

Chapter 21 - The Lycan King's Gamma

Gamma Kailen Steele

I was waiting in my office chair for my students to arrive for class. I had wheeled it over. There was no way I could sit on the floor today. Just from the walk, I was exhausted.

I was reading over the extra text book I had on my desk since I forgot my laptop. I had a really good idea what I wanted to address today in class. Before I had arrived at my classroom, I texted my replacement to let him know that I was back and I thanked him for covering my classes.

Students started to enter my classroom, and I sat in my chair on the platform, waiting for them all to arrive and settle into their seats.

“Miss Steele, we didn’t expect you to come back so quickly. How was your trip?” Mr. Pierce asked me.

“It was uneventful,” I answered him.

“Are you sure? We heard you had been stabbed.” Mr. Carter asked, and I pushed my lips into a line.

“And where did you hear that?” I asked him and he shrugged.

“It’s all over campus, Miss Steele.” Mr. Pierce answered.

“Everything that happened is still an ongoing investigation, and I can’t talk about it.” I told them.

“So it’s true?” Mr. Carter asked.

“It’s no comment. Now let’s begin. Today, we are going to have a discussion that’s not in your textbook, but I believe that it’s important to discuss. I’m sure you all know that black wolves are Alphas and white wolves are Luna. Which is supposed to indicate who is in charge. Does anyone know the colour of my wolf?” I asked my class.

“Aren’t gamma wolves usually grey, like beta wolves?” Mr. Carter asked. And I nodded.

“Yes, but I wasn’t born a gamma. I earned my position. If you had to guess, what do you think the colour of her would be?” I asked them.

“Miss Steele, what are you trying to get at here?” Mr. Cooper chimed in.

“Before I became of age and received my wolf. Everyone in my old pack thought I was an omega. So the point I’m trying to make here is you can’t judge a book by its cover.” I told them.

“But if you're not an omega, beta, or gamma, what are you?” Mr. Carter asked. It was great to watch his face turn to an o-face.

“You’re a Luna?” He asked me and I nodded. The entire class gasped.

“And they treated you like shit?” Mr. Cooper exclaimed.

“This discussion isn’t about me, it’s about the treatment of omegas in general. Being leaders, you set the example. Your pack will treat others the way you treat others. Omegas make up almost all of your pack. They do all the work, so that the uppers can focus on protecting and maintaining the pack order.”

“So, you are asking us to be nice?” Mr. Carter asked, and I sighed.

“So when I was gone, I had to head back to my old pack. And it didn’t matter that I was now the King’s gamma. They still treated me like I was a joke. I had to defend my commands at every turn, even though by rank, I outranked them all. They only saw me as the stupid omega that they remembered, not the gamma I am today.”

“Shouldn’t you be mated to an Alpha?” Mr. Cooper called out. And I pinched the bridge of my nose.

“That really doesn’t have anything to do with what we are discussing.” Just then, the door to the auditorium opened and in walked Hunter, but unfortunately, Owen and Finn were following behind him. They took a seat in the back and I turned my attention back to my students.

“Okay, let me ask you this, when you think of the word omega, what do you think of? And keep it clean.” I told them. And they laughed.

“I don’t know, Miss Steele. It’s just a ranking.” Mr. Carter answered.

“I’m going to give you a scenario and I want you all to answer honestly. If you were to witness someone of higher ranking hurting someone of lower ranking, would you step in?” I asked them.

“Did the lower-ranking wolf deserve it?” Mr. Cooper called out, and I face palmed with the textbook I was holding.

“Cooper, I don’t think that’s the right answer.” Mr. Carter yelled out.

I placed the textbook down on my lap again and looked around the classroom.

“You don’t know the why. What do you do?” I asked them.

“Break it up?” Mr. Cooper answered.

“Are you asking me or telling me?” I asked him.

“Telling you.” He clarified.

“Okay, now tell me why you would break it up?” I asked him.

“Are you going to hit yourself with the book if I answer wrong again?” He asked me, and I smirked.

“No, I’m going to hit you with the textbook.” I told him and he pushed his lips into a line.

“Because it’s the right thing to do?” he said cautiously. And I wanted to cry. He finally understood what I was trying to say.

“Because it’s the right thing to do. Regardless of pack ranking and even pack status, helping someone in need is always the right thing to do. And all of you are the examples that your pack will follow. Remember, omega’s make up 95% of your pack. And they deserve respect. You can’t

demand respect without giving it back to your pack.” I told them. And it was like watching 8 little lightbulbs going on.

“Miss Steele, how did your pack not know that you were a luna?” Mr. Carter asked.

“My old pack wasn’t my original pack. I was raised by omegas,” I answered.

“So that Alpha mate of yours?” Mr. Copper asked, and I just shook my head.

“I’m not available, if that’s what you are asking, Mr. Cooper. And you’re too young for me,” I told him. I didn’t expect Hunter and Owen to let out a growl. Mr. Cooper was blushing. I think I broke his little heart.

“Okay, that ends class today. And remember, it takes nothing to be a good person.” I told them before I excused them.

“Next week we will be training, so prepare to get your ass kicked.” I yelled out to them, when they were exiting.

I stood up with a groan as Hunter, Owen, and Finn made their way down to the platform.

“You’re early,” I told Hunter, while I moved my chair back over to my desk.

“That’s my fault. I wanted to see what you do.” Owen answered.

“I usually teach about pack history, but I decided to have a different conversation today,” I told him.

“Yeah, we heard it.” Finn huffed.

“Finn, what the fuck is your problem? This is my fucken pack and I outrank you. So if you’d like to step outside, I can kick your ass and be done with it.” I growled, crossing my arms over my chest.

“I’m sorry Kailen, Finn is just upset about his father and sister,” Owen explained.

“This isn’t just about his father and sister. He has always hated me and I want to know why? It’s not because I’m of lower rank, because now I officially outrank both of you, and he still treats me like I’m dirt. So what the fuck is your problem?” I demanded. I wanted an answer, and I was going to get one.

“Fine, don’t answer me.” I told him when he didn’t answer me.

“Owen, what are you really doing here?” I asked him. I walked down the steps to stand by Hunter, and Owen let out a growl.

“Why didn’t you tell them that you have an Alpha mate?” He asked me and it took everything in me not to roll my eyes.

“Did you want me to tell them that I also rejected him for cheating on me?” I asked him, annoyed.

“I never cheated on you, Maya admitted to drugging me at that party. I fell asleep and woke up naked and I thought that I did, but I didn’t.” Owen told me.

“And that is supposed to make me feel better? You still didn’t come look for me and you just accepted my rejection without a fight. So I don’t understand why you are here?” I told him, and he let out a sigh.

“Kailen, you are my mate, and I take back my acceptance of your rejection,” Owen said.

“So, let me get this straight. You want me to uproot my life, that I built up from the hole I was in, to go back with you to a pack that hates me?” I asked him.

“Kailen, it’s not like that. They don’t hate you. They just didn’t know that you were a luna.” Owen tried to defend his pack, but I just laughed.

“Even your own Beta hates me. And it was never about being a Luna, it was about respect. I was with you for almost two years and I always felt

like I was your dirty little secret. You never respected me and now you are here because Maya turned out to be a monster.” I told him.

“Kailen, that’s not fair, and you weren’t my dirty little secret. Everyone knew we were together. And of course, I respect you,” he said.

“You just never defended me. Do you have any idea the amount of crap that I had to put up with because I was with you? And I endured it all because I loved you and I believed that you loved me.” I wiped away a stray tear. I was getting emotional. I hated thinking about my past and the life I used to live.

“Kailen, what are you talking about?” Owen asked me, confused.

“Ask your beta.” I told him and he looked at his beta. Finn glared at me before looking at his alpha.

“It doesn’t matter, Owen. We aren’t the same people we were four years ago.” I told him.

“Then why can’t you give us a chance?” Owen asked me, and Hunter let out a growl.

“I get it, you two have been fucking, but seriously, I’m your fucken mate.” Owen growled out.

“If you think that Kailen is just some kind of booty call, you are sadly mistaken. She is my chosen mate and future Queen.” Hunter defended me. He wrapped his arm around my waist and pulled me closer to him.

“Kailen, is this true?” Owen asked me, shocked. And even Finn looked stunned.

“Owen, I never wanted to hurt you, but this is my life now. I love Hunter and we are going to be chosen mates.” I answered him.

“So the fact that I never cheated or marked Maya means nothing to you?” He asked me, hurt.

“If this all came out in the beginning, when I first left, things probably would have worked out differently, but you are asking me to give up my job, my life, and the person I love and who loves me. He has been here for me through everything and you just want me to throw him away like none of that matters because you are my fated mate?” I asked him.

“Yes.” He answered without hesitation.

“Would you give up being an alpha to come live with me here?” I asked him, and he raised an eyebrow at me.

“My pack is my birthright and my Luna and fated mate should respect that,” he answered.

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Lycan Prince Hunter

I watched Kailen leave her classroom before I turned back to the furious Alpha and his Beta.

“Owen, why do you want her so badly? She clearly doesn’t want you and you can do better, anyway.” His beta asked him, and he let out a growl.

“She is my mate. You’ll understand when you find yours.” Alpha Owen growled out.

“So, what happens when you find your fated mate?” He asked me.

“It won’t matter. As soon as Kailen is all healed up, I’ll be marking her.” I told him and he looked kind of stunned.

“You are only marking her now because I want her back.” He growled and I let out a laugh. I couldn’t help it.

“What the hell is so funny?” He asked me, confused.

“I’ve been waiting to mark her for the last four years. This has nothing to do with you,” I told him.

“Then why haven’t you?” His beta asked me.

“I won’t mark her without her consent.” I told him.

“Weak.” Beta Finn mumbled under his breath.

“You want to take this outside? I’ll show you who the weak one is, and it’s not me.” I growled.

“No need, Prince Hunter, we are leaving.” Alpha Owen said.

“Not going to stick around for not luna’s trial?” I asked him and he growled.

“Just love rubbing that in, don’t you?” He huffed, and I smirked.

“Honestly, I just don’t understand. You threw away a diamond to pick up a rock. A rock you didn’t even mark. Why didn’t you fight for your mate?” I asked him. I was curious to know why he didn’t initially fight for her. Why was he here to fight for her now? He didn’t answer me and I’m assuming he didn’t even know why he did what he did or if he did, and he was embarrassed to admit it.

“Anyway, I’m going to interrogate Maya and Jim again, if you’d like to come along. If not, you are welcome to leave.” I told them. I made my way out of the building and noticed that both of them were following me.

I walked over to our security building and held the door open for the alpha and beta. They entered, and I followed. I led the way into our surveillance room. There were monitors covering three of the four walls, with six techs sitting around watching the screens.

We had cameras set up along the routes where the students would walk back to the pack house. All around the campus and around the pack house and the royal house. We also had cameras in our interrogation rooms.

I walked over to the monitors that I knew were for the interrogation cameras. Maya was sobbing while she sat in her room. And Jim looked furious, I’m assuming, because we caught him.

“Any word on the location of the former beta?” I asked the alpha and beta.

“We haven’t been able to locate him yet.” Alpha Owen answered me.

“We should look into higher cash amounts, leaving pack accounts. This guy clearly had money to spend if he was buying women.” Beta Finn said, and I had to agree with him. That was a great idea. We could follow the money. Marcus was a wolf, and he had to have money and power. It should make it easy enough to track down who and where he is.

“Let’s go see if Maya and Jim have more information about who this Marcus is.” I told them. I was about to exit the room when one of the techs called out to me.

“Prince Hunter, you’ll want to see this.” He rushed out, he sounded panicked. I walked up behind him and he was already pointing at one of the monitors. I could see Kailen, she was sitting on the side of the water fountain that was located between the campus and the pack house.

There was someone sitting beside her, his hood was pulled down and I couldn’t make out his face. She looked terrified as he grabbed onto her shoulder.

“When was this?” I growled out.

“It’s happening in real time, Prince Hunter.” He answered me.

“Get security out there now. Tell them I’m on my way.” I demanded as I ran out of the room. I was angry, but also terrified. How could he get into our packlands without us knowing?

My mind was racing as I rushed out of the building and ran at full speed to where the water fountain was located.

When I finally reached the fountain, there was security and warriors everywhere. My stomach was in knots with panic as I scanned the area for Kailen.

“Where is she?” I yelled out.

“No one was here when we arrived, Prince Hunter.” One of the warriors spoke. Rex came forward and was trying to pick up her scent.

“I can’t smell her.” Alpha Owen said. He was beside me. His beta wasn’t with us.

“He must have used a descenter, Fuck. Shut down the borders now! And I want all the available warriors,” I commanded.

Beta Finn came running up to this Alpha and me. He had a picture in his hand. He handed it to his Alpha, and I looked over at it. It was a closeup of some man’s chin. He had a scar running down his jaw.

“What’s this?” I demanded.

“This is the suspect. That is all we could see. After the two of you rushed out, he pushed a syringe into Kailen’s neck and she collapsed. He carried her away, in that direction.” He pointed to the path that leads to the little forest area beyond the training field.

“Check everyone who is trying to leave the packlands. And get Greyson and Zach here now!” I yelled out before Rex forced the shift. He took off in the direction of where Beta Finn pointed. It just happened and he couldn’t have gotten far.

Rex was trying to catch her scent, but he kept sneezing because of the descenter. Rex covered the entire area, but we couldn’t find her or any smells out of the ordinary. We were both going crazy. We knew what that bastard was capable of doing. Rex let out a sorrowful howl before he ran back to the fountain. Maybe someone found something.

“Rex, why can’t we feel her? We should be able to feel the pull to her location,” I questioned my wolf.

“The bond is slowly snapping into place. You haven’t marked the right spot for the bond to be fully intact yet. Until the bite mark is healed and yours is almost, the bond won’t be complete.” He explained. I should have marked her this morning, but I wanted it to be special. Fuck! I was too late and I may never see her again.

Rex ran up to the scene. Greyson and Zach were commanding the warriors. I shifted back and Greyson threw me some shorts.

“What do we know?” I rushed out, pulling on the shorts.

“The borders have been shutdown, but we still haven’t been able to locate Kailen.” Greyson told me, and I let out a growl.

“I couldn’t find her scent. How the fuck did that bastard enter our packlands?” I yelled. I was furious and scared. I promised her that he would never get her, never hurt her again. And he took her from right under our noses. I should have walked her home. My mind was racing with all my regrets and my stomach was in knots thinking about what he could possibly be planning to do to her.

“We need to find her!” I yelled out.

“Hunter, we are doing everything we can. He won’t be able to leave and we have patrols out looking for anything suspicious. He can’t run and all we can do is search and wait for the descenter to wear off. Also, when Kailen wakes up, he’s dead. She has kicked all our asses, and he won’t stand a chance against her.” Greyson tried to reassure me, but it was doing nothing for the guilt I was feeling. I was supposed to protect her, to keep her safe, and I failed her.

My whole body was shaking as I rushed back to the security building. I needed to look at that footage to see if Kailen gave us any clue about what he told her. I knew that it had to be Marcus, but was he that stupid to come here himself? I walked up to the front desk of the security building to talk with the guard on duty.

“I need the recorders of everyone of importance that has entered the pack within the last week,” I commanded, and he nodded.

I then made my way to the surveillance room. I walked up behind the tech that had noticed Kailen before. Alpha Owen and his beta were also there.

“What have you found?” I asked them.

“I have this feeling of déjà vu about the scar on his jaw. I feel like I have seen it before but, I can’t place it.” Alpha Owen told me. And his beta nodded.

“Make a list of all the people you have seen within the last year or go through your photos on your phone. Maybe something will trigger that memory.” I told them. Alpha Owen immediately took out his phone and started to scroll.

“Did you find anything?” Beta Finn asked me. It surprised me that he even asked about Kailen’s well being. But I just shook my head.

“Pull up the footage.” I turned my attention to the tech.

“It’s right here, Prince Hunter.” he pointed to one of the screens.

“Play it.” The footage started to play. It was Kailen. She was walking towards the fountain on her way back to the royal house. I could tell that she was tired. She sat down on the edge of the fountain and started to swirl the water with one of her hands. I didn’t notice anything out of the ordinary. She looked tired, but not scared. It wasn’t until a hand grabbed her arm did she jump, her eyes went wide and her lips started to tremor. I could see her chest start to rise and fall. She was in a full panic when the person sat beside her. He gripped her neck and I could see that she said something, but we didn’t have audio. Kailen was terrified, and I knew who it must have been. It had to be Marcus. I’ve only ever seen her face that terrified before when she would wake up from one of her night terrors.

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It startled me awake when my body jumped. Before I opened my eyes, I knew I was in a vehicle. I could hear the hum of the engine. I felt fingers playing with my hair. My body stiffened when I smelt him.

“I know you’re awake, babygirl.” A voice whispered into my ear. My heart pounded against my chest as the memories from earlier finally

formed in my mind. I never wanted to hear his voice or feel his touch ever again.

I noticed my head was lying in his lap. And I jolted up and tried to move away from him to the other side of the car. He was watching me intently as I tried to make myself as small as possible. My mind was racing and I couldn't remember any of my training. I felt helpless and broken again. Tears started falling down my cheeks as I stared at my captor.

"Kailen, there's no need to be afraid. I'm taking you home." Marcus said, and I choked on the sob that was trying to escape.

"If this is about money, I can pay you. Whatever you want?" I whispered. He moved closer to me and pushed his body into mine. I let out a whimper when he lifted my chin so I would look at him.

"Money is money. This is about you. You are mine, my Luna, and I'm never letting you go again." He whispered, kissing my cheek.

"Please, let me go." I whispered, trying to hold back my sobs. I trained and worked my ass off for the last four years, and none of that matters now.

"Not a chance. I know that Prince Hunter is planning on marking you. You are mine and I will be the only marking you." He growled.

"Please." I tried to plead. He backhanded me and my head whipped into the window of the door. My vision went black and I could feel blood running down my cheek. I could taste the metallic taste of my blood in my mouth.

My vision quickly came back, and I looked over at him. He was furious and I could feel it radiating off his body.

"Kailen, don't fight. You are still healing." Aurora said in my head.

"Look what you made me do. Now you are bleeding." I pulled away from him after he tried to touch my forehead. He sighed, grabbing a towel. He gripped my chin and pushed the towel on my cut. I cried out from the pain.

“You could have avoided all of this if you would just listen and did what you were told,” he said. I couldn’t answer him. I was on the verge of a panic attack. My entire body was shaking, and I knew he could smell my fear.

He wiped my face and tossed the towel on the floor of the SUV we were in. There was glass separating the back and front areas. He sat back in his seat and rested his arm on the top of the seats.

“Now, get over here.” He demanded. And I just looked at him.

“I won’t ask again.” He growled out. I moved to sit closer to him, knowing that if I didn’t give in to his demands, he was going to beat me. He put his arm around my shoulders and pulled me to his side.

He moved his face into my neck and inhaled deeply. I felt him run his tongue up the side of my neck to my ear and I let out a whimper. My eyes filled with tears and I had to try to slow my breathing.

“I missed you babygirl.” He whispered in my ear.

“We can finally be together. I can finally mark you.” He said before he nipped at my neck, making me jump. I tried to move away from him, but he held me in place.

“You’re not getting away from me this time.” He gripped my shoulder painfully, and I whimpered. I hated how weak I felt. If it was anyone else, I would have killed them already, but with Marcus, I know what he was capable of.

Even in my constant state of panic and fear, I feel asleep. I woke up with a start and sat up with a wince. My abdomen aches after being curled up for too long.

“What’s wrong?” Marcus asked me, and I shook my head.

“Kailen, don’t lie to me.” He growled. I dropped my head down and focused on my fingers in my lap. Marcus pushed his knuckles into my back, making me cry out in pain.

He lifted my shirt to look at the mess that still covered my back. He ran his fingers down my back, and I winced when his fingers ran over the open skin.

“Who did this to you?” He growled out. And I flinched.

“It was nobody.” I whimpered. Before he could push any further for answers, there was a knock on his window. I hadn’t realized we had stopped.

“You will stay by my side and you will not speak a word to anyone, I’m I clear?” He demanded, and I nodded.

He grabbed my hand and opened the door. I winced when he pulled me out of the vehicle. I was unsteady on my feet and he wrapped an arm around my waist.

“Alpha, everything is ready.” One of the men spoke. I looked up at Marcus and he was smirking. I had no idea that he was an alpha. Why the hell would he want me? Why would an alpha not look for his fated mate? I was confused and my mind was racing as he dragged me along with him into what I assumed was the pack house.

“I’ll be in my office in 10.” Marcus spoke as we entered the foyer of the house. He led me up a few flights of stairs. I was looking around the building. I don’t remember ever being here. Everything was modern, dark floors, white walls. This place was beautiful, even if it was my prison.

Marcus finally stopped at a double door. He pulled out his keys with his free hand and opened the door. I stumbled when he pushed me in. He locked the door behind us.

I turned around to find his wolf’s dark grey eyes watching me. I gulped and tried to move back, further away from him. I didn’t even get a chance to look at my surroundings.

My back hit a wall, and Marcus stalked towards me with a satisfying smile on his face. He pushed his body into mine, and I could feel how hard he was. He pushed his dick into my thigh.

I let out a whimper when he grabbed my hips. My arms went to his chest to push him away, but he's feet were planted and he wouldn't budge. He grabbed my hands and held them above my head while he pushed his face into my neck.

Tears started to flow down my cheeks, as my body was trembling in fear.

"I have a meeting but then I'll be back to make you mine." He mumbled into my neck. My heart was beating against my ribs and my stomach was in knots, thinking about wearing his mark.

I needed Hunter. I'm not strong enough to get out of here. He moved away from my neck and smashed his lips against mine. He pushed his tongue inside and was tasting every inch of me.

He finally pulled away from me, and I was able to breathe again. Marcus rested his forehead against mine. He brought his hand up to my cheek, and I flinched when he wiped away a tear. Marcus sighed.

"I'm glad you're finally home, babygirl." He kissed my forehead before he turned on his heel. He walked over to the door and exited the room. I heard him lock the door from the outside and I knew I was trapped.

I slid down the wall, ignoring the pain in my back. I rested my head on my knees and sobbed. I didn't even bother looking around the room. I had completely given up. I knew I wasn't going to make it out here alive this time.

"Kailen, I won't let him mark us. Hunter's mark is almost healed, and the bond is almost complete. He won't be able to even try once it's healed." Aurora reassured me.

"It doesn't matter. I can't live like this again." I cried.

"You have me and we will get through this. Hunter and Rex will come for us. They will never leave us." Aurora whimpered.

“I want to believe he will come. I want to believe that he loves us enough to save us. But I can’t be disappointed again. My heart can’t take another rejection.” I sobbed. I could hear her whimpering in my head.

I don’t know how long I sat there on the floor, sobbing. Hearing the key turn in the lock pulled me from my thoughts. I looked up at the door to see Marcus entering.

He hasn’t changed at all. The only thing that’s new is the scar along his jaw. I found myself wondering where he got it from. I’m not sure why I even cared.

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I took the folder and turned my attention to Alpha Owen. He handed me his phone, and I looked at the screen. It was a picture of them at a party. Women surrounded him and his beta, but there was another man with them. He was tall and built like an alpha. He had lighter brown hair, which was cut short.

“Who is this?” I asked Alpha Owen.

“That’s Marc. He’s the alpha of the Opal Mountain pack. See the scar on his jaw.” Alpha Owen pointed out, and Rex let out a growl.

I threw the Alpha back his phone and opened up the file that security brought me. I scanned through the list until I found one Alpha Marc LeBlanc of the Opal Mountain pack.

“That fucker was here!” I growled out. I stormed out of the room and ripped my phone out of my pocket as I exited the building. Greyson picked up after the first ring.

“Hunter,” he answered.

“Find Alpha Marc LeBlanc of the Opal Mountain Pack.” I growled into my phone. I hung up and ran over to the pack house. I needed to get to my office to find out where this pack was located and why this Marc was

even here. I also wanted to pull Kailen's file. There is a sketch of her captor that was drawn when she first arrived here.

I'm pretty sure I broke the lock on my office door when I stormed in. There was no time to waste. I need to get to her now.

I turned my computer on before I pulled her file out from my desk drawer. The alpha and beta walked into my office just as I found the old sketch of the person who took Kailen for the first time.

I held it up for them both to see and you could see the realization on their faces. It looked just like the picture of him that the alpha had shown me.

"Fucken Bastard." Alpha Owen growled out. He took a seat in front of my desk. His beta sat down in the other seat beside his alpha.

I started searching for anything that was related to Marc LeBlanc or the Opal Mountain pack. I had to find some kind of trace of him in our pack.

"Is this her file?" Alpha Owen asked, and I nodded. I closed it up and slid it over to him. I knew he wanted to read it.

"Have you both been to the Opal Mountain pack?" I asked them, still looking at my monitor. I was sitting there in only shorts. I was so consumed with finding Kailen. After getting up from my seat, I walked over to the cabinet and threw on a hoodie.

"We haven't been there. It's been about a year since we have seen him. He took over from his father around three years ago. I heard that the pack was in the red and he's been working hard ever since to get into the black. He's done very well, from what I've heard." Alpha Owen explained, as I sat back down.

"Can you find it on the map?" I asked, and they both nodded. I had a map hung on the left wall. Both of them stood up and went to look over the map.

I turned my attention back to my computer. I put Opal Mountain pack in the search bar. I was surprised at what popped up.

“Alpha Owen, do you know Kailen’s old pack?” I asked him.

“I don’t remember. I’m sure she told me, but I can’t recall it.” He answered.

“Why, what did you find?” He asked me.

“I found her parents. They were the former Alpha and Luna of the Opal Mountain pack.” I told them.

“That actually makes sense. Her wolf was white, but she also looked like an Opal in the sunlight.” Alpha Owen said. And he was right. I always thought that she was beautiful, but her wolf did look like an opal.

I read further, and it says that her mother was the one that inherited the pack from her father and mother.

The reports say that when Drake LeBlanc challenged Kailen’s father and won, after his, Luna killed herself. No one knew what happened to their daughter.

Why are the women in her family so important to them? I know she’s beautiful, but this was personal. He had been stalking her. He knew where she came from and he wanted her, like his father wanted her mother.

I stood up from my desk and walked over to the map on my wall. Alpha Owen put a pin in the location of the pack. There’s no way he drove out of here. It would be at least a three-day drive.

Greyson and Zach threw my office door open and rushed in.

“We know how he got her out of the pack, and you’re not going to like it.” Greyson rushed out.

“Plane?” I asked him and he raised an eyebrow at me.

“How?” I asked him. I pointed at the map.

“It’s too far to drive.” I told him. And he huffed.

“He had a chopper ready, and before we could even alert the border warriors, he took off with her. We tracked the chopper to an airstrip just outside the pack and there was a private jet waiting for them.” Greyson explained, and I let out a growl.

“There’s an airport about three hours away from his pack. I’m sure that’s where he’ll be landing.” Alpha Owen informed us.

“What time is it?” I asked.

“It’s been about three hours, Hunter.” Zach sighed, and I pulled my hair in frustration.

“They should be landing about now. Alpha Owen, do you know where the airport is located?” I asked him.

“I’ve never been. He would always come to our pack or we would meet up. I only know where his pack is located because of the pitch he made about investing in his company.” Alpha, Owen explained.

“Zach, go to your office and find that airport.” I commanded, and he rushed out of the room.

“Hunter, what have you found out?” Greyson asked me. I was still standing by the map.

“It’s up on the monitor,” I told him. He sat down, and I noticed Alpha Owen and Beta Finn standing behind him. They were also reading what was up on the monitor.

“Opal Mountain is Kailen’s pack.” Greyson commented. I was still looking over the map. A massive mountain range surrounded the area. I was trying to figure out where the best place for an airstrip would be.

“I think we need to contact Cathy. This seems to be tied to Kailen’s mother,” Greyson said.

“I’ll give her a call.” Alpha Owen said. It surprised me that he would even have her number. He pulled out his phone and I took a seat across from my desk. Greyson was still strolling through the information. I needed

him to find something that I had missed. My mind is racing and I'm finding it hard to focus as my anxiety grows. We needed to find her before he had a chance to do anything to her.

"Rex, what the hell are we going to do?" I asked my wolf.

"The bond is almost complete. I can feel her fear. She needs us." He said, and the knots in my stomach grew.

Alpha Owen sat in the chair beside me and put his phone on speaker. It took a few rings, but Cathy finally picked up the phone.

"Alpha Owen, what can I do for you?" She greeted her alpha.

"Cathy, I need information on the Opal Mountain pack. We know that was Kailen's former pack and her mother and father were the alpha and luna." Alpha Owen said, and I heard the sigh that she let out.

"That's correct, Alpha Owen," She told him.

"Why was it never reported?" I asked her.

"Prince Hunter, I didn't realize you were there as well." She commented.

"Its fine. We don't have time for formalities." I told her.

"Okay. I never reported her, because I was trying to keep her safe. I knew they would come after her." She answered my question.

"And why would they do that? Wasn't the challenge over the pack?" I asked her.

"The challenge was over the Luna. There's a reason the pack is called Opal Mountain. The Luna wolves have all been bigger and stronger than regular Luna wolves. And if you have seen Kailen's wolf, you would have noticed that her wolf sparkles like an opal." she said sorrowfully.

"I don't understand. I have met her wolf, and she is bigger but not noticeable, in my opinion." I told her.

“She has to be in her packlands. I don’t understand it, and her mother didn’t as well. But if she was to ever go back to Opal Mountain, her wolf would be the size of or bigger than an Alpha. Luna’s have always run that pack for that reason. The Lunas were always stronger than their mates.” She explained. It explains why she was able to get through all the training and she can even kick my ass.

“Alpha Owen, is everything okay with Kailen?” Cathy asked, worried.

“She has been taken by the now Alpha of the Opal Mountain pack,” he answered and she gasped.

“That Alpha Marc?” she asked.

“Yes, Cathy. We believe that he’s the same person that took her before.” I explained, and I could hear her crying on the phone.

“There’s a secret passage. You enter under a waterfall. It’s located in the Opal Mountain peak valley. It’s a massive waterfall, and it’s difficult to get behind it. Her father built it when he started to receive threats.” Cathy told us through her tears.

“Cathy, was there ever an airstrip near the pack when you were there?” I asked her.

“There was one about three hours south of the pack. I’m not sure if it is still there.” She answered.

“Thank you Cathy, all of this information will be useful.” I told her.

“Prince Hunter, do not let him mark her. I suspect that he wants her to carry his pups. There has never been a male child born into her family, ever. If a male is born, he will be the strongest Alpha ever born.” she said, and I let out a growl. That’s why he bought her. He wants to have pups with her.

Alpha Owen said his goodbyes to Cathy while I was stuck in my head. What the hell will he do to her when he finds out that I have marked her and that she can’t have pups?

“So we just need to find her before he can mark her and get her pregnant.” Alpha Owen stated, and I let out a growl.

“She can’t get pregnant because of what that bastard did to her before.” I growled out. I stood up from my seat and started pacing the room. I was furious that I let this happen.

“Hunter, what are you saying?” Greyson asked me. Before I could answer him, a sharp pain ripped through my chest. It felt like I was being stabbed over and over again. I was panting as I leaned against the wall. Greyson was now beside me.

“Rex, what’s happening?” I asked my wolf.

“He’s touching our mate.” He whimpered. I let out a murderous growl. If I was furious before, I am now.

“Hunter, what’s wrong?” Greyson asked me as Zach entered my office.

“He’s touching her. He’s touching my mate.” I yelled.

“Hunter, I found the airstrip.” Zach informed me.

Chapter 25 - The Lycan King's Gamma

Gamma Kailen Steele

I reluctantly took Marcus’ hand. I didn’t want to anger him. He pulled me off the floor and led me into the bathroom. I looked around the room. It looked to be a dining room and living room. We must be in some kind of apartment.

He opened the bathroom door and flicked on the light before he pulled me in. Marcus then walked over to the bathtub and started the water. The bathroom was beautiful in white marble. There was a corner glass shower with a few shower heads and a jetted tub that I was watching fill up with water.

Marcus turned to look at me and I averted my gaze to my feet. I heard him let out a sigh. I saw his feet in front of me and he gripped my chin and lifted my head to look at him.

“Don’t do that,” he said.

“I’m sorry,” I whispered. He raised his other hand to my blouse, and I flinched before he grabbed the first button. He started to undo them as I just stood there with my eyes closed. I willed myself not to cry.

“Babygirl, I’m not going to hurt you.” He whispered as he slid my now opened blouse off my shoulders. It fell on the floor and he started to kiss my neck and shoulder.

He held on to my lower back so I couldn’t move away from him. There was nothing I could do but let him do what he wanted.

He pulled me towards the bathtub. Before he sat down on the edge of the tub, he turned the water off. He was focused on the scar down my stomach. I could feel his fingers brushing against the raised scar.

“Tell me what happened?” He asked before he kissed the scar. I tried not to move away from his touch. I didn’t want to anger him with a tub full of water behind him.

“I was pushed into a glass bookshelf.” I stuttered.

“When?” He asked, and it almost sounded like he was concerned.

“When I was on the mission to Blue Crescent,” I whispered, and he surprised me with a growl. I whimpered and wrapped my arms around myself.

“I’ll kill that fucken alpha.” He mumbled to himself. And I was curious about how he would have known Owen. Maybe it was just an assumption.

Marcus gripped my hips and turned me around so he could see my back. He was silent for a moment before he asked.

“The glass went right through.”

“Yes,” I whispered, and he sighed.

“It could have killed you.” He said, while turning me around again.

“It almost did.” I confirmed. He stood up and unhooked my bra.

“What’s with the mark?” He whispered and my heart rate picked up. How could I have forgotten about Hunter’s mark?

“It’s just a scar,” I started to explain. He grabbed my cheeks and forced me to look at him.

“Don’t fucken lie to me. I heard the rumors going around about you and the Lycan Prince. Did he mark you?” He growled out and I let out a whimper. I couldn’t speak. I just nodded my head.

He didn’t say anything more about it. He pulled me back towards the tub and sat down on the edge again. I was nervous about the water. I had this feeling in the pit of my stomach that he was going to try to drown me. He pulled me by my hips so I was standing between his legs again. He slid my leggings down my legs and I had to try to calm my racing heart. I was on the verge of a panic attack. Hunter is the only one I have ever let touch my body after what Marcus did to me.

I didn’t fight him. He lifted my legs one at a time and stripped them off. I was now standing in front of him, naked. I wanted to hide my body, but I knew that would only anger him. He was acting like I was his mate and not his prisoner, and I was confused.

“Get in the tub. I need to wash off his scent. You are mine, Kailen.” He stood up and whispered into my ear. He moved out of the way and I stepped into the water.

The hot water did little to relax me as Marcus stripped off his clothes and stepped in behind me. I was now sitting in between his legs and he pulled me back to him until my back was flush with his chest. He snuggled his face into my neck, breathing in my scent.

“I’ve missed you, Babygirl. I know our time together before was not ideal and I want to make it up to you. You’ll learn to love me over time, as I

love you.” His voice came out husky and I could feel he was turned on. My body stiffened, and Marcus let out a sigh.

“Kailen, I’m not going to hurt you. I want you to be my luna.” he said.

“Why?” I whispered. My mouth moved before I could stop myself. I flinched when one of his hands came up to my cheek and he turned my head so I would look at him.

“Because this is your former pack, you are the rightful luna, and together we will be unstoppable.” he answered before he crushed his lips to mine. I wanted to fight him off, but I knew that I needed to bid my time.

“Kailen, be patient. I know you don’t want to do this, but you have to play the part for now. We need to stay alive for Hunter and Rex. They are coming.” Aurora said to me.

I locked myself away in the deepest part of my mind and kissed him back. I didn’t want to, but Aurora was right. Hunter would never survive if anything happened to us here. I needed to play the part until he arrived.

Marcus took that as I wanted him. He turned me around and slammed into me. I just went through the motions until he was done. Marcus finally lifted me out of the tub and wrapped a towel around me. He then wrapped one around his waist. He led me out of the bathroom and into the bedroom.

There was a king-sized bed, made up in navy blue. There was a fireplace located on the wall across from the bed with a flat screen TV that hung above it. Marcus walked over to another door and entered what I think was the closet. He came out in boxers and was carrying one of his shirts.

“Babygirl, you can wear this until we go shopping.” He said, passing me the shirt.

“Thank you.” I whispered, taking the shirt from him. I dried off and pulled the shirt over my head. It was long and stopped mid-thigh. It smelt like him and I had to try not to gag. I hated his scent and I would never get used to his smell.

He pulled back the comforter on the bed and climbed in. He patted the bed beside me. I placed my used towel in the hamper by the bathroom door and climbed in next to him. He wrapped his arm around me and pulled me to his side. My cheek was resting on his chest.

“Do you feel better?” He asked me, playing with my hair. I nodded on his chest.

“Tomorrow, we are going to the clinic to get you checked out, and then we can plan your Luna ceremony. The full moon is tomorrow night, so we have lots to do,” he explained.

“Okay,” I whispered.

“Get some sleep babygirl.” he kissed the top of my head and squeezed me closer. I just lay there, ignoring the need to shiver and move away from the man that had caused me so much pain and suffering. I thought about what he had told me in the tub. This pack was my home. And if he is the Alpha now, that means his father was the one that challenged my father. His father is the reason that both my parents are dead.

I just don't understand why I was so important to him or why my mother was so important to his father. There was something I was missing, and I had no idea what I was looking for. None of this made any sense. I eventually closed my eyes and willed myself to think about Hunter. How he makes me feel safe and loved. How I love him more than anything and I pray that he storms this pack and rescues me from this hell. I need him to come. I can't take much more of this.

“He's coming, Kailen. Rex told me they were coming. We just need to hold out until the right moment. I know this is hard, but you have me this time. I wouldn't let him mark you.” Aurora tried to reassure me.

“You can talk to Rex?” I asked her.

“The bond is almost complete. By morning, both of the marks should be healed.” She explained.

“He would have felt what Marcus did to me.” I told her I was willing myself not to cry. The pain I just caused Hunter was unthinkable, and I should have fought Marcus off. My stomach was in knots from the guilt and I just wanted to throw up and scrub my skin raw.