, Luna alexia will give birth after six months.”

“See, Alpha? There is nothing to worry about,” Ace comforted Kieran. Seth did the same.

Learning of this, Kieran walked over to Alexia, k\*ssing her and hugging her. He said, “I’m going to be a father.”

Alexia nodded, saying, “Yes, you are.”

“I’m going to be a father!” He said again, this time, louder than the last.

Alexia and everyone around them laughed at Kieran’s reaction. Alexia repeated, “Yes, you are! Kieran, you already have your alpha heir!”

“Congratulations, Alpha Kieran!” Seth praised.

“Congratulations!”

“Congrats to Alpha Kieran and Luna Alexial

The surrounding warriors and the king’s guards praised and wished for the couple. Even if, in the ment state of Laplean, many things were uncertain, with Alexia being pregnant, Kieran found more strength. He will protect his wife and child and stop at

nothing to resolve the accusations against him.

-Kieran-

“Don’t move. Don’t walk. Just let me do everything. Kieran suggested while carrying Alexia in his arms. “Thank goodness

Morgan spared us a room for your convenient rest”

Alexia laughed, saying, “Kieran, I am pregnant. I did not become disabled!”

“I just want to ensure you won’t ship anywhere, tall or trip. I worked hard to get you pregnant,” Kieran remarked, making Alexia laugh thoroughly.

When Morgan learned of Alexia’s pregnancy, she asked the warriors for help,

cleaning up one room from her house to accommodate Alexia and Kieran. Morgan had previously turned it into one of her store rooms, but it was good enough for Kieran since it had a decent bed. The room became tidy that same night. After settling Alexia to sit on the bed, he kneeled before her, studying his wife. He looked around the modest room that would be their home for the next few days until the king returned to his original health. It was humbling compared to what he could offer Alexia back at the Stone Blood Pack. He then returned to observing Alexia. His gaze landed on her stomach, but mostly, he lingered on her delicate face. Soon, he asked, "Are you okay with this, Alexia?" "We planned the baby, Kieran," Alexia replied. "I know, but I am no longer an alpha. I am a man without a name or property, and the palace had ordered my bank accounts to be frozen. Thank goodness I left money at the packhouse, but the money I have won't sustain us if this problem persists," Kieran described. "Will you be okay being pregnant with our situation?" Alexia stilled. Even the money that Kieran had set aside for her, the queen also had frozen.

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Caressing her husband's face, Alexia said, "As long as I am with you, I'll be fine our baby and me. That's what matters that we are together. We can get through this."

She rested her forehead on his and claimed, "Your title is not essential me, Kieran you are."

Kieran sucked in a breath. He lowered his frame and kissed Alex's belly. Then, he kissed Alexia's lips. When he pulled away, he said, "Thank you, Alexia, for being at my best and my worst. I will never forget this day, this time of my life, how you stayed with me despite it all."

"Shhh. What are you talking about? We are in this together. Don't forget how the queen is also targeting me, naming me a bastard child, Alexia reminded.

He nodded, taking her hand. "You are fighting. We are in this together, and we'll get through it."

"Anyway, since we have a private space now, I thought maybe we could"

Kieran coughed against his fist and requested, "I want to be buried inside"

you now.”

He saw his wife flush, but she didn't refuse him either. When Alexia nodded, he said, “Give me your a\*s, my little wife. I don't want to hurt our baby.”

Alexia gave him her back, and she lowered her pants and underwear. Seeing her beautiful bum, Kieran hissed and k\*ssed each bottom cheek while his fingers caressed her rose.

Kieran knew his wife was trying to hold back, especially since their room wasn't soundproofed. She often looked at him desperately, silently telling him she adored how he stimulated her.

“I love it,” barely a whisper, she said.

It encouraged Kieran further that he thrust his finger inside of her. When her entrance became so wet, Kieran hurriedly unbuckled his pants. He palmed himself before testing the wetness of Alexia's pink hole.

“F\*\*k, you are so wet,” Kieran declared. Then, he entered her and began to move back and forth. “I love you, Alexia. You are mine.”

“I am yours,” Alexia echoed.

Shortly, Kieran picked up the pace, making love to his wife. The slapping

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of their flesh became deafening in his ears, and he loved it.

Arriving at a conclusion, he lowered his frame to k\*ss Alexia's back and pumped harder, reaching Alexia's very end. He org a smed, his moan muffled against Alexia's back.

Breathing against her skin, he repeated, “I love you, Alexia.”

“I love you, Kieran,” Alexia replied.

Days passed, and Kieran received an important call from the Stone Blood Pack. Clayton, one of his best warriors, had decided to remain at the pack to look after the members and the younger warriors. On the phone, Clayton reported, “Alpha Blaze is already here. He is giving ridiculous orders, but I am trying my best not to defy him.”

“Play it by ear, Clayton. You know how to deal with these situations. Remind everyone to act neutral,” Kieran instructed.

“Yes, Alpha,” Clayton replied. “You should know that the queen accused you of kidnapping the king. Now, a more serious crime had been pinned against you. Although, there were talks about you being dead, Alpha. That worried us all, but we knew you would not die easily.”

“You are speaking to me now, Clayton. I am alive and well,” Kieran replied. He



described what happened at Mount Nefarious, resulting in the palace believing that he was no longer a problem to deal with. "I think being dead is the answer to our problem.

At least the queen will not seek me out. So let me be. Tell only those that you trust how I am still alive."

"Roger that, Alpha. Then, there is one other piece of news. The Paternity Test returned for Luna Alexia and the king," Clayton supplemented.

Hearing Clayton, Kieran's skin crawled. He replied, "Send the report to the Cross River Pack. I want Alexia to open it herself."

– Jaxon –

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"Beta Ford, I'm glad you made it safely to the Cross River Pack," Jaxon said, welcoming the king's beta at the very entrance of the border. He stood in front of the Beta Jaxon's car, directing, "We will guide you to your accommodations, and don't worry, the pack members here have been understanding of the situation. They have experienced the difference in treatment from Alpha Roland to Alpha Kieran. They won't say a word."

"Have you heard from Kieran?" Beta Ford's eyes were puffed. He revealed, "I still have eyes and ears at the palace, and I have heard that Kieran might be dead and that his group was not able to get the miracle root

"Ah." Jaxon smirked. It appeared to him that the prince was unaware that his alpha had survived.

"What are you smiling there for, Jaxon?!" Beta Ford asked in anger.

Jaxon shook his head, saying, "I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Beta Ford, but the news is all wrong. Prince Caspian also went after the fire root plants, and that's how he came across my alpha. The prince thought Alpha Kieran is dead, but he is very much alive."

He explained everything, including how Kieran slid down the crater, only to be saved by a bush tree. Jaxon assured, "And don't worry, Alpha Kieran was able to secure fire root plants, not just one but enough to help cure many warriors who may need it."

Relief washed over Beta Ford. He said, "Thank the Moon Goddess! Where is the king now?"

"He is still with Kieran. They brought her to someone very good in healing, Jaxon promised. He tilted his head to the inside of the pack and said, "We should discuss inside."

From within the packhouse of the Cross River Pack, Jaxon relayed

everything, how the king was doing better and how Kieran discovered a plantation of fire root plants. Rae was with them the entire time, backing up Jaxon's story.

"Rest assured that Kieran and the king are well," Rae said.

"So, there is no need to worry. Kieran simply cannot travel here yet. They

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are waiting for the king to gain full consciousness. Right now, he is living off his IV fluids and the medication that Morgan had

created," Jaxon revealed. "Kieran will bring the king here in the Cross River Pack in a few days."

"I'm relieved. I truly am," Beta Ford said, putting a hand on his chest. "I guess now we plan to counterattack. The poisoning was definitely the queen's doing. In fact, we brought the nurse with us who testified that she and the doctor were paid to poison the king. We managed to bring her to our side because she eventually felt guilty. We have already collected evidence to incriminate the queen and the prince."

"And I suppose you already know about Prince Caspian?" Beta Ford asked. Jaxon and Rae looked at each other. Then, they said simultaneously, "The prince is not the king's son."

– Alexia –

"Good morning, My King. Feeling better?" Alexia smiled while entering the king's room.

King Balthasar was still asleep, but he looked so much better. It was as if he was smiling, and the color of his skin brightened. It had been a week since the king received doses of Morgan's healing potion, and his clinical signs had improved each day.

"The king held my hand last night, Luna Alexia. He is really feeling much better. I hope he wakes up soon," one of the guards said. The same man was teary-eyed, genuinely happy for his king.

"Is Alpha Kieran fine with you walking around, Luna Alexia?" The guard sought.

A chuckle left Alexia's lips. She replied, "Kieran was overreacting two days back, but he is fine now. Morgan said it was better to move around and divert myself from the feeling of wanting to throw up."

A maid soon entered the room, giving Alexia the flowers she requested. She fixed the king's chamber to make it look tidier and then settled a vase of flowers next to the king's bed. She also took the

initiative of opening the king's window so that fresh air and the scent of wood would enter his resting area. She remarked, "This is much better. It's not cold anyway, so we can open the windows for some time."

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When Alexia was done, she sat beside the king. She held the king's hand and sought the Moon Goddesses' healing. She then told the king about the good news, "My king. Kieran, and I are pregnant. I hope you will bless our child when I give birth."

She remained to hold the king's hand for some time, hoping for the miracle to happen sooner, but seconds and minutes passed, and nothing had happened yet.

Alexia smiled. She tightened her hold on the king's hand before saying. "I'll see you again tomorrow. My King"

"Avery? Avery, is that you?" Barely a whisper, the king spoke. His eyes were slightly open, and his hand suddenly gripped Alexia's.

Alexia felt goosebumps, and her head snapped in the guard's direction. She said. "The king is awake. Call Morgan! The king is awake!"

Everyone scrambled to their feet in the next few minutes with the good news. Morgan quickly made it inside the room to assess the king.

"Water water, the king asked. However, because Morgan was still unsure if he could drink in a glass, she started giving him drops of water.

Alexia watched as Morgan fed the king water, little by little. While all that was happening, more and more warriors arrived, and Kieran also made it inside the chamber.

"Is the king awake?" Kieran eagerly asked, and Alexia nodded.

They both watched as Morgan asked the king. He was still weak, but after drinking little water, Morgan explained. "My king, you are getting better. Alpha Kieran secured the miracle root for you, which we have been giving you so the poison in your b\*dy can be neutralized. We will give you more and more fluids orally each hour until you have the energy to drink and may even eat on your own. Don't push yourself just yet.

The king seemed to understand. He did not reply but returned to lying down. He only ordered to recline his bed, gesturing with

his hands. After which, the king's landed on Alexia and Kieran. A tear fell down his cheek. saying, "Alexia, Kieran."  
Because his voice was barely audible, he gestured with his hands instead. He called out to Alexia and Keiran, and the couple came forward. They both took each side of the bed, with the king holding one of their hands. It was a weak hold, but Alexia felt his warmth and gratitude. In a whisper,

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Balthasar said, "Thank you."

He turned to Alexia and asked, "Stay – stay."

Due to the king's request, Alexia stayed inside the king's room the entire day.

She only retired for the night to rest with her

husband. The next morning, the king had more energy, being able to chew very little food like bread and soft fruits like grapes.-

Only after five days of being awake King Balthasar spoke more clearly, being able to absorb news of the palace.

Alexia and Kieran were the ones who reported everything to the king, including how they found out that Queen Helen was

poisoning him. Kieran said, "My King, I don't mean to be rude, but Caspian is not your biological son. A real son would never – "

"I know," Balthasar admitted. "I had known for a long time that Caspian is not my son, but I chose to turn a blind eye because I

owed Helen so much. You see, I never loved Helen. I only married her out of responsibility. Even as we lived together, my heart never warmed up to her.

She was so much different than -"

Balthasar turned to Alexia and informed, "Helen was not Avery. Despite rejecting Avery and going against fate, I could never forget how I felt for her."

Hearing her mother's name, Alexia's eyes welled with tears. She asked, "My king. Are you – are you my real father?"

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– King Balthasar –

#### FLASHBACK

"Is this the last of the relief goods?" Balthasar asked his aide, Ford.

"Yes, Prince Bathasar," Ford replied. "We can now rest easy."

Taplean had been hit by a storm. Everyone was affected, every region and every pack. However, those far from the capital had no access to relief, food, or water. Thus, Balthasar's father ordered him to distribute relief instead.

He had been traveling for days with his loyal guards and aides. Upon arriving at the Rock Mountain Pack, Prince Balthasar was utterly exhausted.

Balthasar went to his accommodation, but sleep did not come. The hotel they were staying at did not have electricity due to the storm. Thus, instead of resting, he took a run in his wolf form.

He ran through the forest, certainly going outside the borders of the Rock Mountain Pack. He dashed deeper into the woods until he found an area with unscathed green grass. Boulders of rocks, deeply rooted to the ground, shielded it from the storm, and he figured it was how the place remained peaceful looking. Only fallen leaves from the trees had drifted into the same spot.

In that same area, the wind was cool, and the perfect place to rest. He shifted into his human body and thought about the near future while looking at the skies. In a month, he would be crowned as the king. His father wanted to rest – to travel around the world with his mother after ruling Taplean for over fifty years.

His eyes landed on the moon, thinking about his arranged marriage. It was common for royalty to have an arranged marriage.

His father never got to choose, which would forever be true for royalties like him. However, his father and mother were happy.

That was why they decided to travel worldwide, for they wanted to experience being more of a couple. Being the leaders of Taplean prevented them from enjoying their marriage.

Soon, he felt his eyes becoming heavy, and he dozed off, lying completely naked against the grass.

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Two hours into his sleep. Balthasar sniffed on something sweet so inviting. The smell was so stirring that his eyes partly opened.

He then heard heavy steps against the ground, and when he snapped toward the sound, he saw something sparkling in silvery white. He flinched and rubbed his eyes but saw a woman's figure next.

Balthasar stood up abruptly. His eyes met a pair of honey-colored orbs staring right back at him. He stilled, watching the future unfold in the woman's eyes, and that sweet scent of nature, mixed with the smell of snow, entered his nostrils. He was immediately in a daze, then the word simply came out of his mouth, "Mate." "Mate," he heard the beautiful woman say the same.

Warmth spread through Balthasar's chest, and he beamed. Those honey-colored eyes held him captive, and his mouth

remained open for almost a minute.

“What what is your name, beautiful mate?” Balthasar asked.

He could tell the woman was also taken aback. Then, when he asked for her name, he saw how her cheeks turned a shade darker. He was pleased with how he affected her.

“My name?” She asked, as if reluctant to share her identity.

“I’m your mate, the Moon Goddess’ chosen for you,” Balthasar reminded.

“You can trust me.”

Soon, he saw the woman smile. She replied, “Avery. My name is Avery Lane. What about you? What is your name?”

‘She doesn’t know me?’ It puzzled Balthasar how the woman did not know him, but perhaps, due to the territory she lived in, she had no news about the royal family of Taplean.

“Balthasar,” he replied. “Balthasar Squire.”

Then, he realized that she was n\*ked, like him. He was so fixed on her gorgeous face that he cared not for anything else. “You were out on a run?”

Avery nodded, saying, “I guess you were too.”

“Yes, I was. It was so hot in the Rock Mountain Pack since there was no electricity, so I came out here to look for a cool place to rest,” Balthasar explained.

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It dawned on Balthasar that he had not seen Avery in the Rock Mountain Pack’s territory, but then again, he had not met the

entire pack. Still, he asked, “Do you belong to the Rock Mountain Pack?”

“Um. No. I was simply going around I have no pack here in Taplean. I jump around from one pack to another whenever I feel like it,” Avery shrugged and replied, “As a visitor.”

Balthasar frowned. He asked, “I see. You don’t have parents?”

He saw Avery hesitate. She looked back and then messaged her forehead before finally saying, “I – I have a mother, but she is

no one to be

concerned about. What about you? Where is your family? Which pack do you belong to?”

Balthasar suddenly had an awakening. For a moment, he forgot how he was royalty. ‘F\*\*k, what am I going to do? Avery said,

she had no pack. My father will never accept her as my queen?’

He needed time to think things through and plan how to make it work. Thus,

he lied and said, "I am visiting a friend at the Rock Mountain Pack, but I belong to a pack in the east, The Blue Moon Pack." Balthasar combed his fingers through his hair and added, "Listen, I don't know if it's a good idea to bring you to my pack now. I think I should tell my family first -"

"I agree," Avery replied, cutting off Balthasar's words. "I am unsure if I want to settle down in one place, anyway. I like the idea of traveling."

Her answer surprised Balthasar. It was as if Avery was hiding something too, or maybe it was just him making assumptions because he was the one who was keeping things from her.

"So, let's just get to know each other for now," Balthasar suggested, and Avery approved.

On that night, Balthasar and Avery talked about their personal interests. They shared the same passion for knowledge; they both wanted to read and discover the world.

Avery shared how she journeyed to other countries, meeting other species and other werewolves. She loved the experience that she wanted to keep traveling.

Balthasar was also the same. Because he was trained by his father to handle peace and trade negotiations, he also visited other nearby

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"So you've been to Paradon?" Avery asked.

"Goddess! I love their entertainment district!" Balthasar claimed.

"Me too! There are many things to do in Paradon. With a mix of cultures, there is so much to learn there!" Avery expounded.

They both covered their favorite dishes, to what they do during their free. time.

They simply enjoyed their time together that no

sleep happened that night. It was already dawn when Balthasar realized that his aide, Ford, would come looking for him soon.

Turning to Avery, he said, "My friends will look for me. I should head back.

Can we meet here again tonight?"

"Sure, that would be a great idea." Avery answered.

Their eyes met, and the urge to k\*ss became overpowering that Balthasar

gave in. He moved closer and sealed her l\*ps with a

k\*ss.

Sparks flew the moment their lips touched. There was this electrifying sensation running through Balthasar's body that he could not grasp. He was confident it was the same for Avery since she shivered under his touch. They did not make love, but they explored their bodies with their hands.

Sadly, their brief happiness ended since Balthasar had to take his leave, and Avery was the same. However, in the days that followed, Balthasar and Avery met at the same place in the forest. Even after moving to another pack and offering relief goods.

Balthasar returned to that spot every night. He met with Avery to talk, kiss, or simply cuddle and sleep in the grass.

When it was time for Balthasar to return to the palace, he met with Avery again, telling her he was going to the Blue Moon Pack.

He meant to use this time to convince his parents to take Avery as his mate, his Luna, instead of Helen.

Since it was Balthasar's last day in the region, they spent an intimate night, making love under the stars. It was pure bliss for

Balthasar, but while he was happy at that moment, he feared for the day he would tell his father about Avery,

Balthasar arrived at the palace after two days. The first thing he did was tell his father about his fated mate.

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His father, King Malik, growled, "Do you expect me to introduce a future queen from an unknown family? What will become of Taplean? The other nations will look down on us! Don't tell Helen about this, or you will break her heart!"

"You need to form a strong alliance, and Helen is from one of the biggest packs in our country. We not only need their pack's support, but you also need an heir from a strong bloodline. A nobody cannot become a queen!" King Malik, closed. "Don't just think about yourself, Balthasar. Think about our people, your responsibility to Taplean. Sometimes, being a king means sacrificing your own happiness."

Balthasar returned to the same place in the forest after more than a week. On that same day and time, he and Avery agreed to meet again.

He had a heavy heart as he saw Avery running toward him. She was smiling as she jumped into his arms. She announced, "I've decided to stay with you."

Avery had that glow on her face, and Balthasar knew she was excited to reunite with him again. However, he had to give her the



bad news. He was the future king of Taplean, and he could never be with a commoner.

He smiled, but it quickly faded as he held her hand. Soon, he said, "Avery, I'm sorry, but I can't take you."

"What?" Avery asked.

"There are things that I cannot tell you, but know in my heart I wish for you to find happiness, even without me," Balthasar added.

"What are you saying? Balthasar!" Avery yelled. Tears rolled down her face as she demanded answers. "Why are you doing this to me? I am your mate –

"I, Balthasar Squire, reject you, Avery Lane, as my mate! May the Moon Goddess bless you with another man to love and one that will love you back!" Balthasar cried as he left Avery howling in the forest. Balthasar shifted into his wolf so he could leave faster, but even at a safe distance, he heard Avery call to the skies. "Moon Goddess! Free me of this pain! I implore you! Give me a second chance, mate!"

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– Alexia –

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Tears flooded her cheeks, hearing the king's tale. He rejected her mother, which was why Avery had a second chance mate in the form of Roland.

"Alexia, please listen to me, child," the king begged while reaching for Alexia's hand. "I made that decision, thinking it was the best for the nation."

Alexia retreated her hand. Her gaze fell on Kieran, who looked equally angered by the king's tale.

"So, the queen poisoning you is good for Taplean? The queen practically throwing Kieran aside is good for Taplean? Didn't you ever think my mother would have been a better queen?!" Alexia could not help but raise her voice.

She sniffed her tears away, realizing one more question remained unanswered. "So, am I your daughter?"

King Balthasar also wept, regretful for the choices he made in the He looked at Alexia and said, "I I think not. I think you are Roland's daughter, but I still helped you because I wanted to and felt responsible."

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“Regardless if you are my daughter or not, I see Avery in you, and I wanted to be your godfather at least,” the king suggested.

“Please, Alexia, don’t be mad at me

“How do you expect me to be happy at what you did? You hurt my mother!”

Although it had been so long since she last saw her mother, the king’s tale said it all. Her mother was hurt, and she could not help but feel the same pain.

“Alexia,” Kieran called. He reminded her, “The king is still the king.”

Immediately, Alexia realized how she was being rude. She said, “I’m – I’m sorry, My King. Please... please let me calm down for a bit.” She bowed and said, “Excuse me, my king.”

She ran outside the king’s room, and Kieran chased after her. Alexia wanted to be as far away from the others so Kieran offered to take her to the mountain nearby.

Kieran shifted into his wolf, and Alexia rode on his back. It was from a

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mountain cliff that they settled in with the view of the territory. They were far from the city; thus, there was more nature around them. Trees covered the land, and some of the roads remained unpaved. Alexia was taking deep breaths. She was still crying after learning of what had happened to her mother. She asked her husband,

“Why would someone reject their true mate?”

“Alexia, there are reasons for everything. Remember that if you turn twenty-one and I am not your true male, we agreed we would reject our true mates. We are already married and committed to each other. That is one reason for rejecting a true mate,”

Kieran reminded her.

Kieran wrapped Alexia in his arms. He pecked on her head and said, “As for the king, you have to think about it this way, if he did not follow his father’s orders, he would not be named king. Another Alpha would be called in to take over the crown.”

Alexia noticed how her husband paused, as if thinking. Soon, he resumed, “Do you know who else is the other eldest ruling alpha in the land that could have potentially taken the crown?”

“Oh, Goddess. Alpha Blaze?” Alexia asked before a sneer formed on her face.

“He could have been. Although, I don’t know if, at that time, someone else was more eligible,” Kieran answered. “I’m sure it was hard for the king to make that decision. He did say that he never forgot about his true mate.”

There was a long pause before Alexia spoke again. She weakly wondered, "What if that happens to us? What if I am not your true mate. Even if you reject your true mate, you might still think about her – " "That won't happen," Kieran said while tightening his hold around his wife. "We have formed a much deeper bond, and I have marked you. You must mark me immediately when you can shift into your wolf."

"As for the king, he never had that bond with the queen. They only started getting to know each other after their marriage. However, he partly connected with his true mate. Based on how he told the story, the intimacy alone had already strengthened their bond," Kieran suggested. "Then, Queen Helen is not the most likable person to love, Alexia. You have seen her. She treats everyone coldly."

"It's unfortunate that this happened to your mother and the king, but it is

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what it is, and now, we have to deal with the current crisis. Don't hate the king. I can see that he truly cares for you, Alexia,"

Kieran proposed. "Plus, given our situation, there is no room for hate. We must be one in the fight against the queen."

Alexia glanced in Kieran's way. She pecked his cheek and nestled into his chest. She said, "Promise me, we will not be like my mother and the king."

"We won't be," Kieran swore. "I love you too much, Alexia. I am very much emotionally invested in you, and we have a child coming."

"Listen to my heart. Feel it beating. You know I am telling you the truth because you can feel my emotions. With my mark on you, I could never lie to you," Kieran declared.

Alexia nodded and lifted her face. She asked for a k\*ss, and Kieran granted it generously.

At one peak of the mountain, Alexia and Kieran shared a passionate k\*ss. It ended after some time, with Alexia still thinking about her father. She said, "The king is not sure if I am his daughter."

"Well, when we travel to the Cross River Pack, you can read the blood test result. It should have already arrived by now," Kieran said. "That will certainly answer your question."

It took two days for Alexia to revisit the king in his room. She brought him his

lunch for the day. When she entered the room, carrying a tray of food, she noticed how King Balthasar was already walking around, strengthening his muscles.

When the king saw her, he smiled, calling out to her, "Alexia, dear. I am so happy to see you. Will you stay and talk to me, child?"

Alexia nodded, saying, "Kieran is out to check the territory's borders with Seth and Ace, so I can spend lunch with you, My King.

If that is okay with you."

"I would love to," The king replied.

Alexia set up a small coffee table inside the room. She prepared the king's food and set her own plate. They ate together in silence. In the middle of their meal, however, the king asked, "Alexia, I'm sorry for how I hurt your mother. Can you forgive me for what I have done in the past?"

She did not know why, but Alexia cried. She cried so much that she found it hard to breathe. She sniffed away her tears, saying, "You did not hurt me, My King, but it certainly lifted the pain when you asked for my forgiveness. Thus, I give you my forgiveness, even if it is not mine to give. I certainly hope that when you meet my mother again, she will forgive you too."

"Wait." The king stilled. His eyes widened as he asked, "Your mother is alive?"

"Yes. Yes, she is," Alexia faintly replied. "At least, I think she is."

"Where is she? Where is Avery?" The king asked.

– Kieran –

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It took another two weeks for Kieran's party to leave for the Cross River Pack. The king had regained his muscular strength and had practiced shifting into his wolf. When they were more confident that the king was ready to travel, Kieran decided it was time to join the rest of his men.

Moreover, the warriors on watch had warned that the queen's men had already entered the nearby towns. It would not be long before their enemies would reach Morgan's home and find their scent lingering around. They had to leave soon to give Morgan and her aids time to remove every piece of evidence that proved their visit. They traveled for another two days and finally arrived at the Cross River Pack at dawn. Kieran's warriors were waiting for him at the entrance of the territory, but more significantly, the king's guards and beta were anxiously standing by the border to welcome Balthasar.

I could not help it. The king ordered everyone to stop at the pack's entrance. Kieran stood guard while watching the king get off from the car and embrace his beta. Balthasar said, "Ford, thank you for staying loyal to me, protecting me, and taking the initiative to have Kieran take me out of the palace. I would have died back there. I will forever be grateful."

Ford was in tears. Kieran noticed how he relished the king's hold and scent. He replied to Balthasar, "I am thankful to the Moon Goddess that you are alive, My King. And this is not just about Taplean. I was earnestly concerned about my old friend, Balthasar. I am relieved that you are alive and well."

The king's guards surrounded Balthasar, saying, "Hail to the king! The king is well and alive! The nation will be saved!"

"Hail to the king!"

"Hail to the king!"

It wasn't just a reunion for the king and his loyal men. Kieran turned to his left and saw Alexia hugging Rae and Melissa tightly.

From behind Rae, Jaxon was there, giving him a nod. His own beta didn't say it, but Jaxon was pleased to see him as well.

After the quick gathering at the border's entrance, they all made their way to the packhouse, where Kieran's followers had prepared a bed for

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the king. Balthasar rested for a few hours with his loyal guards at the door. With that, Kieran had the free time to get an update from Jaxon.

Kieran learned that there were security matters within the pack. Some members were still apparently loyal to Roland that they threatened to report to the queen. News has reached how Kieran was considered a traitor to the nation and how he had kidnapped the king.

In the living room of the packhouse, Jason and Rae updated Kieran about everything. They all settled on the sofas, along with Seth and Ace, Kieran's warriors.

"We had to lock up a few of those who opposed. We don't know if using the king's name would be helpful, Rae explained. "So we did not announce the king's arrival.

"Mellisa's and Dean's families helped greatly appease the locals. They stood up for you and claimed your innocence. Many of those who came with us did. However, we don't know how long we can keep

this up,” Jaxon reported to Kieran. “For now, we are keeping the borders as secure as possible. No one gets out of the territory without my permission.”

“I think we should tell them about the king,” Alexia suggested. “They would realize the king is on our side and the queen betrayed the nation.”

“I agree,” Seth said.

“Then, Alpha Kieran would be free of the charges of kidnapping. The locals will know that Alpha Kieran saved the king from dying instead,” Ace added, and everyone else echoed his words.

“I’ll discuss this with the king when he wakes up,” Kieran replied. Glancing at Jaxon and Rae, he said, “Thank you for keeping everyone within the territory. We are not ready for the queen to come after us now.”

They covered a few more concerns regarding the Cross River Pack before their quick huddle ended. Jaxon then handed a white envelope to Alexia, saying, “Luna, this is for you to read. The paternity test result.”

Kieran watched as Alexia accepted the envelope. She sighed, gazing at it for a very, very long time. She said, “I guess this is it.”

At that point, everyone was looking at her, waiting.

Noticing her nervousness, Kieran closed the gap between him and his wife.

He put an arm around her and encouraged her, “Go ahead. Read it. It’s time to learn the truth, once and for all.”

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Alexia cautiously took out the result. Her hand was shaking as she unfolded the paper. She read the report, and instantly, blood drained from her face.

His wife cried. She wept so hard that Alexia crashed into Kieran’s arms, her hand clenching against the result.

Rae and Jaxon gave Alexia a look of concern. Rae knelt before Alexia, asking, “What’s wrong, Alexia? Tell us? It’s okay. Tell

us.”

Kieran pulled out the test result from her hand, and from there, he saw that she was not a match to the king. Alexia, his wife, was not the king’s daughter after all.

“Shhh. It’s fine. It’s fine,” Kieran hushed his wife, and so did Rae.

Kieran thanked the Goddess that no one else was around to witness his wife

cry. At least only his trusted people were around to see her in her delicate state. It took some time, but eventually, Alexia soothed her emotions. When she was wiping the stain on her face, she revealed, "Even if it meant I would be named a bastard child, I hoped I was the king's daughter."

She shrugged and added, "I know. It's crazy."

She looked at Kieran and described. "That would at least explain why my father Roland, treated me like I was not his child."

Tears welled in her eyes again as she said, "To me, the king treated me better than my own father."

"I know," Kieran said. "Shhh... don't feel too down, please. It's not good for the baby."

"Yes, it's not good for whaaatttt?" Rae asked, leaning back. Her eyes bulged at the revelation. "What did you just say?"

Her voice was so loud, Kieran was sure that Rae had just alerted the king's guards.

"And when were you planning to tell us?" Rae sought impatiently.

"You are pregnant? Since when?" Rae Reconfirmed, and Alexia nodded.

"I guess the honeymoon worked," Jaxon teased. "Congratulations, Alpha, Luna. You now have an heir."

"Sorry, Rae. We wanted to surprise you," Alexia reasoned.

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"Oh, you surprised us, alright!" Rae claimed before announcing, "I'm going to be an aunt!"

"And I'm going to be an uncle!" Jaxon claimed.

"Technically, I'm going to be an uncle because I am Alpha Kieran's cousin," Seth said, and Kieran could not agree more. They laughed merrily in the next minutes that followed. At least, with the news of the pregnancy, Alexia's mood changed from sulking to being amused at Rae and Jaxon's reaction.

– Alexia –

Reuniting with Dean and Melissa helped alleviate the feeling of being hurt over the test result. Alexia was somewhat broken because the truth remained that her father had abandoned her. It would have been better if the king was her father, but it was not the case.

In the middle of the day, Alexia and her two other best friends lingered in one area behind the packhouse. They called it their

favorite spot. It was often Alexia's place of solace whenever her stepmother scolded her in the past. She would escape the packhouse and temporarily find peace in the same spot.

Alexia settled in a vast clearing where several leaves had fallen from the trees. The leaves made a bed for her. It came in various sizes and shapes.

Dean and Melissa lay next to her, taking each of her sides. They all looked at the tall trees and how, in the middle, there was a small opening to study the bright sky.

"I miss this," Dean said. "Just watching nature. Not that I am complaining, Alpha Kieran's leadership required daily training. Back here, we are so laid back. There is a big difference in how your father runs the pack."

"You mean, my father is lazy," Alexia pointed out, and the three laughed.

"I miss this place too," Melissa admitted.

Alexia beamed and replied, "After my mother left, I rarely had happy times. Each enjoyable moment, I spent them all with you guys, in this very spot. Thank you for being my friends and helping me through my difficult times."

"And because you are my friends, you both will be godparents to our child," Alexia revealed.

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"Oh, my Goddess!" Melissa exclaimed, covering her mouth as she sat up.

"You are pregnant?"

Alexia nodded while maintaining her smile. She acknowledged, "Five weeks in now. I did not have the time to tell you since we were all busy while the king was recuperating. I figured I'll surprise you."

"I am happy for you, Alexia. I am," Melissa said, hugging her tightly.

Dean, on the other hand, remained lying on the ground. When Alexia turned to her, he said, "I am happy for you too, Alexia.

Don't get me wrong. I hope that you and the alpha are true mates."

Alexia smiled at her friend. She replied. "In my heart, I know we are mates. There are only about four months left."

"Four more months before my wolf awakens and four more months before I find out if Kieran is my true mate. Either way, though, we agreed to stay together. I certainly hope that fate is on our side." Alexia described.

Then, with the recollection of Seth. Alexia turned to Melissa, saying, "You, on the other hand, will have your birthday next week!

You will meet your true mate!"

"Oh, please. If my true mate is here in the Cross River Pack," Melissa



sarcastically pointed.

Alexia replied, "Oh, but he might be."

Melissa glared at Alexia, but her face burned even if she meant to deny it.

Melissa said, "I thought you were clueless! I can't believe you know!"

"Oh, I am not your luna for no reason. I hear everything, including your regular visitor at the cafe," Alexia teased. "I pray to the Moon Goddess. that Seth is your true mate."

"Please, let's not talk about true mates since I don't have one yet. I don't want to be left out here," Dean suggested.

"Ah, poor Dean. Don't worry. We will still be here for you," Melissa suggested.

"You can help care for our kids when I have my own family and get pregnant."

"Haha!" Alexia laughed. "I can't imagine."

"Funny. I will be a warrior, not a nanny!" Dean claimed.

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The three friends continued to chat, banter, and plan the near future for minutes longer. Afterward, they went around town to buy necessities for the packhouse.

It was only later in the afternoon when Alexia returned. As soon as she entered the packhouse, Beta Ford approached her in the living room and asked, "The king wishes to speak to you, Luna Alexia."

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Alexia –

There is not much to walk around to, the king said while strolling with Alexia in the packhouse's backyard.

Alexia chuckled and replied, "My stepmother was not interested in plants"

"Where are your stepmother and stepsister now? I heard only your father and stepbrother were locked up." Balthasar asked.

"From what I heard, they returned to their original pack somewhere in the west. I'm not sure which is it. Alexia answered.

"I see. Good for them. Because if I see them, I might just banish them." the king angrily said.

"By the way, we will announce to the pack how I am being hosted here. I still have my alpha command and don't worry. The people here won't be able to resist it when I order their silence, Balthasar said. We will be safe from the queen"

That's good to know, My King. I think there will be no resistance. The people

love you, and all the more when they learn how the queen poisoned you,” Alexia said. “I think it is important to be open to the members of this pack since we are taking refuge in their territory.”

“Yes, child. That is a good idea, and I will do exactly that, Balthasar acknowledged.

Silence stretched between them for some time. Alexia saw how King Balthasar looked distantly into the woods and then back to his guards, who were on standby, ready to fight in case of an attack. Balthasar then redirected his gaze to Alexia, saying, “I heard you read the paternity test. I heard that... I am not your father.”

Alexia froze. Her heart ached again, being reminded of the truth.

“I also heard that you cried,” the king added.

A tear rolled down her face before she looked at the king. She admitted, “Yes, my king. It’s not that I longed to be your daughter, but I wanted justification for why my father mistreated me. If I were your daughter, that would have explained everything shepers

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“Poor child,” Balthasar said while reaching for her face. He caressed her cheek and said. “I wished it too, you know”

“I don’t have a biological child,” he added “And seeing you reminds me so much of Avery that I hoped you were my daughter I failed to run a test like I should have to confirm my suspicion, but the facts were right before my eyes. I was ninety-nine percent sure that you were Roland’s child.”

Alexia saw the king gasp. He, yet again, looked distantly before revealing. “I was afraid of the truth because I badly wanted to

play the role of your father, Alexia. I wanted to correct my wrongs and make up for what I did to your mother, but I supposed, I’ll have to do that in another way.

The king held Alexia’s hands and expressed. “Allow me to be your father. You can consider me a godfather. I don’t care what title you will give me.”

Offering his arms to her, the king added. “Alexia, child, I want to be part of your life.”

Alexia crashed into the king’s arms, which was magical to her. King Balthasar’s hold felt more like a father’s than Roland’s. She wound up weeping, thanking the king. “Thank you. My King. Thank you. I

would  
love that.”

“No, thank you, Alexia. Thank you for accepting me into your life,” the king said.

After letting go, Balthasar asked. “So don’t be sad now, my child. It was Roland’s loss for caring for you, but I will definitely care for you as my own.”

Alexia’s smile could not be contained as she nodded approvingly. As they remained in the backyard, she told the king about her friends and the happy moments she had in the Cross River Pack, including those when she was young.

The tale about her mother must have reminded the king that he asked, “Then, have you heard from your mother yet?”

Alexia recounted when she revealed to the king how her mother may still be alive. She said that Avery had communicated with her recently through a letter. He recalled the king’s excitement. At the same time, Alexia saw how Balthasar was worried about their future meeting.

“No, not yet, but the warriors at the Stone Blood Pack knew that she

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might find me. They will direct her here, Alexia replied. “I hope she will come looking for me soon I want to see her I want answers, and... more importantly, I want my mother”

King Balthasar gently nodded and said, “I look forward to that day too, Alexia. I hope in due time, your mother will forgive me.”

“Maybe, if I am like my mother, then she will not keep hatred in her heart, Alexia suggested. “Maybe you and mother can still rekindle those feelings and be together like it should have been in the past?”

The king chuckled. He replied, “I don’t know. I have many problems right now, especially with the queen Plus, Fam too old for that ”

“Oh, my king, but werewolves live longer. Isn’t it that your father ruled Taplean until he was a hundred years old? Besides, as

werewolves, we age very slow You, My king, still look like you are in your early thirties,” Alexia suggested with a huge grin on her face.

The king laughed, saying. “That is true. If the Moon Goddess gives me

another chance, I would love to experience that with your mother... after I divorce Helen”

“So, My king, when are we returning to the capital?” Alexia asked.

“You mean, we not including you, Balthasar pointed out. “Alexia, child. In as much as I consider you my own daughter now and want to spend time with you, returning to the capital will be dangerous. You have to remain here and stay away from trouble After all, you are expecting at child, and I plan to bless the baby when you give birth.”

“Oh, right,” Alexia conceded. I really wanted to see the queen’s face when she finds out you are still alive.”

The king laughed. He answered, “Don’t worry, I’ll ask Beta Ford to take a video for you. As to when? I will go when I am in better health. My insiders told me that Helen would announce my death in two weeks. She will invite the other alphas in the land to formalize this, including the elders. I think that would be the best time to surprise her completely. Moreover, with visitors entering the palace, we can sneak in without catching too much attention.”

“We will humiliate her and throw back everything she had accused Kieran and me,” the king declared.

“I can’t wait,” Alexia claimed.

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“I can’t wait, either,” the king echoed.

Evening came. Alexia was happy after she chatted with the king. After dinner, she dragged Kieran to their designated bedroom and quickly began stripping off his clothes.

“Woah, someb\*dy is h orny,” Kieran teased.

A chuckle left Alexia’s l\*ps, and she answered, “I am just happy. I want to feel happier. We may be out of our home, but I am finding home emotionally.”

When Kieran shot her a puzzled look, she explained, “I am pregnant, and thus, our family would be complete, and the king

expressed how he wanted to be part of my life as a godfather. He really cares for me. Before I married you, I had no family. Now, I have you. We have a baby coming, my mother is returning, and I have a godfather. Thus, I am happy for my growing family – my family is home.”

Kieran’s top was already on the floor. Alexia was now unbuckling his belt when she declared, “I am so glad. I want to have S\*\*.

Can we, Alpha?”

A hiss left Kieran's lips. He asked, "Say those words that make me so fucking horny."

Alexia bit her lip. She wrapped her arms around Kieran's neck and said, "Kieran, I want you to fuck me. Fuck me so hard – well, not so hard because this room is not soundproofed, but fuck me properly, please."

Kieran immediately tore off her clothes, making Alexia scream. The next thing Alexia knew, she was pinned on the wall, butt-naked, and Kieran was going down on her.

"Aaaahh! I love it!" Alexia moaned.

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Kieran was so horny, and Alexia sensed it. Being marked by her husband, she could feel his every emotion. Right now, Kieran was on a high while eagerly sucking on her love juice, his hand massaging her breast.

Alexia could not help but cum into Kieran's mouth. He was eating her too hungrily that she came in no time, her body mildly convulsing.

Even after having orgasmed, her husband was still at it, sucking her core with fervor.

"Aaah!" Alexia sensed the throbbing of her insides, and she begged, "Please, Kieran. Please, fuck me already." Alexia had learned throughout their honeymoon how Kieran was especially delighted when she begged for sex. Thus, she repeated, "Fuck me now!"

"I will," Kieran replied. "After you suck me good."

Why was pregnancy getting her all so horny? The thought of eating Kieran's size sent her to a sea of pleasure, and she hadn't even started.

Promptly, Alexia went down on her knees. She pulled down his pants and underwear and wrapped her hand around his shaft.

"Amazing," she remarked. She had held his rod so many times, yet it never failed to astound her. "You are so big."

She started slurping at his mushroom tip before trying to take him all the way into her mouth. Alexia sucked him with passion, and Kieran began to moan, "Ah, fuck. I love you, Alexia. I love fucking your mouth."

It was the same for Alexia. She loved the softness of Kieran's skin, yet she

appreciated how hard and long his member was. Moreover, she loved how she had this effect on Kieran. Alexia noticed how Kieran's hips began to move to and fro. He was helping her with the back-and-forth motion and hinting at how she should pick up the pace.

Soon, her gagging and her slurping tongue echoed throughout the room. With Alexia's l\*p service, Kieran came, exploding into his wife's throat.

Kieran maintained to keep his manhood inside her mouth. He palmed the base of his stick, ensuring Alexia received. every drop

of semen.

After getting his first release, he proposed, "The bathroom here has a huge mirror. I want to f\*\*k you there."

"Do it in the bathroom?" Alexia asked, and after seeing his serious expression, she pouted and agreed, "Sure."

Carefully making their way to the bathroom, Alexia realized what Kieran said was right. They were using her stepsister's former bedroom, which had many mirrors. The most significant one was in the bathroom, in front of the washbin.

Alexia was standing in front of the mirror, studying herself. She was only about five weeks pregnant, yet, she already had a baby bump. Blame it on the alpha blood. Her baby was growing fast.

Kieran touched her belly lovingly while he littered k\*sses on her neck. He said, "I can't wait to see our baby."

"Me too," Alexia echoed.

Guiding her face, Kieran forced Alexia to turn to him. He found her l\*ps, and they made out in front of the mirror.

As they k\*ssed, Kieran's hands carelessly groped her b\*dy. He especially lingered on her breast before attempting to get another or gasm out of her, using his fingers.

"Mmmm," Alexia moaned into his mouth, feeling Kieran's fingers fondle her cl it. Then, to get a better view of what Kieran's hands were doing, she unwittingly lifted her leg to rest on the countertop. From there, she let go of their k\*sses to look at their reflection.

"Oh, wow. Goddess, I feel so good," Alexia remarked. Her gaze was fixed on her bottom l\*ps, and Kieran's fingers, forming circles around her cl it.

Kieran returned to making k\*ss marks on her neck. He

grabbed her breast while his other hand started to enter her core. Kieran whispered into her ear, "Cum on my fingers, my little wife."

With Kieran's persistent stimulation of her peach, Alexia came again. She shuddered behind Kieran, and her skin formed happy bumps, "Aaaahh! Yeaahh, Kieran."

"Keep calling my name, my little wife, because I have only just begun," her husband claimed.

Before Alexia could answer, she felt his hard tip lining up to her rosé. She returned her attention to the mirror and watched as Kieran's manhood slowly entered her.

"Aaaahh!" A loud moan left her lips as soon as Kieran filled her. With her insides still throbbing, Alexia was immediately sent into an ocean of pleasure. All the more, being able to watch how he entered her added to her excitement.

Up and down, Kieran's rod penetrated her core. They both

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watched the mirror as they made love. Alexia's arousal increased to another level, seeing how her husband's member glistened in her love juice and how she was practically creaming all over him. The best part was seeing how his huge size managed to penetrate her. It stirred her thoroughly.

"Oh, Goddess! I am so wet!" She remarked to herself.

"Yes, you are so wet. You are always so wet for me, my little wife," Kieran acknowledged.

"It feels so good, Kieran. Faster, please. Faster," she begged.

In the next minute, Alexia watched as her husband sped up his thrusting. She bounced along with him as he pushed his manhood upward, slamming his hips against his buttocks.

"Let's cum together, Alexia," Kieran ordered.

"I am almost there," Alexia warned, her breathing becoming heavy and her eyes turning dreamy. "Aaaahh!"

"Aaahh!" Kieran came at the same time as his wife. He pushed his manhood firmly inside of her that Alexia felt he reached her very end.

Alexia felt Kieran squirm behind her. He even asked her to bend over so he could relish the feeling more. Alexia did not know how long her husband writhed, but when he pulled away, she struggled to breathe. It was as if her insides felt empty again.

She looked at the mirror and noticed how Kieran rested on her back. Alexia said, "Kieran, I want more. I want to keep feeling you inside of me."

Promptly, Kieran's frame erected. He replied, "Anything my wife wants, I will give."

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Alexia and Kieran spent another two hours, making love in their room. They only stopped because Alexia was getting tired. She understood it was her hormones ordering her to sleep.

The couple nestled in each other's arms, and right before going to sleep, Alexia said, "I love you, Kieran,"

"I love you, Alexia," Kieran said back. He pecked her forehead and said, "Good night."

Hours into her sleep, Alexia dreamed of the winter-grey wolf again. This time, the wolf named her, "Wait for me, Alexia,

child. Wait for me."

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– Avery –

In a distant land, Avery was looking out to the borders of her territory. A tear fell down her face, realizing she missed seeing her daughter. However, Avery had to cut her visit to Taplean short. Some matters required her attention, and she did not want to disrupt her daughter's honeymoon.

"Alexia, child. Soon, I will find you." She looked up at the sky and said, "May the Moon Goddess continue to protect you, and may the strength of the wintery-grey wolves keep you from harm."

"Wait for me, Alexia. Wait for me," Avery said.

– Alexia –

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"Hear your king! I command you!" Balthasar expressed in his authoritative tone, his eyes studying the surrounding people.

Just as Kieran and Alexia had suggested, King Balthasar revealed himself to the pack members of the Cross River Pack, the multitude formerly led by Alpha Roland. It was meant to contain the brewing resistance from the locals.

Everyone, including women and children, was gathered in a vast clearing, and the king stood on an elevated platform for everyone to see.

When Balthasar lifted his chin, Alexia felt her skin crawl. It was as if the king's



aura had cloaked all over her that her knees turned weak, her head bowing. Literally, every single individual went down on their knees to give respect to the mighty king, including Kieran and his high-ranking warriors.

Alexia could not move. All she could do was blink and breathe. Her b\*dy responded to the calling of the alpha of all alphas of Taplean. Undoubtedly, King Balthasar's alpha command was not something to be undermined. Despite still recovering from poisoning, he managed to force everyone to heed.

"Alpha Kieran did not kidnap me! In fact, he saved me!" The king informed. "It wasn't long ago that I had fallen ill. When the accusations about Alpha Kieran came about, I was too weak to address the matter at hand. My wife, Queen Helen, acted on my behalf and performed the investigation against Alpha Kieran. However, little did I know she had planned to remove Kieran from the council of alphas so no one could question when I die of a supposed illness."

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"Unknown to me, my wife was plotting to kill me!" King Balthasar growled. He did it so loudly that Alexia thought a soundwave had forced her b\*dy to lean back. It reminded her of Kieran's alpha command, except the king's was more potent. She glanced at her husband, especially the werewolves of higher ranks. They were also taken aback by the strength of the king's tone.

"I was poisoned! And that was the cause of the illness!" Balthasar revealed. "The Queen wanted me dead!"

"Blaming Alpha Kieran and his warriors for the attacks in the east and the south was a ploy to keep Taplean's Hero from questioning the Queen's take over of the palace," Balthasar described.

"Knowing Kieran, he would stop at nothing to find out why I got sick and why my condition had deteriorated in such a way!"

"Yes, I almost died, but Beta Ford requested Kieran to rescue me. Kieran, his friends, and his warriors took me out of the palace and brought me to a powerful healer," The king narrated.

"Kieran nearly died, trying to secure a miracle cure for me from the active volcano, Mount Nefarious," Balthasar reported. "To me, Kieran was one of those who had saved my life."

"So do not question Kieran's presence here. We are using this territory as a place of refuge. You will not be harmed as long as

the queen is not alerted about our presence here,” King Balthasar said. “And Kieran will never harm the innocent.”

“While I am recuperating, no one must leave the pack. Let Kieran’s warriors secure our necessities. Do not invite visitors, and do not talk about me,” the king ordered. “The queen believes that I am dead. We are safer with her thinking that way.”

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The king explained to the pack how he planned to return to the palace and remove the queen from power. He assured the Cross

River Pack locals that Kieran would return to his previous title and resume his duties in serving the people, including their pack.

After the king said his piece, he released the people from the trance that held everyone down on their knees. From there, the king closed, “Listen to me, for I am your king. Cooperate and trust me. When all this is over, I will reward you greatly.”

That was all what the people needed. The residents respected and feared the king, but experiencing his alpha command reminded them of why he was their ruler in the first place. Indeed, he was above them all.

Days had passed since the king had revealed himself to the Cross River Pack. Their stay had been peaceful, and the people no longer questioned Kieran. Instead, the pack members trained with the warriors, preparing for a potential battle against the queen’s forces.

Kieran had been very busy communicating with his warriors stationed in other territories. He also kept in touch with Alpha Declan, Alpha Kai, and Alpha Baxter. At the same time, he ran with Beta Ford and the king during the night. They trained their resilience together in their wolf form.

Alexia, on the other hand, busied herself with something else.

The entire pack celebrated every werewolf who would come of age. Melissa was celebrating her birthday together with another young woman, Kyla. Thus, everyone aided in preparing a party.

Alexia led the preparation of food. Sadly, it wasn’t as festive as the ones in the Stone Blood Pack, but Alexia made

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everyone feel it wasn’t about the gathering’s food or lavishness. It was about how the people were there for Melissa and the

other celebrant.

All werewolves who would come of age face the most excruciating pain of their lives; their first shift. Thus, emotional support was crucial.

Many members surrounded the celebrants in the same clearing where the pack often gathered for events and announcements.

They were counting down the hours for when the clock would strike twelve. When Alexia and Kieran arrived, Melissa was already there. Alexia checked the time and noted that it was half an hour to midnight.

Alexia saw Dean on the opposite side of the circle. Her eyes scanned for Seth and saw him anxiously standing farthest from the celebrants.

Alexia and Kieran settled next to the king and Beta Ford. The king admitted from their seats, "It had been a long time since I joined such gatherings. You could say being of the palace was good after all." Balthasar then leaned over to Alexia and suggested, "Alexia, child. How many months to go before you shift into your wolf form?"

With a smile, Alexia replied, "Three months and three weeks."

The king nodded and promised, "Then, let's make sure you celebrate your birthday in your husband's home. It will be more memorable that way."

'I certainly hope, Alexia said in her head.

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After having clearly overheard the king's probing, Kieran put an arm around Alexia's shoulder and asked, "I wonder what your wolf will be like?"

Taking a deep breath, Alexia replied, "I wonder myself. Maybe I'll have a beautiful light-brown wolf since my hair is brown."

"It doesn't always follow. Most of the time, it's your genes," Kieran suggested.

"Then, I'm not sure. I don't know my mother's wolf form. As for my father, he has a darker coat with white brindles," Alexia revealed. She frowned and described, "Not very feminine if you ask me."

"I'm sure you will be a beautiful wolf," Kieran assured her. "The same way you are lovely."

"I sure hope so," Alexia replied.

She noticed how Melissa was waving at her, and Alexia waved back. Melissa then scanned the crowd as if searching for

someone. Alexia mindlinked, 'He is here. At the back most.'

Their pack was declared broken by the queen, but the fact remained that they all swore allegiance to Kieran. They could still mindlink as a group belonging to Kieran's pack. Only those who moved out of Stone Blood Pack and pledged loyalty elsewhere lost that bond with Kieran and his people.

'I see him,' Melissa said. 'I am nervous.'

'Have faith in the Moon Goddess,' Alexia expressed.

Soon the clock moved closer to midnight. The king said his wishes to the celebrants, and the countdown began. Everyone said in unison, "Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one. Happy Birthday!"

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The moon was bright, endowing Melissa and Kyla. It took seconds, and then, the pain struck. Melissa screamed first. "Aaaahh!"

Alexia saw how she went down on her knees. Melissa's mouth was wide open, her eyes shut in obvious discomfort.

After a few minutes, Kyla began to scream as well. Their groans in pain seemed endless, and a few family members approached to encourage them.

"Look at the moon. The Moon Goddess will give you strength."

"The pain is only for the first time. You can do it."

How Alexia wished she could give the same advice, but she had yet to experience shifting in a few months. Soon, everyone could see how Melissa's and Kyla's frames changed.

Suddenly, a howling sound gave Alexia chills down her spine. Her friend, Melissa, finally shifted into her wolf form! She had a beautiful fawn coat, which Alexia thought was captivating. Alexia was so happy for her friend that a tear formed from the corner of her eye.

'I can smell him, Alexia, Melissa mindlinked with her. 'My mate is here.'

Alexia watched as Melissa frantically turned, sniffing like a mad wolf. When Melissa finally locked eyes with her mate, she ran in his direction.

Just as they all hoped, Seth was Melissa's mate. Seth also shifted into his wolf and ran toward Melissa.

Alexia could not hear their conversations, but her friend mindlinked, saying, 'Seth is my mate! Seth is my mate! Alexia? Did you hear me?'

'I hear you! Haha! I'm happy for you, Mel, Alexia replied, smiling in Melissa's way.

After finding each other, Melissa and Seth ran into the forest. Alexia could only speculate what they were about to do, and she laughed. She muttered, "Looks like Melissa will have a good night tonight."

Kieran pressed his lips against his ear and said, "Wanna have a good night too?"

"Pfft!" Alexia laughed and replied, "Goddess! I need a rest!"

– King Balthasar –

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"My King! You don't know how happy I am to see you back to your health!"

Alpha Declan exclaimed as soon as he saw Balthasar at the packhouse.

Alpha Declan arrived at the Cross River Pack. His wife, Luna Grace, came with him as well. The first person they requested to see was the king.

Yet again, days came and went. The king was ready to return to the palace, but before that, he needed the support of the most powerful alphas in the land.

King Balthasar recalled Kieran's tale and how Alpha Declan personally brought him out of the palace, disguising him to get past the queen's guards. Thinking of this, Balthasar offered Declan an embrace, thanking him for saving his life.

"Words cannot express how much I owe you my life. More importantly, you have contributed to the brighter future of Taplean," Balthasar declared.

Then, Luna Grace kneeled in front of Balthasar, saying, "My King. When I learned what had happened, I could not rest. I prayed almost every hour to the Moon Goddess that you would be saved. I am so glad that Kieran secured the fire root plant."

Luna Grace was one of those who supported King Balthasar the most. Thus, the king acknowledged her sincerity. He urged her to stand up and embraced her tightly, saying, "Bless Alpha Declan for a luna like you. Thank you for praying for me. In fact, I know many were praying for me, and that was how the Moon Goddess gave me a second chance at life."

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Balthasar studied Kieran, Alexia, Jaxon and Rae. Then, his eyes wandered to his Beta. He asked Ford, "Who else is coming?"

"Alpha Kai and Alpha Baxter are on their way, My King," Kieran answered for Beta Ford.

“Two more alphas from the south are coming with Alpha Baxter,” Alpha Declan reported. “Alpha Helman and Alpha Dave.”

“Very good. Then, that should be enough,” the king said. “Then, we shall begin the planning soon.”

One by one, the alphas arrived. Each of them gave the same overwhelming reaction. They hugged the king and thanked the Moon Goddess that he was well. Other lunas also came, sharing the same sentiments.

The arrival of Luna Beatrice, Alpha Blaze’s wife, surprised the king the most. The king was hesitant, but Luna Grace assured him, saying, “She means well, my king, and no, she does not support her husband.”

Luna Beatrice bowed to the king and reported, “My husband, Alpha Blaze, had begun divorcing me, my king. I think we both know the reason why.”

King Balthasar nodded and replied, “We will cover this later.”

When everyone was complete, they gathered in the packhouse’s living room. The alphas office in the Cross River Pack was not spacious enough. Only the living room could accommodate them all.

The Omegas set up chairs where they could discuss, and when everyone was settled, the king said, “My people inside the palace have confirmed that the queen called the meeting of alphas.”

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“That is true,” Alpha Baxter confirmed. “I received a letter.”

“I did not receive a letter,” Alpha Declan reported. “The queen must still doubt me.”

“I received a letter already,” Alpha Helman said.

“I have, too,” Alpha Dave confirmed. “It’s probably because we haven’t been active in the meetings that she assumed we would not be aware of, but Alpha Baxter told us everything.”

“You should read the letter, My King.” Alpha Baxter suggested.

The king nodded and took the letter. From there, he read:

[To Alpha Baxter,

It is with regret that I inform you of the king’s possible passing.

As you may have known, the king had been ill for weeks. My husband, Balthasar, fell unconscious during the last council of alphas meeting.

I had ordered the best doctor to attend to his health, but much to my dismay,

Alpha Kieran had kidnapped the king. We tried to recover my husband, but we failed miserably. Alpha Kieran made sure of that.

During the last council meeting, Alpha Kieran was stripped of his alpha title, and I can only guess this was his form of revenge to kill the king!

It was only last week when I learned that the king might already be dead due to his illness. With the king gone, matters within the country remained unaddressed. Thus, it is necessary to decide on the next king. I hope you will support me in naming my son, Prince Caspian, as the next king.

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Please be present during the next council meeting.

Sincerely,  
Queen Helen.]

The king took a deep breath, reading the letter. He shook his head and said, "Under the law, Prince Caspian would be named as the next king, but of course, she cannot do that yet when my b\*dy is missing somewhere."

"So unless there is the certainty that I am dead, she can only call on the votes among all alphas and the elders," the king described. "It's a temporary appointment until my b\*dy is formally declared dead. However, my wife is already assuming that I am dead."

King Balthasar then narrated the events leading up to his healing. He reported, "Caspian attempted to destroy all the fire root plants. By doing so, they assumed that I had not been cured. Given the poison she had given me, I would have already been dead weeks ago."

"Unfortunately for Helen, Kieran secured the miracle root. Here I am, alive and well," Balthasar said.

"Why would Caspian do this, My King?" Alpha Kai sought, lifting his brow.

"Isn't he your-"

"He is not my son," King Balthasar disclosed. "He is someone else's son."

The king saw the shock on everyone's faces. Jaws were dropping, and eyes were bulging. After some time, Alpha Baxter

recovered. He asked, "Then – who – whose son is Caspian?"

Balthasar turned to Luna Beatrice. It was then when the luna revealed, "My husband, Alpha Blaze. Queen Helen was the

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mistress I had hated all along, and they have a son, Prince Caspian.”

“That only means one thing,” Kieran interrupted, saying, “Caspian cannot be king.”

“Had had you known all along, My King?” Alexia asked with a frown on her face.

The king shook his head and answered, “No – not about Alpha Blaze. At least, not until recently. Helen and Blaze had been careless lately. Because they think I am dead, Alpha Blaze had been boldly entering my bedroom, the same room I shared with the queen. My people inside the palace have reported this. You see, Helen thought she had gotten rid of all those loyal to me, and she did. She focused on the guards and the warriors. She forgot about the maids and the cleaners around the palace. They are my eyes and ears now from within, reporting through Beta Ford.”

“Indeed, My King. Blaze used to be so secretive, but now, he is making mistakes,” Luna Beatrice supplemented. “Lately, I have wondered why Blaze was staying at the palace. Before the last council meeting, he had been sleeping there. At first, he told me, he was held as a witness against Kieran’s crimes, but lately, his reasons involved the king.”

Beatrice looked like a tough woman, but the king saw through the pain in her eyes. He listened as she said, “He said that the queen was hurt due to the king’s betrayal and that he had to be there for the queen and offer comfort. But did it really have to be him?”

“Then, I realized how he was always at the capital when I suspected he was with his true mate,” Beatrice added. “Then

Balthasar witnessed Beatrice’s eyes widening. She repeatedly

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gulped air down her throat. She tried to hold back her tears, but they fell uncontrollably as she narrated, “A few days back, I called Blaze’s number in the wee hours. I wanted to speak to him -to get answers. He had been cheating on me with his true mate for years, yet he had never left me! So What changed now?”

“I called so many times that it must have upset him. He answered my call, scolding me for waking him up in his sleep. He hurriedly ended our conversation, but I heard the queen’s voice before putting the phone down. It was just for a fleeting moment, but I recognized her voice,” Beatrice expounded in an angry tone.

“Why would I hear the queen’s voice unless they were sleeping together!”



Luna Beatrice howled in tears. "It all made sense to me now. All those years, how he was always at the capital. And now, with His Highness gone from the palace, Blaze is sleeping with the queen. That was the only explanation I can think of; The Queen is Blaze's, true mate!"

The truth shocked everyone, even the king. Helen used his true mate, Avery, and made accusations of his betrayal when it was the queen who had repeatedly been cheating on him with her true mate. Instantly, the king's eyes narrowed, thinking of how cunning Helen was. Was she better than Avery? If only his father were here to see this now, the woman he chose for him to marry might have come from a reputable family, but she had an evil heart.

Dead air fell upon the living room of the packhouse, and while the alphas and the lunas were letting it all sink in, Seth walked in

on the meeting, saying, "Luna Alexia! Your mother is here!"  
King Balthasar's heart raced!