

Chapter 36 - The Lycan King's Gamma

After spending the entire afternoon and night with Hunter, I didn't want him to leave this morning. I now hate how much we both have to work. My heat was now over and I made an appointment to see the doctor. I didn't want to get my hopes up, but I prayed that something came from this. Not just for Hunter. I really wanted to be a mother. And being in heat has given me some hope that it could be possible.

Before Hunter left this morning, he mentioned he had a recent case for me. He was going to bring everything to my office this afternoon after my class. I was curious to learn about the case. It must be important if the King and Prince were made aware of it. Hopefully, I can solve it quickly. I really didn't want to be away from Hunter.

I decided my students needed to get some fresh air today. I changed my lessons to the training field. My students were just arriving, as I was already ready and waiting for them on the training field. After all of my students were ready, I started my lesson.

"So, I decided we needed some fresh air this morning. And I promised I would kick some asses, so we are going to pair up and the last man standing gets to fight me." I told them.

"And what do we get if we win?" Mr. Cooper yelled out.

"You don't need to worry about that." I told him with a smirk.

"Now pair up and spread out." I called out. I walked around the pairs, correcting their moves as I went.

"Fancy seeing you here." I jumped before realizing that Jake was standing beside me.

"Oh, Hi Jake." I breathed out, grabbing my chest.

"I didn't mean to scare you." He said, while I tried to calm down my breathing.

“No, it’s fine. I just wasn’t expecting you,” I told him. My students were down to the top two. Cooper vs. Carter, now this should be interesting.

“Excuse me.” I told Jake before I walked over to my students.

“Now, I want a fair fight. If you choose to be an ass, I’ll make you run for the rest of the week.” I told them.

“Begin.” I yelled out. I moved back to watch them, and Jake moved to my side again.

“You fighting the winner?” He asked me.

“I am.” I answered, trying to pay close attention to the two future alphas, battling it out. Both of them were fantastic. And it was going to be a close fight.

“So, this is what you do all day?” He asked me.

“When it’s nice outside,” I shrugged.

“And it looks like we have a winner!” I exclaimed. Cooper had Carter pinned. Cooper let go of Carter, helping him up.

“It is okay, Carter. Now it’s my turn.” I told him, giving Cooper a smirk.

The class cheered while Cooper and I circled each other in our fighting stance.

“There’s time to tapout.” I told him, watching his moves intently.

“Not a chance.” He said before he swung his right fist. I ducked, swiping my leg, taking him to the ground. I stepped back to give him space to get back to his feet.

“You’ll have to do better than that.” I told him, getting back into my stance. I could see that he was getting frustrated.

“Cooper, take a breath. Calm your senses.” I told him. I let him have a moment before I made the first move.

I faked right, punching towards his left side. Cooper moved out of the way, just in time for me to spin, and hit him square in the chest, knocking the air from his lungs. He was definitely going to bruise. He started coughing and holding his chest.

“Fuck, you hit hard.” He breathed out.

“When you are in training with a bunch of powerful men that can knock you out with one hit, you learn to hit hard.” I told him.

“Are you okay?” I asked him after he collected himself. The other students were still cheering and taunting.

“Yeah, I just wasn’t expecting that,” Cooper said.

“Okay, class, pay attention. This just became a lesson.” I yelled out.

“Cooper, I’m going to show you how to counter that move, even winded.” I told him and he nodded. We both moved into our positions.

“So, if I’m here and I’m about to hit you in the chest, what do you think you should do?” I asked him.

“Block?” He answered.

“That, but there’s something better. Change positions with me and I’ll show you.” I told him. He took mine while I took his position. I could see the class and even Jake watching us intently.

“Now hit me.” I told him.

Cooper hit me square in the chest. I moved my body lower, using his momentum, flipping him over my shoulder. He landed with a thud as he hit the ground, hard. As he was lying there, I could catch my breath.

“Are you okay?” I asked him, leaning over him.

“Yeah,” he wheezed out.

“Nice hit,” I told him, rubbing the spot that he hit.

“Did I lose?” He breathed out.

“Did you learn something?” I asked him, and he nodded. He was still lying on his back.

“And what did you learn, Mr. Cooper?” I asked him.

“Never piss off Gamma Steele,” he answered, and I laughed.

“Come on, big guy.” I told him, helping him up. Mr. Carter came over and slapped Mr. Cooper on the back.

“I’m glad you bet me.” Mr. Carter told him, laughing.

“Thanks,” Mr Cooper groaned.

“You all did fantastic today.” I yelled out.

“Now go run ten laps.” I heard Hunter yell out. I turned around to find him walking towards me. When he reached me, he wrapped an arm around my back, pulling me into his chest. He crushed his lips to mine in front of my entire class. They started cheering and whistling. Hunter pulled out of the kiss, leaving me stunned.

“That doesn’t sound like running.” he yelled out. I could hear the students take off while I watched Hunter.

“I missed you.” He whispered after the students ran off to complete their laps.

“How are you?” I asked him, wrapping my arms around his waist.

“Better,” he said, kissing my forehead.

“Hate to break up this super sweet moment, but Hunter, why have you been ignoring my calls?” Jake asked him. I forgot he was even here.

“I didn’t want to talk to you.” Hunter told him, and I’m surprised at Hunter’s bluntness.

“Oh, don’t be like that, cousin. A healthy competition hurts no one,” Jake said.

“Hunter, what is he talking about?” I asked him.

“He thinks he has a chance with you,” Hunter sighed. I looked at Hunter and then at Jake.

“Did you miss the mark on my neck?” I asked him, and he smirked.

“And before you mention anything about that contract, I’m still investigating. And you can’t own me, regardless of what the contract says.” I told him, firmly.

“What ever you say, princess. I’ll be seeing you again,” he said before turning on his heel and walking away.

I had an intense episode of déjà vu. I’ve heard that saying in that voice before, but I couldn’t place it. My mind was racing as I tried to remember. I was so lost in my mind that I didn’t notice that my breathing was shallow and I was having a panic attack.

“Beautiful, breath.” Hunter was saying when I finally came to my senses. I looked at him, and he was confused and concerned.

“What happened?” He asked me, pulling me into his chest.

“I don’t know.” I mumbled into his chest. My cheeks felt wet from tears. I don’t remember crying.

“I think you need a break, Beautiful.” Hunter said, pulling away to look at me.

“Hunter, I’m okay. I’ll get a coffee and go relax in my office. You told me about the case and I need to go over it.” I told him, and he raised an eyebrow at me.

“I promise, I’m okay. I also need to call Thomas and figure out this whole thing with Jake.” He sighed when I told him.

“Fine, coffee and then office. I’ll meet you there after I’m done here.” He told me.

“Bring more coffee?” I asked him.

“You may have a problem, but yes, I’ll bring more coffee,” he said. I leaned up and kissed his lips. I heard more whistles as the class was done with their laps.

“Have fun.” I told him before retrieving my things and heading to the coffee kiosk.

After, I made my way to my office. I opened my office door to find boxes and boxes of files. I pushed my lips into a line as I looked around my office.

“You owe me dinner.” I mindlinked Hunter. I sat down at my desk, wondering where I should start.

“I’ll have you.” Hunter’s voice filled my mind.

“After you help me clean up my office and bring me food,” I told him, and I could hear him laughing.

“Fine, I’ll see you soon, Beautiful.” He said before closing the link.

I sat back in my chair, drinking my coffee, feeling off from earlier. I wish I could remember why that felt so familiar. Sighing, I got to work. These files will not read and organize themselves. Hunter didn’t tell me much about the case, so I’m surprised to find that this was a massive murder case.

I took a map out of my desk and pinned it to a wall so I could map out where these rogues were coming from and where they were attacking. I found it odd that they were moving like a pack. And it wasn’t just one pack that they were attacking, it was several, all in the north-eastern territory. It was close to the Opal Mountain pack. I called Thomas and asked him if he knew anything about this and if someone had attacked them. I also needed to ask him about this deal my father made. Pulling out my phone I call him.

“Alpha Kailen, What can I do for you?” Thomas answered on the second ring.

“Thomas, you are the alpha now.” I reminded him.

“Only watching the pack for you alpha.” he told him and I sighed.

“Anyway, I was calling to see if the pack has had any recent rogue attacks?”

“Not since I’ve been here, but I can check the files,” he answered.

“Thank you, I appreciate it. Also, I have a question about a contract that my father had with Prince Andrew?”

“What have you heard?” He asked, sounding tense.

“His son, Prince Jake, is claiming that I’m his mate.” I told him and he growled out.

“I told your father not to make that deal. Before you were born, we were at war over some of our territory. Another pack was trying to push us out. Where we are located, we don’t have many alliances, so your father made a deal with Prince Andrew. If he was to help us, then his son was to be promised to his daughter. He knew he would have a daughter. Only females have been born to the alphas in this pack,” Thomas explained.

“So what does this mean? My father sold me to win a war?” I asked him and he sighed.

“I think he was thinking you would fall in love with him and never learn about the contract. But someone marked you before you knew of the contract, so I assume the contract is void.” He said.

“He’s claiming that, since I’m the alpha, that the contract still holds.” I told him.

“I guess that is up to the king to decide. And since you’re mated to his son, I don’t think you have anything to worry about.” He told me and I let out a breath.

“Thank you, Thomas. I’m a little disappointed in my father, but I understand he needed to protect his pack.”

“I know, Kailen. But everything worked out. And I’ll email you if I find any reports of rogue attacks.”

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Kailen didn’t notice that I was watching her teach her class. How can she make teaching a bunch of teenagers sexy? But here she was, killing it. She was kicking Cooper’s ass, but also teaching him. But when he punched her in the chest, Rex was ready to shift and take him down for hurting his mate. A good thing for him. Kailen flipped him, knocking the wind out of him. Poor guy was lying on his back, pretending he wasn’t dying. He’s probably regretting winning against Carter right about now.

I noticed Jake was out here also, watching Kailen intently. His gaze made me feel uncomfortable. I never trusted him and I wasn’t sure the lengths he’d go to win Kailen. Not that he could. Let’s be honest here. I’ve been here for four years and he just shows up wanting her like she’s a piece of property? Kailen would have none of that, and everyone who knew her knew that. He didn’t intimidate me.

Kailen was praising her class when I walked up behind her. They are now my students.

“Now go run ten laps.” I yelled out to the class. Kailen spun around and gave me a smile. Before she could protest, I wrapped her in my arms, crushing my lips to hers. She was stunned at first, but quickly relaxed in my arms. The class was cheering and whistling at our public display of affection. I pulled out of the kiss and was starting down at Kailen.

“That doesn’t sound like running.” I yelled to the class, while keeping my eyes on Kailen. The class took off and we could finally have a moment together.

“I missed you.” I whispered to her.

“How are you?” she asked me, wrapping her arms around my waist. It felt amazing to show everyone that this gorgeous perfect woman was mine.

“Better.” I breathed out, kissing her forehead.

“Hate to break up this super sweet moment, but Hunter, why have you been ignoring my calls?” Jake said behind me. I forgot he was even here. Fuck.

“I didn’t want to talk to you.” I told him. Usually I would be more polite about what I said in public, but Jake was getting on my last nerve.

“Oh, don’t be like that, cousin. A healthy competition hurts no one,” Jake said. And I rolled my eyes.

“Hunter, what is he talking about?” Kailen asked me, sounding worried.

“He thinks he has a chance with you.” I told her with a sigh. She looked at me and then at Jake.

“Did you miss the mark on my neck?” She asked him. Her attitude instantly turned me on. I noticed Jake smirking at her. But Kailen was not done.

“And before you mention anything about that contract, I’m still investigating. And you can’t own me, regardless of what the contract says.” She told him firmly. So fucken sexy.

“Whatever you say, princess. I’ll be seeing you again.” He told her before turning on his heels, leaving the training field.

I turned back to Kailen to see that she looked terrified. She was shaking, and she had tears running down her cheeks. What the hell just happened? Whatever happened, her breathing became labored, and I needed to get her out of this trance.

“Beautiful, breathe.” I kept telling her, while I rubbed her back. After a few long moments, she finally snapped out of it.

“What happened?” I asked her when she finally looked at me. I pulled her into my chest, holding her tight.

“I don’t know,” she mumbled into my chest.

“I think you need a break, Beautiful.” I told her, looking down at her.

“Hunter, I’m okay. I’ll get a coffee and go relax in my office. You told me about that case and I need to go over it.” She told me and I raised an eyebrow at her. One thing I knew about Kailen was she could never sit still.

“I promise, I’m okay. I also need to call Thomas and figure out this whole thing with Jake.” She told me and I sighed.

“Fine, coffee and then office. I’ll meet you there after I’m done here.” I told her.

“Bring more coffee?” she asked me.

“You may have a problem, but yes, I’ll bring more coffee.” I told her. She leaned up and kissed me, earning us more whistles as the class was now done with their laps.

“Have fun.” She told me before I watched her walk away. I turned back to see them grinning at me.

“Alright, the show’s over. Pair up.” I told them. Greyson and Zach came over to stand with me while we watched the class training.

“So, that was hot.” Zach commented.

“Really, Zach? Hunter, what was wrong with Kailen?” Greyson asked me.

“I’m not sure. Something triggered her.” I told them.

“And what the hell is with Jake?” Zach asked me.

“He thinks he has a chance to win, Kailen. I guess his dad and her dad had some contact about Jake being mated to Kailen’s father’s first daughter.” I explained.

“Wait, what? Is that even legal?” Greyson asked me, shocked.

“I don’t think it matters since she’s marked. I’m not worried about it. My father would let no one take her and they would have to kill me. And you know Jake isn’t capable of keeping up with me, let alone killing me.” I told them.

“Crazy bastard actually thinks that a woman like Kailen would give him the time of day. It’s laughable.” Zach said.

“Is he just here to claim her?” Greyson asked me, and Rex let out a warning growl.

“I don’t know why he is actually here. I’ve been avoiding him, as I have more important things to deal with,” I said.

“Yeah, like getting Kailen pregnant.” Zach said. Not only did Greyson and I look over at him, but the entire class stopped and stared at us.

“Wait, Miss Steele, is pregnant?” Cooper exclaimed, and I could kill Zach.

“No, she is not pregnant. Do you think I would let her spar if she was?” I asked them. Cooper let out a breath.

“Now keep your mouths shut and get training.” I commanded.

“Sorry, Hunter.” Zach said, and I looked at him.

“Get in position so I can kick your ass.” I told him. Zach groaned, moving to a clear stop on the field.

After class was done, I showered before heading to pick up dinner and Kailen’s coffee. She had mindlinked me earlier, and I couldn’t wait to hear what Thomas had to say about this whole contract situation. Not that I was worried. I knew Kailen would never reject me. I was more curious than anything.

After picking up dinner, I headed back to the pack house, stopping at the coffee kiosk before heading to Kailen's office. When I entered, I found her nose deep in a file that I had left for her. There was a map hanging on the wall, with different colored pins all over it. I assume she has been tracking the movements and the deaths to see if there is a pattern. I placed the food on the coffee table in the sitting area before I wandered over to her.

I pulled out her chair, spinning it so she was facing me. She gasped out as I pulled her from her thoughts. I took that file from her, placing it back on the desk before crushing my lips to hers. Tasting every inch of her mouth before I pulled away. My lungs were screaming for oxygen, and I finally gave in to them.

"Hello, to you too, baby." Kailen breathed out.

"We should head out to the beach house. I'm over being back here already." I told her and she giggled.

"I would love that, but look at all the work you handed me," she told me, and I pouted.

"Fine, but come eat. You can tell me everything that you found." I told her, helping her up from her chair. It was hard for me to keep my hands to myself. All I wanted to do was rip off her clothes and taste every inch of her body while she moaned my name.

"Smells amazing, Hunter." She said, sitting on the couch. I sat down beside her and before she could pull any of the food out, I pulled her into my lap so she was straddling me.

"Hunter," she squealed out. With her hands gripping my shoulders, I bucked my hips, grinding my painfully hard cock into her core. We had too many clothes between us.

"Baby," Kailen moaned.

“We can eat food after I eat you.” I mumbled into her neck. She was rolling her hips into me, her fingers fisting my hair, as I sucked and nipped at her neck.

I pulled her blouse over her head and unclipped her bra while I sucked on her chest. Kailen was grinding into me harder while trying to unbutton my shirt.

“Baby, you’re never allowed to wear clothes in my office again.” She moaned out, ripping my shirt open, causing some buttons flew off. She ran her fingers down my chest, sparks erupted where her skin touched mine.

After I had unclipped her bra, I stood up with her legs wrapped around my waist. Her lips found mine as I laid her back on the couch. I kissed my way down her neck and chest, taking one of her hardened pink nipples into my mouth. She moaned out, holding me to her chest as I flicked it with my tongue. Working my way down her body, she arched her back as I undid her pants. Kailen kicked her shoes off before lifting her hips so I could pull down her pants. As soon as my lips touched her hip, she bucked her hips up, making me smirk. I pulled my shirt off before I ripped off Kailen’s pants, leaving her naked on the couch. Throwing both her legs over my shoulders, I settled myself between her legs. I could smell her arousal, and my dick was straining to get out.

It was hard to focus when all I wanted to do was to be buried deep inside of her. When the tip of my tongue touched her dripping wet pussy, Kailen’s hands were entangled in my hair.

“Baby,” she moaned out, rolling her hips.

“So wet.” I groaned before sucking on her folds. She was a moaning mess, grinding her pussy into my face as I licked and sucked.

I knew she was getting close to her release as I thrust my tongue inside of her.

“Fuck, Hunter.” Kailen moaned out, moving her hips faster, chasing her release. I licked up to her clit, taking it into my mouth, sucking it until

she came undone on my face. Her body shook as she came down from her high. I kept licking her, letting her enjoy the pleasure I just gave her.

“Baby,” She breathed out, as I kissed my way up her body.

“You taste so good,” I mumbled, licking over my mark on her neck. She shivered and goosebumps erupted all over her body. I rolled one of her hardened nipples between my fingers as I kissed my way up her neck.

“Hunter.” she gasped out, still trying to catch her breath. As soon as I had my pants down, I moved her back on to my lap. The tip of my cock had already found her entrance as I took one of her nipples into my mouth.

Kailen rolled her hips down until our hips were flush, and she had me buried deep inside her.

“So tight, baby.” I groaned.

“Fuck, Hunter.” she moaned, resting her forehead on mine. Kailen gripped my shoulders, almost painfully, as my hands on her hip moved her up and down on my cock.

My pace was slow until she crushed her lips to mine. Taking control, she moved her hips faster and harder, grinding herself into me. She thrusts her tongue into my mouth, tasting every inch of me, while I swallow her moans.

“Baby,” she screamed out, pulling away from my lips. She arched her back, pushing her chest into me, throwing her head back. I knew she was close. Taking one of her nipples into my mouth, I slammed her down harder on my cock.

She came hard on my cock as her pussy pulsated, tightening about me. Kailen leaned into my neck, biting down on her mark. I groaned as I shot my ribbons of hot cum deep inside her. Stilling, we were both panting and covered in sweat.

“Fuck, you feel so good.” I mumbled, kissing her cheek.

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To say that Hunter and I got nothing done would have been an understatement. After we ate in my office, we couldn't keep our hands to ourselves. It was like being a teenager again, and sex was new and exciting. I don't even know when we actually got some sleep. But here it was the next day, and I was in my classroom waiting for my students to arrive. I couldn't get Hunter off of my mind and I just wanted this class to be over so I could go find him. Or maybe he'd find me after class.

"Hunter?" I called out to him through our link.

"Beautiful?" He answered.

"What are you doing after my class?"

"I have my class. Is everything okay?"

"No, not really."

"Beautiful, what's wrong?"

"I really need you to come to my classroom and rip my clothes off."

The link went silent, and I wondered what he was doing when I mindlinked him. It wasn't until he threw open my classroom door and came rushing in, did I realize he was coming to see me.

"Beautiful, you're such a pain in the ass." He breathed out.

"You could be a pain in mine?" I asked him, licking my lips. He came over to me and picked me up out of my chair, placing me on my desk. He was now standing in between my legs.

"I don't know what's gotten into you, but I love it." He said before he crushed his lips to mine. I licked his bottom lip, asking for entrance. Even I didn't know what had come over me. All I know is that I wanted him.

He thrust his tongue into my mouth, tasting every inch of me before our tongues fought for dominance. My arms around his neck and my hand were in his hair as he pulled me impossibly close. His hard cock pushed up against my thigh, made my panties wet.

We're pulled out of our moment when the classroom door is thrown open and my students walked in. Good thing we still had our clothes on. We both pulled away, panting, and he rested his forehead on mine while we tried to catch our breath.

"Stupid class." I told him through the link.

"Don't worry, I'm coming back after to finish

this." He mindlinked back. He pecked my lips before helping me stand up from my desk.

"I love you." He mindlinked me before we left.

"I love you too." I linked him back, watching him leave. All eight students smirked at me as I turned my attention to my class.

"Alright, the show is over." I told them, sitting down on the edge of the platform.

"If you'd like, we could always come back." Mr. Cooper shrugged. I pushed my lips into a line. Is it terrible that I would love to take him up on his offer?

"Did someone not do their homework?" I asked him.

"Of course I did it. You just seem distracted."

"Then you can answer my first question. What makes an alpha challenge illegal?" I asked him, changing the topic off of Hunter and I.

"Cheating with the use of drugs or weapons. Also, claiming of the Luna after the fight," He answered.

"And why is claiming of the Luna illegal?" I asked him.

“Because she isn’t property,” he answered.

“Very good, Mr. Cooper.” I praised him. A lot of alphas these days still view their mates as property and not as equals. Just then, the door to my classroom opened up and Jake walked in, taking a seat at the back.

“Prince Jake, is there something I can help you with?” I asked him.

“I was looking for Hunter. He ran out of our meeting. I assumed he was coming to see you.” He answered.

“He was here, but I’m sure you could call him.” I told him.

“I’ll catch up with him later. I might learn something here.” He said.

As soon as I realized Jake wasn’t leaving, I had this terrible feeling in the pit of my stomach and I was so glad that I had eight alphas and betas sitting in front of me. I didn’t want to be left alone with him.

“Of course, Prince Jake,” I said, before turning my attention back to my class.

“Future Alpha’s, if someone was to challenge you for your title, how would you handle it?” I asked them.

“I would make sure the Luna was somewhere safe, before accepting the challenge,” Mr Carter called out. That answer warmed my heart.

“Before accepting, I would have their claims investigated.” Mr. Cooper answered.

“Both are brilliant answers. Protect the person you love and also see if the claims are true. An alpha can always be challenged, but most times, it’s in a stressful situation. Try to defuse the situation first,” I told them.

“And what if the challenge is over the Luna?” Jake asked me.

“Then it’s an illegal challenge. A Luna is not property.” I answered him.

“A challenge for the alpha title is a challenge on how the pack is being run. If someone finds that you, as an alpha, aren’t doing your job, they can challenge you for your responsibilities as an alpha. But your Luna is not part of that deal. A Luna has every right to choose her mate,” I answered.

“Alright, so let’s discuss the pack of Blue Mountain Ridge.” I told them.

“How about we discuss the Opal Mountain pack?” Jake chimed in.

“The lone northern pack?” Mr Cooper asked.

“Prince Jake, that’s not a pack that we will discuss.” I told him.

“And why not?” He asked, standing up from his seat.

“You don’t want to tell all you students that you are actually the alpha of that pack. And the former alpha claimed you as his, so you killed him.” Jake told my class while walking down the stairs towards me. I heard my class gasp at what Jake had just said.

“Prince Jake, I’m not here to discuss my personal life.” I told him firmly.

“And if you can’t sit and listen, then leave.” I told him.

“That’s okay, princess. I think I heard everything I need. But I’ll be seeing you again.” He whispered, running his hand up my thigh. I was about to slap him when he moved away and rushed out of my classroom.

Watching him leave, the memory of his voice hit me like a ton of bricks. I was back in my cage at the auction. A man approached the cage, but I didn’t see his face. I kept my head down, looking at my feet.

“Don’t worry, beautiful. I’ll be seeing you again,” he told me. I realized it was Jake's voice. He was at the auction that day.

Before I could say anything to my class, I jumped off the platform and ran out of my classroom. I scanned the hallways for Jake, but I didn’t see him. I picked up his scent and followed it.

“Hunter.” I called through the mindlink.

“Beautiful, what’s wrong?” He finally answered. But before I could say anything, something pulled me through a door and shoved me into a closet. I heard the lock click and I could smell Jake.

“Finally figured it out, princess.” He taunted me. I had nowhere else to go after he moved closer. He caged me in. My fear and panic rose.

“Hunter, it’s Jake, I need you.” I linked him. Jake must have noticed because he backhanded me, my head whipping to the side. I could taste blood and my head was now pounding.

“Don’t call him for help. You’ll be dead before he gets here. I just wanted to taste you, before I kill you.” He said, licking up my neck.

I was trying to control the fear I was feeling, but my body was shaking as his hands pawed all over me. He ripped open my blouse, and I head butted him in the face. Before I could move, he punched me in the face, knocking me to the ground.

Jake pinned me to the ground and moved in between my legs, and I cursed myself for wearing a skirt today. He ripped the small slit up to my thigh and pushed the skirt up to my hips. I could feel him and I wanted to throw up.

“You’re going to feel who’s the better King, princess.” He said before he bit down on one of my breasts. I screamed out, but he clamped his hand over my mouth. I bit down on his hand, causing him to groan. He moved from my breast to my neck, biting down hard. He wanted me to submit to him, but I’d rather die.

“Stop fighting. You never gave Marcus this much trouble.” He growled. I wiggled one of my arms free and punched him in the face. He sat back on his knees between my legs, holding his nose. I kicked him in the balls and the stomach, pushing away from him.

I was going to have to kill a prince to get out of this alive. Jake composed himself from the blows I had just landed while I tried to calm myself. I

needed to think clearly and remember my training and not the trauma that I had endured.

“You are going to pay for that.” Jake growled, crawling towards me. I kicked out my foot, but he grabbed it before it contacted his face. He flipped me onto my back and jumped on my back, pinning me to the floor on my stomach.

“I would enjoy your feistiness if we had more time. I always enjoyed it when they fought back.” He said, and his words made me want to be sick. I wasn’t his first victim and unless I killed him, I wouldn’t be his last.

I threw my head back into his when he was trying to push my skirt back up.

He flipped me back over and punched me in the stomach, knocking the air out of my lungs. While I was wheezing and trying to catch my breath, he ripped off my panties.

Tears started streaming down my face as I fought with everything I had to get away from him. No one else would ever take my choice away from me. With my claws slipping out, I reached up when he was momentarily distracted, thrusting my claws into his chest. His claws dug painfully into my chest, his face looking at me in shock as I ripped his heart out.

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After leaving Kailen’s classroom, I made my way back to my office. I left Jake in the middle of our meeting, not that I cared. He was trying to get me to agree to increase the size of his half of the kingdom. Not that I ever would. It’s pretty sad my father has been running that side for years. I would not ask my father to hand over more work just to get it back in a few years. And I didn’t trust Jake to make the best decisions.

When I arrived back at my office, Jake was no longer there, which I was grateful for. I’d had enough of my cousin. I know he’s family, but I hated how he treated my mate. Walking into my territory, acting like he owned her and my uncle even agreed. Ugh. I couldn’t wait until they left.

Sitting at my desk, I decided to get some work done before I met up with Kailen before my class. I knew I was going to be late, and I was okay with that. Kailen has been all over me lately and I'm loving every second.

Greyson and Zach came into my office before I had finished reading over my first report. Looking up at them, Greyson handed me a file before taking a seat in front of my desk.

"What's this?" I asked him before opening the file.

"There are reports of missing women in the areas of the rogue attacks. Notice anything?" He asked me. I opened the file and growled out. All six victims looked like Kailen. All had golden brown hair but different eye colors. But all of them were similar in height and weight.

"What is the connection?" I asked, while scanning through the reports.

"All the girls went missing in the late evening and haven't been heard from since. The first taken about six months ago and the last one was two weeks ago. I'm not sure how this relates to the rogue attacks, but both have similar victims." Greyson explained.

"Let's move to Kailen's office. She had a map set up. We can pin up these victims' locations and see if we can see a connection. I'll fill Kailen in after her class." I told them.

Grabbing her office key from my desk, we walked down the hallway to her office. I unlocked the door, and we all entered. Kailen and I got nothing done last night as we couldn't keep our hands to ourselves. But she had some work done before I came to meet her.

All three of us stopped at the map and Greyson started listing off locations and I placed a different colored pin on each location. After placing all six pins, we stepped back to examine the map.

They took all the victims from the same areas. It was like each area was a hunting ground. But why did someone just start killing them and not taking them? This all made little sense.

“Hunter,” Kailen called out. I looked at my watch to see that she should still be in class.

“Beautiful, what’s wrong?” I asked her. My heart rate increased while I waited for her to answer.

“What’s wrong?” Zach asked me.

“Kailen just linked me. But I can’t feel her through the bond.” I answered him.

“She should be in class, shouldn’t she?” Greyson asked, and I nodded.

“I was there when her students showed up.” I told them.

“Hunter, it’s Jake. I need you.” She linked before I felt her pain through the bond. Rex let out a growl.

“Hunter, what’s wrong?” Greyson exclaimed.

“It’s Jake. We need to get to Kailen.” I told them, rushing to the door.

As soon as I made it out the front door of the pack house, I took off at speeds I never knew I was capable of. I needed to get to Kailen. I could now feel her pain and panic through the bond, and I was terrified.

“Kailen!” I screamed through the link. But I didn’t get an answer.

I ran into the student building, running until I hit Kailen’s classroom. I rushed in to find she wasn’t there, but her students were.

“Where the hell is she?” I growled out.

“We don’t know. Prince Jake was here and when he left, Miss Steele went after him.” One of them answered. Turning around, I ran right into Greyson and Zach, who had just caught up with me.

“She’s not here. She went after Jake.” I told them. I tried to pick up her scent. My stomach was in knots after I found it with Jake.

“They went this way.” I said, walking down the hallway so I wouldn’t lose the scent. It was faint and I couldn’t lose it. I walked past a closet door and Greyson stopped me. I was so focused on the scent, I forgot to listen. He pointed to the closet, and I sniffed, picking up the scent of blood.

“Hunter.” I heard Kailen before I kicked the door open.

Kailen let out a scream, huddled on the floor at the back of the utility closet. Jake’s dead body laid on the ground. Kailen had her face buried in her knees and she was shaking and sobbing as I rushed over to her.

“Beautiful,” I breathed out, kneeling beside her.

“Hunter. He was there.” She sobbed out, looking up at me. I could tell that he had hit her. One of her eyes was swollen and bruised. She also had a split lip and covered in blood, her clothes shredded.

“Kailen, where was Jake?” I asked her, but she kept shaking her head. She was in shock and I needed to get her out of here.

“Baby, look at me.” I whispered, taking hold of her cheeks.

“I know you’re scared. And I’m going to get you out of here. Can you tell me where Jake was?” I asked her again.

“The auction house.” She whispered through her sobs.

“Fuck,” I cursed before I wrapped my arms around her, holding her to my chest as she cried.

“Greyson, I need a medical team, and please alert my father.” I called out.

“I just want to go home.” Kailen sniffled.

“Beautiful, you’re hurt. I need you to see a doctor.” I told her.

“Please come with me?” She begged, gripping me tighter.

“Baby, I’m not going anywhere.” I told her, squeezing her. She winced, and I let go to see what was wrong. Helping her to stand, I saw the extent of her injuries.

She had bite marks on her neck and one of her breasts. And claw marks down her ribs. She was still bleeding and covered in bruises. Kailen tried to pull what was left of her skirt down, and she pulled her shredded blouse around her body to cover herself.

“Can we get a blanket?” I called out, wrapping my arms around her. She had stopped crying, but she was convulsing. Her breathing laboured, and I knew she was on the verge of having a panic attack.

“Baby, I know this is overwhelming, but I need you to take deep breaths. We can talk about everything once you are ready,” I told her and she nodded against my chest. She started taking in deep breaths as I rubbed her back, holding her to my chest.

Zach passed me a blanket, and I wrapped it around Kailen. I didn’t need the entire campus to see her like this. It’s bad enough that she had to go through something like this. I walked with her to the door, making sure that she couldn’t see Jake’s body as we moved.

“There’s an ambulance waiting.” Zach informed me.

“Hunter, please don’t leave me.” Kailen pleaded, grabbing on to my shirt.

“Not going anywhere, Baby. I’ll be in the ambulance with you.” I told her. Pulling her close, I kissed her forehead.

While I walked her out to the parking lot, I noticed that Greyson and Zach had the area secured and warriors were blocking anyone from entering the hallway from either side. As we made it outside, my father was just pulling up. He rushed over to us.

“Hunter, Kailen, what happened?” He asked, concerned about his daughter-in-law.

“Dad, Jake is dead.” I leaned in and whispered to him.

“I’ll handle it. Get her to the hospital.” My father said, and I nodded before walking over to where the ambulance was parked.

Kailen was on autopilot as I helped her into the back of the ambulance. The paramedics were asking her questions, but she just stared off, lost in her thoughts. She also refused to lie down or for the paramedics to touch her. I didn’t blame her. She didn’t know or trust them. Jake was going to be her family, and he attacked her. And who knows what he was doing at that auction house?

We finally arrived at the hospital, and I helped Kailen out of the ambulance. Doctors and nurses had rushed out of the ER, but I motioned for them to stay back. It wasn’t until Kailen’s doctor, Dr. Melanie Connors, came out did I let her approach.

Dr. Connors has been treating Kailen from the beginning and knows her story well.

“Kailen, sweetie. What happened?” She asked her while she helped me walk Kailen into the ER. Dr. Connors led us into a room and I closed the door behind us.

“Dr. Connors?” Kailen asked, surprised, like she was seeing her for the first time today.

“Kailen, do you know where you are?” She asked her.

“The hospital.” She answered, looking around the room.

“Can you tell me what happened?” Dr. Connors asked her.

“I don’t know,” Kailen whispered.

“It’s okay. Let’s get you changed and cleaned up.” Dr. Connors told her and she nodded.

“Prince Hunter, give me a hand, please?” She asked me.

I helped strip Kailen out of her shredded, bloody clothes. I could see the extent of the damage he had inflicted on her and it infuriated me to think

of his hands all over my mate. It was a good thing he was dead because I would have killed him myself.

“Prince Hunter, I know it’s hard to see your mate like this, but I need you to calm down.” Dr. Connors whimpered, and I didn’t realize I had let my aura slip out.

“Sorry.” I said, dropping my aura and turning my attention back to my mate.

“Kailen, talk to me?” I asked her. But she was just looking through me.

“I’m going to insert an iv and sedate her. This is just too much for her to handle. Whatever happened is on the verge of breaking her.” Dr. Connors said and I could hear her panic.

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After they had sedated Kailen. The doctor cut off what was left of her clothes. Seeing the extent of her injuries had my blood boiling. Jake had bitten her over my mark and one of her breasts. I hated that she still smelled like that jackass.

“Why isn’t she healing?” I asked Dr. Connors. I noticed that all her wounds weren’t healing as fast as they should and the bite marks looked like they were infected.

“Stress. Once her mind is calm, she will start healing faster. But in the meantime, I’ll need to stitch her up and put some ointment on her wounds. I’ll be right back with a kit.” She explained before leaving the room.

I covered Kailen up with a blanket before I sat down on the chair beside her bed. I pulled out my phone to text Greyson, Zach, and my father. When I was done, my phone instantly rang and Greyson’s name popped up on the screen.

“Greyson?” I answered.

“Hunter, your uncle knows about his son’s death. He’s trying to find Kailen. Your father is trying to defuse the situation. Has Kailen said anything about what happened?” He asked me.

“Fuck. No, we had to sedate her. She’s not healing. Also, Jake tried to mark her. He bit over my mark and one of her breasts.” I told him.

“Fucken hell. What a fucken monster.” Greyson exclaimed.

“Tell my father to hold him off as best he can. Kailen hasn’t given her statement yet.” I told him.

“I’ll let him know, but Hunter, this might start a war.” Greyson warned me.

“My uncle doesn’t have money for a war, and I’ll challenge him if it comes to that.” I told him.

“Zach and I will be there soon.” He told me before ending the call.

Dr. Connors came back in, and took some photos before stitching Kailen. I knew she was doing it for evidence. This way, there was proof of her injuries.

“How are you doing, Prince Hunter?” She asked me.

“I’ll be better once she heals, and she’s awake,” I answered.

“This may set back her recovery,” she said.

“And we will handle it one day at a time,” I told her, and she nodded.

“Dr. Connors, has Kailen made an appointment with you?” I asked her.

“I’m not sure why?” She answered.

“Kailen went into heat a few days ago, but it only lasted about eight hours.” I told her. She stopped what she was doing and looked up at me.

“I honestly didn’t expect you to say that. After she is all healed up, I can check everything out. But I’ve seen the damage. It’s unlikely that the heat will lead to pregnancy.” She explained. She went back to stitching while I sat beside Kailen, holding her hand.

“Prince Hunter, are you worried that Kailen won’t be able to give you an heir?” Dr. Connors asked.

“If she can’t have a child, I’m not worried about that. But I am worried about her. I know she feels like she has to give me an heir. And I don’t want her to be disappointed,” I told her.

“I’m glad that Kailen has you, Prince Hunter. Kailen will make a wonderful Queen, despite her traumatic past.” She said, and I agree. Kailen is the strongest person I know, and she will get through this.

When Dr. Connors was done, she covered Kailen back up and told me she would be in to check on her. I thanked her, and she left. Thinking over the last couple of days, I should have ordered Jake to leave. He threatened to take my queen, but because he was family, I brushed it off, as he was jealous. He could have killed her and I let him stay. Guilt was eating at me while I watched her sleep. Her face was bruised a dark purple, her eye still swollen and her lips split open. I was eager to hear what had happened, even though I had a good idea. She didn’t go into the closet willingly. So what actually happened?

I texted Greyson to tell him to get statements from her class. They were in the room when Jake was there before she ran after him. Maybe they can give some insight into what happened before she ran after him and why.

Listening to the beeping of the machines, I pulled myself from my thoughts when I heard a commotion coming from the hallway. I could hear shouting and things being thrown around. Making my way to the door, I peered out to see my father and uncle arguing in the hallway. My father’s beta, gamma, and delta were all trying to protect my father. Stepping out of her room, I closed the door behind me.

“What’s the problem?” I demanded.

“Your fucken mate killed my son!” My uncle screamed at me, getting in my face.

“Your fucken son attacked my mate!” I growled out, letting my aura out. He may be the king’s brother, but I’m the heir to the throne.

“I demand you do something about this!” he roared.

“This is my kingdom and you have no right to make demands of my people. Gamma Kailen clearly felt threatened or she wouldn’t have had to kill him.” My father said.

“He was your fucken nephew! Are you really going to take the word of some whore?” My uncle screamed, and I punched him in the face. He flew back into the wall behind him.

“Call my mate a whore again, and I’ll kill you myself.” I growled out.

“Mark my words, this means war.” My uncle said, rubbing his jaw. He pushed past everyone, rushing out of the hospital.

“Son, how is she?” My father asked me.

“Sedated. She wasn’t healing. Dad, he bit over my mark.” I told him.

“Go be with her. I’ll try to fix this mess.” He sighed.

“I’ll challenge him if needed.” I told my father.

“Let’s hope it doesn’t come to that.” He told me before he left. I walked back into Kailen’s room to find that she was now awake.

“Baby, how are you feeling?” I asked her, rushing to her side.

“Was that about me?” She whispered.

“Beautiful, don’t worry about that. When you are ready, you can tell me what happened.” I told her, taking her hand in mine.

“Hunter, Jake was at the auction house.” She whispered, looking at me with tears in her eyes.

“Baby, I’m so sorry this happened. I should have ordered him to leave,” I told her.

“It’s not your fault. I shouldn’t have gone looking for him.” She told me.

“Why did you?” I asked her and she sighed.

“I remember hearing his voice at the auction house. He spoke to me there. I think there was a bidding war between him and Marcus. I also think he knew Marcus. He mentioned him.” She said.

“Baby, can you tell me what happened?” I asked her.

“I ran after him and he pulled me into the closet. He attacked me and I killed him.” Her voice cracked, saying she killed him. Her eyes swelled with tears and I knew she felt guilty.

“Baby, you did what you had to do.” I told her, moving to sit beside her on the bed. I wrapped my arms around her, pulling her to my chest.

“Hunter, I know this is going to have consequences.” She mumbled into my chest.

“What you did was in self-defence. He bit your mark to make you submit to him. Dr. Connors has the photos to prove this. Don’t you worry about the consequences,” I told her.

“He bit my mark?” She asked me.

“He did, but it will heal.” I told her, kissing her temple.

“Hunter, I’m so sorry.” She cried into my chest.

“Shh, it will be okay, baby. Everything will work out.” I told her, holding her close. I let her cry in my arms until she fell asleep again. It broke my heart to see her in so much pain.

Dr. Connors came back in after Kailen was already sleeping again. She checked her wounds and informed me they were healing. She also helped me move Kailen so I could lie down beside her. When she was done, she applied more ointment to the bite marks and left again.

I was snuggled into Kailen when Zach and Greyson entered her room. Greyson took my seat and Zach pulled up a chair to sit on the other side of her bed.

“How is she?” Greyson asked me.

“She woke up when my uncle started a commotion in the hallway.” I told them.

“Has she said anything about what happened?” Zach asked.

“She said that she remembers Jake talking to her at the auction house.” I told them and both of them gasped.

“So, Jake knew her already.” Zach breathed out, and I nodded.

“This had to have been his plan. I’m not sure why it never happened before, but he knew she was here.” I told them.

“I’ll pull out his financials and see what I can find out,” Greyson said.

“And I’ll track his whereabouts for the last four years. If he knew she was here, why did he never come for her?” Zach asked us.

“Did she say anything else?” Greyson asked me.

“She said that when she remembered, she went after him. He pulled her into the closet and attacked her.” I said.

“Did you pull the surveillance?” I asked them.

“We tried, but there was a blind spot right there. The closet wasn't visible to us. We saw Jake and then we saw Kailen, but we don’t know what happened after they walked by the closet.” Greyson told me, and I cursed. We were fixing that camera problem.

“Okay, well, Dr. Connors has photos of Kailen’s wounds. And this was self-defence. He bit over my mark. He wanted her to submit.” I told them.

“Hunter, we also found Kailen’s underwear.” Zach said, and I had to hold in my growl to not wake Kailen.

“I’m glad he’s dead or I would have killed him myself.” Trying to calm myself, I breathed out. I didn’t want to scare Kailen.

“We’ll go start our search. The faster we get this done, the better it will be for Kailen,” Zach said, standing from his seat.

“Thanks. Let me know what you find.” I told them.

“I’ll also talk to her class. I didn’t have time to, earlier.” Greyson said, and I nodded. After they left, I snuggled into Kailen while she slept on my chest. Looking down at her, I could see that her face was healing. Thank the goddess, her mind was calming down so she could heal.