

## Chapter 61 - The Lycan King's Gamma

Gamma Kailen Steele

It terrified me that someone was in our room last night. I believed that having all the warriors here would help me feel safe, but I was wrong. I let my guard down and now I'm trying to figure out a way to protect myself and my family.

I know Hunter is worried about me and our pup, but if anything were to happen to him, I would finally break. He is my safety, my home, and I would be empty without him. Even with our child, I don't think I could ever live without him.

A knock on the door pulled me from my thoughts. Hunter asked me to call Dr. Connors. He just wanted to make sure everything was okay with the baby, as this has put me under a lot of stress. Aurora said our baby is good, growing and healthy, but I think he just needs reassurance right now.

Hunter rose from his seat beside me in the seating area and answered the door. Dr. Connors greeted her prince before stepping into the room. She sat in the chair beside me, and Hunter sat down beside me on the couch.

"Gamma, how are you feeling?" She asked me.

"I've been really stressed and worried. Aurora says that everything with the baby is good, but we are just worried," I told her.

"Any bleeding or pain?" She asked me and I shook my head.

"Prince Hunter, can you hear the baby's heartbeat?" She asked him. He lifted my shirt and pushed his ear into my belly. A smile spread across his lips as he listened.

"I can." He said, still listening.

“Then I don’t think there is anything to worry about. Just drink plenty of water and eat.” She said. And I nodded. Hunter was still listening to our baby.

“Kailen, what happened?” She asked me and I sighed.

“Someone found out I’m pregnant and left a note in our room last night. My father’s former beta and his sister knew I was pregnant because of the changes to my scent and aura. My mother went through the same thing when she was pregnant. But Cathy said that my changes were stronger.” I explained.

“My wolf noticed that as well. She says your aura is stronger and more demanding. Have you tried to command anyone?” She asked me.

“Well, to be fair, Hunter is the only one here that out ranks me by title, but since he’s my mate, we are equals.” I told her.

“I have an idea. I’m going to stand and I want you to command me to sit.” She said, standing from her seat.

“Doctor, are you sure that’s safe?” Hunter asked, sitting up.

“It’s perfectly safe and if she can command others, it will help keep her safe. Now command me to sit.” She said.

“Sit down,” I said. I was unsure how to use my aura. I never had to use it before. The doctor shook herself but didn’t sit.

“Force your energy out, baby.” Hunter whispered to me.

“Again.” Dr. Connors commanded.

“Sit down.” I growled out, pushing my energy out. I didn’t expect Dr. Connors to drop to the couch and start whimpering in pain.

“Shit, I’m so sorry.” I rushed out, trying to pull it back. As soon as it dropped, she let out a breath.

“Kailen, I don’t even think Prince Hunter's is that strong.”

“Baby, I felt it. The pressure was intense,” Hunter said, and I looked over at him. He was smiling at me.

“At least I know I can command others, but I’ll have to test it on an alpha.” I said.

“I’m an alpha’s daughter.” Dr. Connors said, and I looked at her in shock.

“What?” I asked her.

“My brother took over the pack, and I became a doctor. If you can command me like that, then all the alphas here should watch out.” She chuckled.

“Thank you, doctor. We really appreciate it.” Hunter said with a hand over my belly.

“It’s my pleasure, my prince. Kailen, breakfast should be almost ready. You need to eat.” She reminded me. Standing up from her seat, I stood up with her and Hunter followed.

“We will be down there soon.” Hunter told her before she left. After she was gone, I let out a breath.

“Told you.” Aurora huffed.

“And I trust you. I’m just scared.” I told her.

“Why didn’t you tell me about my aura?” I asked her.

“Because you don’t want to know,” she said, and I sighed.

“Hunter, do you want to know what we are having?” I asked him. He had moved into the closet. He instantly poked his head out to look at me.

“Really?” he asked me, confused.

“Aurora won’t give me any information until I know. And I want to know if you want to know?” I asked him again.

“She knew about your aura?” he asked me, and I nodded.

“Then let’s know.” He said, moving to the couch that I sat back down on.

“Okay,” I breathed out.

“Aurora, what are we having?” I asked her.

“We are having a girl.” She said, and I let out a breath.

“It’s a girl,” I exclaimed to Hunter.

“And,” Aurora dragged out.

“What?” I asked her, confused.

“And we are having a boy.” she exclaimed, wagging her tail. I looked at Hunter, shocked.

“Kailen, what’s wrong?” He rushed out.

“And a boy,” I whispered.

“What?” Hunter exclaimed, moving to sit on the coffee table in front of me.

“Aurora says we are having a girl and a boy,” I mumbled, looking at him. I was still in shock. How did the doctor miss another baby?

“He’s hiding behind his sister, and their heartbeats are in sync.” Aurora answered my thought.

“Twins?” Hunter said, and I nodded.

“Really?” He rushed out, and I nodded again. I knew I had tears in my eyes. Not only are we pregnant, but we are having twins.

Hunter wrapped his arms around me and crushed me on the couch. We were both laughing as he tried to move off of me.

“We are having a girl and a boy.” He grinned before crushing his lips into mine. Nothing could ruin this good mood.

“That’s why my aura is stronger, because I’m pregnant with both?” I asked Aurora.

“Bingo.”

Hunter pulled away and rested his forehead against mine. He was now sitting beside me on the couch.

“We should probably get those two fed.” He chuckled, and I laughed.

“That’s why my aura is so strong. I’m carrying both.” I said.

“And I couldn’t be happier,” he said, kissing my forehead.

“Now, let’s get you three fed.” Hunter said, pulling me up off the couch. I was already dressed, so Hunter led me to the door to leave, his hand wrapped in mine.

“I love you so much, Kailen.” He said, spinning me into him.

“I love you so much, my king.” I told him, pecking his lips and he smiled against mine.

I couldn't help the smile on my face as we walked hand in hand into the dining room. There was a buffet breakfast laid out and guests could go up and choose what they would like, or order something from the kitchen. Even after last night, I couldn’t be happier and I also have a weapon, my command. I was feeling more confident, as dealing with these alphas will be easier now. I took a seat beside Cathy again and Hunter insisted on getting me a plate of food.

“French toast.” I mindlinked him.

He turned around, and I gave him a smile. He went back to what he was doing, and I turned my attention to Cathy.

“You seem chipper this morning.” She giggled.

“It’s been a wonderful morning.” I told her, grinning.

“Princess Kailen, don’t you look glowing this morning,” Alpha Ivan said from across the table. Eli and his father were just taking their seats.

“Good morning, Alpha Ivan, Mr. Cooper. I hope you had a great night.” I grinned at them, and it would seem my good mood was rubbing off on people. Alpha Ivan actually smiled back at me.

“Miss Steele.” Mr. Cooper greeted me.

“It would seem that you had a great night.” Alpha Ivan said, before taking a sip of his coffee.

“It was wonderful. I’m so thankful that I have my mate with me. It’s a shame your Luna couldn’t join us.” I said.

“She had a family emergency she needed to attend to,” he answered.

“I hope everything is okay.” I said, and I didn’t miss Eli shaking his head at me.

“I spoke with her last night and everything is getting better.” He answered, and I gave him a smile.

“That’s good to hear, and I would love to meet her. You have both raised such a wonderful son,” I said with a smile.

“I’ve heard nothing but good things about you as well.” Alpha Ivan said, and Eli pulled a face, making me laugh.

“That’s good to hear,” I said before Hunter placed a plate of French toast in front of me. He leaned down and kissed my cheek before sitting down in his chair at the head of the table.

“Thank you, sweetie.” I said to him and he gave me a smile. Zach and Greyson also took their seats, and they both gave me a look. They must be confused about my mood after last night. But even if I was still scared, I would show no weakness in front of these alphas.

“Kailen, what are your plans for the future?” Cathy asked me, while I started eating.

“Hunter is building us a house. They should have broken ground already.” I answered after swallowing my bite.

“That’s so exciting. Not planning the wedding?” Cathy asked.

“Nothing is confirmed yet. We should probably pick a date.” I answered her.

“We have a date.” Hunter said, and I whipped my head to look at him. He was smirking.

“The day we met,” he said in my head. Tears swelled in my eyes as I stared at my amazing mate.

“We have a date.” I told Cathy, turning back to our conversation.

“Eek,” she squealed and everyone at the table looked at us and we both started laughing.

“You need to let me take you dress shopping.” She exclaimed.

“I would be honoured.” I told her, and she wrapped an arm around my shoulders in a side hug.

“I am so proud of you,” She whispered. Looking around the table, everyone was watching my interaction with Cathy.

“Princess Kailen, how do you know Cathy?” Alpha Ivan asked.

“She raised me.” I answered. He looked stunned at first, but quickly hid his shock.

“Interesting.” was all Alpha Ivan said.

“Kailen, an alpha and his party will arrive soon,” Hunter said, and I nodded to him.

“Come to our room later. We can get ready for the party together.” I told Cathy, and tears swelled in her eyes.

“Of course, my dear.” She said, patting my hand.

Hunter offered me his hand, and I took it. He was already standing. He excused us and we made our way to the foyer to meet the arriving alpha. The feeling of having some control over this situation made me feel better about being here. I felt like I could relax and enjoy some of the time here, and maybe that would make others feel at ease and they would spill the beans about what is actually going on.

After all the other alphas arrived, it was time for the party and the meeting with all the alphas. I knew I could command the truth out of them if needed. I wonder if this is why Hunter always seems so in control? He could command anyone and I never bothered to use my aura before and I have to stop myself from getting a fat head about it. This evening was definitely going to be interesting, I thought, as I made my way up to our room with Hunter.

“How are you feeling, baby?” he asked me.

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Lycan Prince Hunter

I'm still on cloud nine after Kailen told me we were having twins. A girl and a boy. I couldn't wait to meet them. And Kailen is going to be the perfect mother. Her cheerful mood was contagious as she walked around the pack house with a smile on her face. I think knowing that she can command others is also fueling her good mood. She could easily control me if she put enough force behind it. I felt the aura when she commanded the doctor, and it was intense. I kind of feel bad for the people I use mine on.

Zach and Greyson kept giving me weird looks because Kailen's behaviour doesn't match with what happened last night. I eventually texted both of them.



Me: twins, a girl and a boy. And Kailen can command.

I watched as both of them checked their texts from me. The look on their faces made me laugh.

“How?” Zach exclaimed as he came to stand beside me.

“I’m not giving you the talk.” I told him, and he rolled his eyes.

“I mean, how do you know?” He huffed.

“Aurora.” I said.

“That’s awesome, man.” He yelled and I shh him. Everyone was looking at us.

“Just planning a wedding, nothing to see.” Zach called out, and I rolled my eyes. Thankfully, everyone went back to doing what they were doing.

I looked over at Kailen. She was talking with her students and she gave me a pointed look before she smiled.

“Twins.” Rex exclaimed in my head. He’s been wagging his tail since Kailen told us the news.

“We are going to have a princess and a prince.” My wolf grinned.

“And all thanks to our beautiful queen,” I said, and he howled.

It’s going to be a great day even with all these alphas around. And we will eventually need to get down to pack business, but until then, I’m going to be the happiest man alive.

When it was finally time to head upstairs to get ready, I was excited to get this event over with and spend some time with my mate. Zach and Greyson followed as I walked with Kailen to our room. I was about to open the door until Zach stopped me.

“Can’t go in there.” He said, and I raised an eyebrow while Kailen was giggling.

“Why?” I asked him.

“He doesn’t want you to see my dress,” Kailen said, and I looked at Zach.

“It’s not her wedding dress,” I exclaimed, and he shrugged.

“But it’s worth it.” He told me and I sighed.

“Fine, but you stay with her and Cathy the entire time. And get me my suit so I can change in my office.” I said, rolling my eyes.

“Don’t worry, baby. You can take it off me later.” Kailen purred in my head. I looked at her and she was playing with her lips.

“That was mean.” I groaned through the link and she giggled.

“I’ll be okay. I can use my command. And you are going to love it.” She linked, pecking my lips.

“Fine.” I groaned. Kailen and Zach fist bumped before Zach went into the room to retrieve my suit bag.

While Zach was in the room, Cathy came upstairs with Thomas. Cathy had a few bags with her, and she was grinning when her eyes met Kailen’s. I could see she really cares for her. She must be so happy to have Kailen back in her life, not truly understanding why Kailen left in the first place must have been hard.

“Thomas, you can change in my office with Greyson and I. Zach is going to be staying with the ladies.” I told him, and he raised an eyebrow.

“Zach is one of Kailen’s girlfriends.” Greyson chuckled.

“Hey, I heard that!” Zach called out, and we all laughed.

“He’s just jealous of your fabulous taste,” Kailen called out. And Greyson rolled his eyes.

“I’m not happy about this. Someone was able to get in there when you were asleep,” I told her.

“But I’m not alone. And you know Zach would let nothing happen to me.” She told me when Zach came back and handed me my suit bag.

“And I won’t either,” Cathy said.

“Fine, but keep the link open.” I told her before pulling her in for a kiss.

“Promise.” She said before Cathy and Zach pulled her into our room, closing the door behind them. I turned to the two warriors, and they both gave me a nod.

“No one goes in.” One said, and I nodded.

“I guess we should go get ready,” Greyson said.

“I’m sure we have time to get some work done.” I told them, walking towards my office.

“Kailen can’t take that long to get ready?” Thomas asked and both Greyson and I chuckled.

“It’s not Kailen who takes forever. It’s Zach.” I laughed.

I opened my office door and entered, laying my suit bag on the couch before moving behind my desk. I pulled out my phone to answer some emails and to text my father about the teams that were planning on entering the five packs that we know are involved with Andrew in some way.

It seemed like he had all the teams in position and they all had their orders to lock down the pack houses and go through the finances. Hopefully, then we can get a lead on where the victims are and the blackmail information. I was curious to learn what my uncle was hiding.

When I finally looked up from my phone, Thomas and Greyson were already dressed, minus their suit jackets.

“Hunter, are you almost ready?” Kailen asked through the link.

“Are you done already?” I asked her, stunned.

“I’m just waiting for you to go down to meet everyone in the ballroom. Zach wants me to walk down the stairs to meet you in there.” She told me and I rolled my eyes. He’s so dramatic.

“Fine. I’ll be ready and down there in ten minutes.” I told her, rising from my seat to get ready.

“Why didn’t you tell me it was time to head down?” I asked Greyson as I got changed.

“You were busy, and it’s not like you have anything else to do but put a couple of pieces of clothing on.” He shrugged.

“Hunter, how is Kailen doing?” Thomas asked me. He was sitting on the couch.

“She can command. And it’s strong. She commanded her doctor, who is an alpha’s daughter, like it was nothing. And I even felt the magnitude of it. Before we found out about that, she had asked for a gun.” I answered him.

“What changed her mood?” He asked me and I sighed. Greyson had already filled him in on the note left in our room.

“Aurora would only give us more information if we knew what we were having,” I said, and his face lit up.

“A boy?” he exclaimed.

“And a girl.” Greyson blurted.

“Both? Twins?” Thomas proclaimed, and I nodded.

“That’s why she is so powerful? My wolf can feel it radiating off of her. She is not only carrying a powerful luna but an alpha,” Thomas said.

“That’s why we have both been so happy today. Even with everything going on, I can’t believe we are having two pups.” I told him, smiling.

“Congrats, Hunter. This is wonderful news.” Thomas said before we left the office and headed to the ballroom.

I was dressed to impress in my black suit and all the guests should be in the ballroom by now. I thought I’d be walking in with Kailen, but Zach had to put on a show. Kailen looks gorgeous in everything and nothing.

“Alright. I’m all ready for you.” I told Kailen through the link as I entered the ballroom.

I was greeting alphas and betas with Greyson and Thomas. When the room gasped, I had my back turned to the stairs and didn’t notice my beautiful queen walking down them.

Her hair was curled and pulled over one shoulder. Her makeup was done lightly, which just enhanced her beauty as she walked down the steps in a gorgeous emerald green floor-length dress with a slit up to her mid-thigh. The dress hugged her curves as I moved to the bottom of the stairs to meet her.

She was smiling at me, while the entire room was smiling at her. Kailen made being a queen look easy as she walked down the stairs gracefully. Before she reached the bottom, I held out my hand for hers and I helped her down the two steps that were left. I spun her into me before crushing my lips on hers. I would have deepened the kiss if it wasn’t for her lipstick.

“Gorgeous.” I whispered when I pulled away.

“Worth it?” She asked with a smirk.

“I’ll let you know when I’m ripping it off of you.” I linked her.

“Hunter?” Greyson called out right before the room filled up with smoke and Kailen was ripped away from me.

“Kailen!” I yelled out, unable to see through the smoke.

Something pricked my neck before I was shoved down on my stomach and cuffs were locked on my wrists. I tried to fight as the silver cuffs

burned my wrists and the worst burning sensation took over my body. They have injected me with wolfsbane.

"Kailen!" I tried to yell through our link but the wolfsbane had already blocked the link and my wolf.

What the fuck is going on? Where are my warriors? They forced me to my knees, but I was so worried about Kailen. The force of air hit me and the smoke cleared, exposing the person in front of me.

"Alpha Ivan!" I growled out, and he smirked down at me.

"Where is your lovely princess?" He asked, and I scanned the room in a panic. Everyone but the five packs were on their knees like I was. All of my warriors were nowhere to be found, and they barricaded all the doors. The only ones I didn't see were Kailen's students.

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Walking down the stairs to meet Hunter, I felt beautiful in my emerald green dress. It hugged my curves perfectly and gave the illusion that my breasts were much larger than they were. Or maybe it was being pregnant.

I smiled at Hunter, ignoring everyone else as he turned around to look at me. This god of a man was my mate, future husband, and father to our unborn pups. I felt so thankful as he made his way over to me and, taking my hand, he spun me into him. Claiming me in front of all these alphas, I was on cloud nine because of how wonderful today is. I was his, and he wanted the entire kingdom to know.

Before the room filled up with smoke, I heard Greyson call out to Hunter. I didn't have a chance to call out to Hunter when hands grabbed me. I was thrown over someone's shoulder. Unable to see anything, but it felt like I was moving upstairs.

"Stop." I commanded. And the person instantly stopped.

“Miss Steele, we need to get you out of here.” Mr. Carter whispered to me. He was standing behind the person carrying me.

“What?” I gasped out.

“Command him to move and I’ll explain everything once we get you somewhere safe.” Mr. Carter said. Trusting my students, I told the person to walk, and we started moving again until we were back on the alpha floor.

Looking behind me, I’m pretty sure it was Eli that was carrying me. Both the future alpha’s betas were with us as Eli carried me to my room, locking the door behind us. The warriors were no longer at the door.

Eli finally put me down, and I felt like I was going to throw up and then I was confused about what was going on. Where did the smoke come from? And why were my students helping me get out of there?

Eli helped me to sit on the edge of the bed while Mr. Carter passed me a glass of water. Thanking him, I took a sip. I looked around at the four of them.

“One of you had better start explaining, and where is Hunter?” I demanded.

“I overheard my father planning on taking the crown from Prince Hunter,” Eli said, and I gasped. I knew Hunter was still alive, but I feared for how long.

“Why?” Is all I go stutter out.

“He knows about you, and he wants you,” Eli answered. I closed my eyes and willed myself not to break down. If he knows I’m pregnant already with Hunter’s pups, he will kill them.

“Miss Steele, please don’t cry. We are here to help.” Eli said, trying to comfort me.

“And how are you going to help? What was happening in the ballroom?” I gasped out.

“We know you are pregnant. They were injecting everyone with wolfsbane. It would have killed them. We had to get you out of there to come up with a plan.” Mr. Carter said.

“Hunter!” I yelled through our link, but I couldn’t reach him.

“I can’t reach Hunter.” I gasped out, feeling like I was having a panic attack. My breathing was shallow and I could feel my lungs contracting.

“Miss Steele, we need you to calm down.” Mr. Carter said.

“Damion, that isn’t helping.” Eli scolded Mr. Carter.

I couldn’t think straight as I thought of the possibilities of what they could do to Hunter. And everyone. My mind was racing with too many questions for my mouth to ask. My stomach was in knots over anything happening to my mate. Today was supposed to be a good day and I can’t lose him.

“Kailen, breathe and take control. We can do this.” Aurora said.

“What if I can’t and something happens to him? What if they get me and they kill our babies? What if?” And then I realized.

They were testing that drug to see if they could control the side effects. Fuck. It was a test. They didn’t want to get the girls pregnant. It was to see how much of the drug they needed to get pregnant without being crazed.

“Your father wants me to have his child?” I asked Eli, and he nodded.

“Miss Steele, I apologize for all of this. I know what my father is doing isn’t right. I know he’s into illegal shit, but this, you can’t own another human being.” Eli growled out.

“Mr. Carter, do you know what your father had over Prince Andrew?” I asked him, and his eyes got misty.



“When Eli called me yesterday to look into my father’s finances after learning about the takeover, I did some digging. Prince Andrew was into some nasty shit and my father had proof.” He answered.

“How bad?” I asked him and he looked away.

“He was a sick monster,” he said.

“Children?” I asked him, taking his hand. He looked at me and nodded. I thought I was going to throw up. Not only was Jake a monster, but his father was as well.

“Mr. Cooper, how do we get back into the ballroom?” I asked him.

“And where are all our warriors?”

“Dark Shadow, Raging River, Blood Moon, Sapphire Lake and Fire Forest all sent warriors. They were hiding close by to take down the army that you had here. And I’m not sure what the safest way to get back into the ballroom is,” he said.

“I don’t need the safest. I need to get my mate out safely,” I told him.

“Miss Steele, you can’t shift.” Mr. Evans, Eli’s beta, said.

“No, but I can command. Now sit, all of you.” I commanded, and they instantly dropped to the floor on their asses. Eli was still sitting beside me.

Breathing out, I released the command, and they could breathe again. I wasn’t sure what I was going to do, but I knew it was something stupid. I had little to work with and I couldn’t shift, but I knew they wanted me alive. So, that’s the angle I was going to play.

“Mr. Cooper, unzip this dress.” I told him, turning my back to him.

“What’s the plan?” He asked, unzipping this dress.

“I’m going to change into something I can move in. And then I need a knife and a gun if you can find one. I’m going to use myself as bait.” I

told them before standing up. As I made my way to the closet to change, I held my dress to my chest.

Five alphas were going to die today for their disloyalty and taking my mate. And I swear to the moon goddess that if they hurt him, I will command them all to kill themselves.

In the closet, I let my dress fall to the floor before I pulled out a pair of leggings. Pulling them on, I reached for a bra before putting it on and fixing my breasts. They were spilling over the top of the cups.

I caressed my lower belly as I willed myself not to break down. I have to do this. And if I wasn't pregnant, this would be so much easier to do.

"I'll keep our pups safe. You get our mate," Aurora said.

"I'm scared." I told Aurora.

"Don't be. Be the badass Luna and princess that I know you are. Command the bastards until they explode under the pressure of your aura." She growled out.

Taking a deep breath, I grabbed a long sleeve shirt, pulling it over my head. I walked back into the room to find my four students waiting for me. They all looked like they were lost in a hushed conversation.

"What now?" I asked them.

"With all due respect, gamma, we can't let you be bait. You are pregnant with the future heir to the throne and if anything was to happen to you and to them, it would devastate the kingdom." Eli said.

"I understand your worry, but my mate, friends and family are in that room and I'm going to protect them. They want me and, with no wolfsbane in my system, I can command them. It will catch them off guard. They want me and they are going to get me, just not in the way they expected." I told them.

"Besides, who's going to teach you fuckers next semester?" I chuckled. And the four of them gave me a smile.

“Okay, what’s the plan?” Damion asked me.

“After I’m in the ballroom, I need you four to release our warriors and get them to the ballroom. We are going to need everyone. I’m not sure how long my command will hold or how many it will hold, so I need you four to work fast.” I told them and they all nodded.

“Were there guards at the door that we exited from?” I asked them.

“Not yet, but I’m sure they are there now. We tried to be as quick as possible.” Eli said.

“Okay, so the plan is I will command them to stand down and you will knock them out. If they have weapons, take them. And move to get our warriors.” I told them.

“And what are you going to do?” Eli asked me. Using his first name to address him, I had to tell Eli the truth.

“Eli, after this you will be the alpha of your pack. I’m sorry, but I can not spare your father.” I told him. His eyes got misty before he nodded.

“I understand,” he breathed out.

“I wish there was another way, but there isn’t. Now follow me.” I told them, moving to the door.

I opened the door quietly and looked out down the hallway before moving out of the room.

Eli and Damien moved in front of me. And their betas were walking behind as we made our way to the top of the staircase entrance to the ballroom. Eli peeked around the corner and held up two fingers, showing there were two warriors. Moving around them, I walked towards the warriors that were guarding the doors.

“Well, who do we have here?” One smirked. As I watched them.

“The prince got one thing right.” The other one said. Watching them, they both had a handgun and a few other weapons. What the hell was the plan here?

“I think we should take our reward for finding the lost princess.” The first one said, and I smirked.

“On your fucken knees.” I growled out with so much force that they both dropped.

“What the fuck?” One growled out when my students walked up behind me.

Eli and Damien took the handguns from the warriors before hitting them with the butt end of the gun. Both were out instantly.

“Pass me a gun.” And Eli passed me his. I slid it into the back of my leggings. I was still holding the knife, since I was sure I was going to immediately need it.

“Now, go get the others.” I told them.

“But,” Eli tried to protest.

“I’ve been training for this for the last four years. I’ll be okay.” I told him.

They all hesitated before they took off to release the warriors that we had brought with us. Taking a deep breath to calm my nerves, I opened the door slowly, peeking through. Not seeing anyone, I made my way down the hallway, praying that Hunter was okay. I knew he was alive, but I didn’t know the condition I would find him in.

The closer I walked to the top of the stairs, the more nervous I became. Looking around all the corners and sneaking my way to where I could see the people below in the ballroom.

“So, where is your pretty mate hiding?” I heard Alpha Ivan ask Hunter.

“I will never tell you.” Hunter growled out, and I could hear him fighting with cuffs.

“Is she worth your entire pack? Surely, she isn’t. Even carrying your pup. You would sacrifice your entire pack for one bitch?” Alpha Ivan taunted Hunter.

Moving to the stairs, Aurora let out a thunderous growl, bringing the attention of everyone in the room to us. We were standing at the top of the stairs. Hunter’s eyes widened in horror as he looked up at me. He was on his knees in front of Alpha Ivan, his hands cuffed behind his back.

“Princess Kailen, it’s so good of you to finally join us,” Alpha Ivan said with a smirk.

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Lycan Prince Hunter

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“Kailen, run.” I yelled to her as she moved down the stairs.

“Let my mate go!” She growled out, holding a knife in her hand.

I tried to reach out to her, but I couldn’t get through the link because of the wolfsbane they had injected. What the hell was she thinking? I tried to fight against the cuffs, uncaring of the burning. Kailen needed to get out of her and to safety with our pups.

This fucker wanted my mate and what she could give him. I don’t know how he found out about the legend, but he’s a dead man either way. I didn’t care about the crown. My only concern was Kailen and our babies.

“I will not ask you again!” She growled out. I was pleading with her to run, but she didn’t look at me.

“And what are you going to do? You can’t shift, and I have all your men on their knees.” He smirked at her.

I tried to get up, but before I could even get off one knee, someone punched me in the face. Losing my balance, I hit the ground, landing on my shoulder hard. The growl that left Kailen shook the windows and everyone took a step back except for Alpha Ivan.

Looking up at Kailen, I could see the fury in her eyes. And if looks could kill, everyone in this room would be dead.

Kailen pulled out a gun, replacing the knife she was holding. Alpha Ivan actually laughed as Kailen got closer to him. She was almost down the stairs. As I watched Kailen, she smirked at him and I wish I could know what she was thinking. I was terrified for my mate and furious at this fucker, who thought for one second he would actually win this.

“The only reason you are still alive is because I need answers. Your pack runs the auction house, and you were drugging the girls, not so they would get pregnant without a mark, but to see how much of the drug it took to get them pregnant without going crazy.” She said, and I was shocked.

“Wow, you are good. Too bad it took you too long to figure it out.” He taunted.

“Did you sell Andrew the underage girls?” She growled out and I couldn’t believe what I was hearing.

“What Andrew was doing was his business.” Alpha Ivan brushed it off.

Watching Kailen, I could see that she was struggling not to shoot the bastard that allowed children to be hurt. Kailen knew all too well how it feels to have your freedom taken away.

“And the rogue attacks?” She asked. And he huffed.

“Just a distraction. I needed to get you here. Make you feel you were helping. My son provided all the information I needed about how you were working on this case about missing women. You really shouldn’t be so trusting.” He mocked her.

“And your fucken mate?” She growled out, and he growled, crossing his arms across his chest.

“Get this straight, little girl. You are to have my child, not be the queen. And after you have my child, there are four other alphas that need your fucken body. And after that, we will kill you.” He said and my blood was boiling.

Sitting up, looking around the room, they even had Alpha David Carter on his knees in cuffs. He wasn't part of this, but he must have known about the girls my uncle was purchasing. The thought made my stomach churn in disgust. Anyone who could turn a blind eye to that is a monster.

Kailen's feet hit the ballroom floor and my anxiety went to a new level as I watched my mate walk towards a monster holding a gun up to his face. He knows she is pregnant, and she is too close to him.

“On your fucken knees.” She growled out the command. The command rolled over all of us, and the warriors dropped to their knees.

The alphas were still standing, and I prayed that help was coming. How the hell could I have been so stupid to have all five of them in the same fucken area? I thought I could protect her, but I failed. I was struggling harder against my cuffs, hissing as the silver burned through my flesh.

The gun went off, and I jumped, not expecting the sound. Alpha Ivan let out a growl before falling on to one knee. There was blood everywhere.

“I said on your goddamn knees.” Kailen yelled out and her command hit us full force.

The alphas fell to their knees and warriors fell on their hands, baring their necks to the queen. I couldn't even move under her command. I felt frozen in my spot as my eyes went to Kailen.

Not turning her back on the alpha, who was bleeding from his knee where Kailen shot him. She moved towards one warrior and ripped a pair of silver cuffs from his belt. Alpha Ivan growled as he watched Kailen approach him. Putting the handgun under her chin, she pulled his arms

around his back and cuffed him. When he was cuffed, she took the gun and hit him on the back of the head with so much force that he fell on his face.

The doors to the ballroom burst open and that was enough for me to break through Kailen's command and move to her. I was off my knees and in front of her before I realized it was our warriors that were rushing in with Kailen's students in the lead.

"Miss Steele, are you okay?" Eli rushed out, running over to us. He looked down at his father and then back at her. She gave him a nod.

"Cuff the alphas and find me a key." She told him and nodded. He rushed off.

I turned to face Kailen, and she was watching me. I knew she was about to fall apart. Her eyes were misty with tears she didn't want to let go.

"Baby," I breathed out, and she broke. She hit my chest with so much force I groaned as she buried her face into my chest, wrapping her arms around my waist.

I wish I could hold her, but my hands are still cuffed behind my back. Kailen sobbed as I rubbed my cheek against her head, trying to comfort her.

"Baby, it's okay. I'm okay. How are our babies?" I whispered to her, nudging her.

"Aurora is taking care of the babies. And no I'm not okay." She cried out.

Greyson came up to us and he was no longer in cuffs. He held up a key before going behind me to unlock the silver cuffs. I still couldn't reach Rex and the wolfsbane burned in my system, but all I could think about was my mate, who was breaking down.

When the cuffs were off, I wrapped my arms and held her, trying to hold her together. Greyson cleared his throat, and I lifted my head off of hers to look at him. Her students had surrounded us while the warriors worked on cuffing the people responsible for all of this. Dr. Connors was



making rounds to make sure everyone was okay. Kailen pushed her face further into my chest as she squeezed her arms around my waist.

“Greyson, you okay?” I asked him, and he nodded.

“Your father is on his way with the rest of the army. His orders are for you and Kailen to get to the airport and head home.” He said, and Kailen’s head shot up.

“I’m not going anywhere until I’ve received statements from them. They know where the women are and I want their suppliers for the drugs.” She demanded, wiping her eyes. Greyson looked at her before looking at me. Before I could say anything, Cathy rushed over, pulling Kailen out of my arms, wrapping her in a hug.

“I was so worried.” Cathy cried, holding Kailen tightly.

“I’m so sorry, Cathy. You should never have come to this.” I heard Kailen say. Cathy pulled away, grabbing Kailen’s cheeks.

“Not for me, but for you. Are you all okay?” She asked her.

“I’m furious but, thanks to my students, I’m okay,” Kailen told her.

“Kailen, the king is right. You and Hunter need to leave. We can handle everything here.” Thomas said.

“I’m not going anywhere. That fucker sold me to Marcus and I’m not leaving until I have his confession and the whereabouts of the girls. He was selling Andrew children. Children!” She yelled out. Dr. Connors rushed over to us.

“Kailen, please calm down. Breathe.” She told her, taking Kailen’s hand. I could tell that Kailen was shaking with rage. She was so close to all the answers.

“Kailen?” I said, reaching my hand out and taking her free hand in mine. I could see the storm when she looked at me. It conflicted her. She wanted answers, but she also wanted to protect our babies.

“Hunter, I’m not leaving.” She huffed.

“And I didn’t ask you to,” I said, and she looked at me, stunned.

“What?” She breathed out.

“But you need to rest and this mess needs to be cleaned up. I’m not asking you to leave. I’m asking you to come to our room and rest while this is organized. Then you can speak to the alphas involved.” I said, and tears returned to her eyes.

“Really?” She whispered. Dr. Connors let go of her hand and I pulled Kailen against my chest, wrapping my arms around her.

“I know you want answers, but you also need to keep our pups safe. And I need to keep you three safe, so please come upstairs with me?” I whispered to her, snuggling my face into her neck.

“The pack house has been secured.” Zach came up to us and announced. I didn’t look up. I held my mate close, breathing in her scent.

“Please, baby?” I whispered in her ear, planting kisses down her neck. My hands on her hips, squeezing her tightly. I can’t believe I could have lost her and our pups today.

“Okay.” She whispered. I sighed in relief against her neck.

“Greyson, help Zach sort through these traitors. Alpha Thomas and Cathy, can you help with everyone else?” I said, and all of them nodded.

“I’ll continue my rounds.” Dr. Connors said, and I nodded.

Without saying another word, I led Kailen up the stairs to our room. I should be down there, helping with the warriors. I’m not sure how many of them were injected with wolfsbane, and I’m sure they could use the help.

Looking at Kailen, I was thankful they did not inject Kailen. The wolfsbane would have killed our pups. I almost lost them all today because I thought I could protect her and our enemy were ten steps

ahead of us. I will never make this mistake again. Kailen will stay until she gets answers, but then she will never leave our pack. Too many people know who she is and what she can give a man. I won't let anything happen to her again.

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When Hunter crushed his lips to mine, I knew this was what I needed. I needed him touching me, to be inside me. He was so vulnerable today with the wolfsbane and the silver. They could have killed him and he wouldn't have been able to protect himself.

I didn't want to think about the past. I only wanted to focus on the future with my mate and our family. I kissed this man who had me pushed up against the wall with such passion that I was dripping. My hands were on his cheeks, holding him in place while I licked his bottom lip. He thrust his tongue into my mouth, and I never wanted him to pull away. I didn't care that my lungs were screaming for more air. This man was my air, my everything, and I wouldn't live without him.

"Baby, are you okay?" He panted, when he pulled his lips from mine. We were both breathless as he rested his forehead against mine.

"No, Hunter. I'm not okay. I need you to strip me down, push me on that bed and climb on top of me. I need to feel you inside of me. To reconnect with your soul. I could have lost you today." I begged him, holding on to his cheeks, looking into his blue eyes.

Without saying a word, he grabbed the bottom of my shirt and pulled it over my head. I wrapped my arms around his neck as he leaned down, kissing his mark. His arms snaked behind me and unclipped my bra, freeing my swollen breasts.

"Baby," I moaned as he bites down gently on his mark.

Hunter reached down, picking me up. I wrapped my legs around his waist. My breasts pushed into his face and he ran his tongue down my chest until he took one of my nipples into his mouth. I moaned louder as I

rolled my hips against his. I needed this man more than I needed air. He is my entire world.

My back hit the bed, and Hunter kissed his way back to my neck. Grabbing onto the collar of his shirt, I ripped it open, uncaring of the flying buttons. I needed him naked. Hunter chuckled against my neck as I ran my hands under the shirt over his bare shoulders.

Hunter pushed off of me and removed his shirt, while I pulled down my leggings and discarded my bra that was still hanging off my arms. I pushed myself up the bed to the pillows and watched Hunter as I sat up on my elbows.

With his clothes gone, Hunter climbed up the bed, kissing his way up my body until he was settled between my legs. My arms wrapped around his neck as he sucked on his mark. His cock was pushed into my folds and I moaned, rolling my hips.

“Baby,” I moaned out. Hunter reached between us, rubbing his tip into my clit as I moaned and gasped.

I was already breathless as he slid his tip down to my entrance. He slid into me slowly, as my nails dug into his shoulders. He groaned when our bodies became flush and he was deep inside me.

“Fuck, baby,” he breathed out. His face was buried in my neck as I wrapped my arms around his neck.

He pulled almost all the way out before slamming back into me, making me cry out. I wrapped my legs around the back of his thighs, holding him close to me. I needed to feel his entire body against me.

He thrust harder and heat pooled in my lower belly. I was so close to my release as he kissed and nipped my neck. His elbows are resting on either side of my head, holding most of his weight.

“Fuck, Hunter.” I moaned out.

Hunter’s lips covered mine, swallowing my moans as he thrust faster, chasing his own release. My walls pulsed, squeezing him tightly as I rode

out my orgasm. Hunter released my lips as he groaned, panting as he released deep inside.

A few more thrusts and he stills on top of me. We were both panting, trying to catch our breath. Hunter kissed my forehead before rolling off of me, pulling me to his side. Resting my head on his chest, I threw one of my arms over his abs and a leg over his, as I snuggled into his side.

“Hunter, are you okay?” I breathed out after I caught my breath. Hunter let out a sigh before pulling me closer, his arms wrapped around my shoulders.

“I was terrified, Kailen. As soon as I saw you at the top of the stairs again, what were you thinking?” He said.

“I needed to protect you. Hunter, I can't live without you. I know you think I'm strong, but I'm not when it comes to you.” I said, my voice cracking at just the thought of not having him.

“I'm sorry, babe. I'm sorry I wasn't able to protect you. That you felt the need to protect me. You are carrying our pups and I was so scared that he was going to shift and rip you apart,” he said.

“He wanted me alive, and I played that angle. Also, his son helped to get me out of there. He heard his father talking and my students came up with a plan to get me out of there so they wouldn't inject me with wolfsbane.” I told him.

“I should never have let this happen. I thought I could keep you safe.” He breathed out. I could hear his guilt.

“Baby, you didn't know. We even have an army here. This should never have happened. It's my fault. They wanted me and they dragged all of you into this.” I told him, resting on my elbow so I could look at him.

“Kailen, your birth isn't your fault. Those greedy bastards wanted you to give them a boy so they could have some kind of power. It may not even be true. Our son could be completely normal. But they take that chance. To kill everyone here and use you for their entertainment.” He finished

with a growl. I leaned down to kiss his chest before looking back up at him.

“Can you feel Rex yet?” I asked him.

“Not yet. I can’t feel our bond either, and it’s driving me insane. I can’t believe they out smarted me. It’s my job to protect you and our pups, and I failed you three.” He said. His eyes were misty.

I climbed on top of him, straddling him. I took his cheeks in my hands, resting my forehead against his. This wasn’t his fault. It also wasn’t my fault. It’s just easier to blame ourselves for our mistakes.

“I’ll forgive myself if you can forgive yourself. Neither one of us is to blame. But I would never blame you for this. You did everything right. Both of us just under estimated their greed.” I said. He wrapped his arms around me and squeezed me.

“I love you so much, baby.” He said, before bringing his lips to mine. It was a kiss full of love and devotion.

My heart fluttered as I kissed him back with the same amount of force. Hunter was my soulmate, regardless of the matebond. Hunter was always meant to be mine. I can’t believe I almost let him go. For four years, I made this man wait, and he waited.

“Fuck, I’m so glad you and our babies are safe.” He mumbled, pulling away. I rested my forehead on his, rubbing my nose against his.

“I’m so glad that you’re safe.” I whispered, nudging his nose.

“You looked amazing in that dress of yours,” he whispered.

“Hunter green, my favorite color,” I giggled.

A knock at the door pulled us from our moment. I wish we were home, and I had already handled all of this. I didn’t want to be on this side of the kingdom any longer.

“Be right there.” Hunter called out.

“Go have a bath, baby. I’ll be right in,” Hunter said. I nodded before climbing off of him and headed into the bathroom to start a bath.

I wasn’t paying too much attention to what Hunter was doing. After turning the taps, I looked in the mirror. I was looking at my bump, or lack thereof.

I wasn’t worried, as I knew Hunter was just outside the door. I was naked as I looked in the mirror. My breasts must have doubled in size and they were big before. Rubbing my hand over my lower belly, I wish I could feel them already.

“They are doing good. Get Hunter to listen to their heartbeats when he comes back,” Aurora said.

“Thank you for keeping our babies safe,” I told her. I was so focused on saving Hunter that I should have talked my plan over with Aurora first. I should have made a list of the risks.

“Nothing was going to stop you, Kailen. And I’m happy you saved our mate. I know you are worried, but everything is going to be okay. Our pups are growing stronger with each passing day, and soon you’ll be able to hold them in your arms. Just breathe.” She told me.

“Thank you, Aurora. I’m not sure what I did to deserve such a wonderful wolf and mate, but I’m so thankful for you both,” I told her.

“Kailen, you’ve been through so much in your short life. You deserve everything and more. And you know Hunter will give you everything. All you have to do is ask,” she said.

“Can you feel Rex yet?” I asked her, worried.

“I know he’s okay. I can just start to feel him. The wolfsbane is wearing off. It should be completely gone within the next hour or two,” She answered.

“This could have ended so badly,” I said.

“Kailen, I don’t think you should talk to Alpha Ivan or any of them. Leave the past in the past and let others handle it. You’ve worked so hard to move forward. I don’t want you to go backwards to a time when you felt worthless.” She told me and I sighed.

“I was thinking the same thing. Hunter and I should just go home and let the other gammas figure this out. I’ll help if needed, but I don’t think I want to face them,” I told her.

“It’s not about facing them, it’s about being strong for your family. Knowing when it’s time to walk away. And Kailen, it’s time to walk away.” Aurora said. Before I could say anything else to my wolf, the bathroom door closed. Thinking it was Hunter, I turned to face the door.