

## **Two Times Rejected Luna Chapter 31 - 40**

Chapter 31-Is the pack under attack?

"Valerie isn't my pack member but my slave," Alpha Denzel said, his gaze emotionless, burying the pain of continuously referring to her as his slave.

The investigators' expressions showed that they believed it so he continued to explain calmly. "She's been tortured to the extent that her wolf is weak and her injuries refuse to heal."

"There is no way for her to escape from herewithout my knowing. Think deeply. Do you think she could launch an attack like that alone even if she were fit?"

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The investigator felt stupid by the analysis. Alpha Tristan had suspected Valerie but also said that

the person he fought with was a man. There was no way for Valerie to get warriors to stand by her.

Her pack turned against her, so that was largely impossible. The puzzle was getting complex. "Alpha

Denzel, what about you? Where were you at the time?"

Mathew had no idea why he asked, Alpha Denzel would never do something like that for Valerie.

"Where do you think I was?" Alpha Denzel asked with a cold gaze. When Mathew stared into them, it

was like a bottomless pit without any clues whatsoever.

No other pack had the human resources to launch such an attack, but the Evergreen pack was not

one that would, after they had all witnessed what happened that day.

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Nevertheless, Mathew could not return to the council without having some answers for the Alpha King. "The Alpha King wants answers."  
"I don't have them. The case concerning my parents and those murdered because of me remains thrown under the carpet. Tell the Alpha King that I will no longer contribute any dues to the council until all my reports are given keen attention," Alpha Denzel said seriously, and the three men felt like the ventilation was zapped from the office. [www.no\(v\)elshome.com](#)  
They could hardly breathe. The Evergreen pack was the highest contributor to the council because it was the richest. Withdrawing his support would greatly affect it. Mathew did not know how to pass such information to the council.

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His tone softened as if he was trying to cajole Alpha Denzel into changing his mind. "Alpha Denzel, your reports were given maximum attention, but we simply couldn't get any traces. Some even suspected that you might have eliminated those people yourself."

The information was confidential, but given the circumstance, Mathew blurted it out without much thought, instantly regretting it.

"Great then. You have just revealed your incompetence as a council, so I have every right to withdraw my support." Alpha Denzel was already typing out something on his laptop, and the three men exchanged fearful glances.

Mathew pursed his lips, looking for a way to get out of the situation. Even if Alpha Denzel was the

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most powerful Alpha, would he be ready to war against the council?

"Alpha Denzel, are you not asking for war?"

Alpha Denzel was unfazed at the mention of wars. His only reason for laying low was because he

hadn't found the mysterious enemy who took his loved ones and the people he cared about.

Once that was done, not even the council would be able to hold him down. "Wars are our only ways

of showing who is wrong or right through violence. You can bet that only the fittest survive."

Mathew understood the meaning of his words and couldn't help being afraid. Half of the wealth of

the Evergreen pack was proceeds from Alpha Denzel's businesses in Las Vegas. Unlike other

packs, even omegas were very well fed.

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"We shall send our report to the Alpha King." Mathew stood up with a gentle bow. Without sparing a glance, Alpha Denzel focused his attention on the email he was sending to his offices in Las Vegas and responded, "Add my greetings to it." After they left, his eyes dulled with annoyance as he sent the video of Kyle's confession to Alpha Tristan through an unknown number after editing it with a simple message. **Www.novelsHome.com**

'If you don't withdraw the case from the werewolf peace council, everyone would see this before it gets to the Alpha King.'

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There were more valuable things for him to do with his time than wasting them on the peace council.

The least he wanted now was for these investigators to keep bombarding him with useless questions.

He made sure to delete Godic's voice and anything that might trace the whole thing to himself. It was getting dark when he left the office. Somehow, he found himself on his way back to that cottage.

Allessia could have done this for him, but there was a yearning for him to do it himself.

Everywhere was quiet when he arrived at the cottage, noticing how some of the lawns had been trimmed and nicely shaped.

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No omega was assigned to help Valerie, which meant she had done all that herself. A small smile decorated Alpha Denzel's lips. How possible that the design of the lawns was exactly how his mother used to do it? Valerie was not outside like before. The casement windows were opened, and he peeped through. She was even smiling in her sleep but curled into a ball.

It was obvious that she loved it here, but Alpha Denzel couldn't help worrying about her injured foot.

When he saw her curling

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further and murmuring something, he felt that she was feeling cold.

'Silly girl. She didn't even remember to close the windows.'

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Alpha Denzel smiled and closed the windows before mind linking one of his best warriors. 'Burke, you will sleep outside the cottage tonight to keep an eye on Valerie. Make sure she doesn't see you'

'Yes, Alpha: The response came immediately. Certain of her safety, Alpha Denzel hastened back to

the packhouse. [www.NoVelShOmê.com](#)

In the wee hours of the morning, mindlinks zapped through the minds of the pack members, forcing them awake.

'It's time for training. Make sure to not be a second late. You have ten minutes.'

Lights in the houses around the pack quickly turned on as the pack members began to prepare and run to the training room.

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Allessia was not privy to mindlink because she wasn't yet a pack member, so Alpha Denzel went to wake her with a loud thud on the door. Allessia fell from the bed to the floor due to the fear from the noise. Her eyes went wide. "Is the pack under attack?"

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## Chapter 32

### 32 Chapter 32- Alessia's request

Alpha Denzel was in his training wear, black sleeveless shirt and sweatpants. His eyes carried no emotions, and there was no warmth in his voice. "If you don't get to the training room in nine minutes, you shall be punished."

His voice was stern, and as soon as he spoke, he turned around and left. Alessia quickly put on her training pants with a hazy mind. Is this what happens in the Evergreen pack? At least she got to rest a lot at the Litha Moon Pack, unknown to her that training with Alpha Denzel was always brutal.

Whenever he was away, the pack members would experience a breather, as Adira was not as fierce

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as him. Knowing that she wouldn't make it in time, Alessia drove there.

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Standing at the entrance was Alpha Denzel. His eyes glazed with annoyance, and his voice was like the winter breeze.

"You drove to training? This is the second offense in the constitution of the Evergreen pack. The first offense is simple. Thou shall not be late."

"I..." Alessia was lost for words. It wasn't the same for the Litha Moon pack, as somebody in the position of the gamma could drive to training.

"On the treadmill at fifty kilometers per hour. You have to use up the energy," Alpha Denzel commanded.

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Allessia was shocked, her throat dry. What happened to Alpha Denzel overnight? He looked like a monster, and she was so scared she couldn't jab her way out of the situation. How could someone as handsome scare her so much? "You are wasting time, or I can increase it," Alpha Denzel glared at her with seriousness. Other warriors were running in as the communication was ongoing. Allessia ran to the training room and climbed onto one of the treadmills, knowing that her day would never be the same after this workout. Never had she worked out at such speed in her life. A minute before the time, every soul had reported to training, shocked but marveled to see their Alpha himself. It was expected since they were woken up by the mindlink, but they expected him to

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be a bit late.

"Adira is no longer a member of this pack. Inher place is Allessia. I hope you accord her with the same respect accorded Adira."

The warriors nodded their heads as Allessia waved from where she was running on the treadmill.

Adira was good, so if the Alpha appointed Allessia to replace the former, then they believed she was stronger and smarter.

"Training is going to be harder than before. We are going to move from the comfort of this room to climb the mountains. We shall also be making good use of the manmade lake from now onwards and I will introduce new techniques of attacks and defense," Alpha Denzel explained calmly.

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The warriors were excited for the changes. Everyone wanted to be stronger than the other, especially when in battle with other packs. Rumors had gone around the packs, but with the Alpha not saying anything about it, curiosity got the better part of them.

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"Alpha, will Luna Valerie become a packmember? The recent attack makes everybody think that she is innocent," Julius, one of the strongest warriors, asked. Just like everyone, he was happy to see Alpha Denzel, meaning they were going to be stronger. However, most of the warriors had secretly been lusting over the beauty of Luna Valerie. With the

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certainty that the Alpha wanted nothing to do with her, it was only natural that he allows them to have fun with her.

Alpha Denzel's expression changed dramatically. "Nothing should be heard about her in this pack. If

there is a need to let you know, it will be announced."

Disappointment and confusion poked their senses, but no one dared to ask anymore. Luna Valerie

was in the same pack, and yet,

none of them had set eyes on her. They had no idea where she even was.

Some of them had been trooping to the dungeon and the shacks in the hope of setting eyes on her

to confirm her beauty as seen in the videos, but sadly, there was no sign of her.

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"Allessia," Alpha Denzel called out. When she got off the treadmill, her legs felt like

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"Alpha," she responded, breathing heavily. Alpha Denzel had a small smirk in the corner of his lips:

Allessia needed a lot of training, but he wouldn't be there to take her through it all. There was still

one person who could do the job for him, and yet, he couldn't ask

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Alpha Denzel didn't show any emotion in his eyes. He already announced her as the

Beta and so had to proceed with the ceremony.

"Allessia, do you pledge your wholehearted support for this pack?"

Allessia smiled weakly. She thought it was going to be another punishment. "With all my heart,

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Alpha Denzel."

"Burke, get me a knife," he said. Burke had left the cottage as soon as he heard movements in the room, arriving at training on time. Alessia was soon to realize that things were different in the Evergreen pack.

"To be a member of the pack, one must have a taste of the Alpha's blood." Burke returned with not only a knife but also a drinking glass. "Anyone not pack-born who joined the pack must drink the Alpha's blood as a proof of loyalty.

Alpha Denzel pierced his palm after saying those words, drops of blood fell into the drinking glass.

Within five seconds, the bleeding stopped, and the cut began to heal. Alessia took the glass and

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gulped the content down.

The result was unexpected; it suddenly felt as if she carried a big load on her head. Ceaseless

voices rang in her mind, and she felt as if she was going crazy.

A shriek tore from her throat, accompanied by dizziness. Before she passed out, Burke took the

empty glass from her hand as Alpha Denzel caught her in his arms before her body hit the floor.

Then he lowered her gently to the maple wood floor.

'Wake up!' A mindlink zapped through Alessia's mind, her eyes snapped open as they bore into

Alpha Denzel's dark gaze.

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"Congratulations on being a member and beta of the Evergreen pack. You should reach the top of

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the mountain before the twenty minutes on the timer elapse. What a monster. Allessia did not have time to argue, afraid of being punished. She was running as fast as she could, but Alpha Denzel soon bypassed her with a warning, "you are too slow. Your training time will be doubled." By the time training ended, even the strongest warriors had no desire to go about their normal work schedules. The level of exhaustion was none like they ever experienced before. Allessia, partially unconscious, was carried by Burke to the packhouse. Alpha Denzel was about to go to his room to shower when Allessia made a request. "I have two phones. I want to give one to Valerie for emergencies. Is it okay? Also, I want to go rest

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at her place."

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## Chapter 33

33 Chapter 33-Val, can you help me manage the pack?

Alpha Denzel paused in the middle of the stairs, stiffening at Allesia's request. He had never felt that he made a mistake in appointing anyone to a higher position and didn't want to feel so at a time like this.

Perhaps, he should have trained before giving her the position. Turning around, his gaze was unfriendly as he responded to her.

"Beta Allesia," he bellowed, reminding her of her position. "Did you hear yourself?" He descended the stairs and stood in front of her. "You want to give her a phone. What if she calls someone to rescue her or attack the pack? Have you thought about that?"

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Allessia lowered her head in embarrassment. Clearly, she hadn't thought about it that way. She was just an open-minded girl who trusted blindly.

"I'm sorry. I was only thinking about a way to get in touch with her and I didn't think about anybody else doing so because they wouldn't know the sim number. However, I understand that she could have some contacts in her mind and make a call."

Alpha Denzel was still displeased for the fact that she didn't make this analysis before making her request. "Don't make me regret giving you this position. You are supposed to be my ears and eyes, not turn against me."

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Pain registered in Allesia's eyes, but one thing was certain. "I will never turn against you. Valerie is just not who you think she is."

"Enough of defending her. Have you forgotten that we have to go through business documents? The factories,

hospitality sector, malls? The earlier you wake up with the understanding that this pack is two times larger than the Litha Moon Pack with no position for a gamma, the earlier you understand that a lot of responsibilities awaits you."

"I know the responsibilities." Allesia looked around, feeling misjudged. She inched closer so the maids would not hear a word she says. "Can we talk somewhere private, please?" She asked. Alpha

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Denzel sighed.

"I want to shower first."

He was climbing the stairs when Alessia followed him. "We could speak in your room."

He abruptly turned around and gave her a look. "You are not allowed in my room. Shower and ..."

he wanted to tell her to make breakfast before shaking his head.

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"Just forget it. I will cook when we get back."

He never allowed anyone to touch his food, but Alessia was an exception, except that she had a

horrible curse with spice. With Valerie's cooking, he didn't want to think about it.

Alessia met Alpha Denzel in his office after her shower as he dropped a pile of documents before

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her."This should be easy for you. Are you sure you still want to go see her?"

With so much to do, she shouldn't have time to go see Valerie even after feeling refreshed after

having her shower, but Alessia had her own plans.[www.novels@home.com](#)

"You are too busy, and Luna Valerie has a lot of experience. She's sitting around doing nothing.

Please let her teach me."[www.novels@home.com](#)

Her expectation of Luna Valerie matched that of Denzel, but how could he let her know exactly how

he felt about it?

"She knows nothing about this pack."

Alessia raked her mind. The responsibility in the evergreen pack, including standing up to Alpha

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Denzel, was much more than the Litha Moon pack. She had to work two times harder if she wanted to be the best she could be.

Nevertheless, she didn't see Alpha Denzel to have the patience she needed. Luna Valerie has always been her role model, so this was the time for her to learn the best she could.

"But she has experience managing hers. There should be some traits that run through all businesses, right?"

Alpha Denzel smiled internally, but his expression remained stoic. Alessia gave him the exact answers he wanted from her, but, "You have to report every advice or suggestion she gives you without hiding anything."

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Allessia didn't think that she had anything to hide, being grateful for the opportunity to make Valerie her mentor. "You are the best. Thank you."

Alpha Denzel finished off some work before leaving with Allessia to the cottage. They arrived at the entrance, noticing more beautiful changes. A walkway had been designed to the entrance of the cottage with beautiful flowers.

Though not grown, it was easy to envision how it was going to come out in a few months as long as

they didn't have too much snow. [www.novelshome.com](http://www.novelshome.com)

"Val, this is so beautiful. Have you not slept?" Allessia asked with a blend of worry and admiration.

Valerie should rest enough for her injured leg to heal but was rather taking care of the cottage like it

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was hers. "How are you able to do all these with your injured leg?" Hearing about her injured leg, Valerie's expression sunk as she held the gaze of Alpha Denzel. The ultimatum had elapsed, but there was still no improvement. Alessia had even forgotten about the clutches, but Valerie still had her way of moving around. "Aless, I made breakfast. Come join me," Valerie created an excuse to ease up the tension in the atmosphere. Alessia was famished as they hadn't returned to the packhouse from the office after the brutal training. She hastened to the dining table. "Wow, these are all Alpha Denzel's favorites. He loves steamed rice with chicken and hot sauce." A grin stretched her lips. Alpha Denzel would not

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eat the food and might discard it again.

Allessia couldn't get over that wasted chicken as a new idea formed in her mind. "I'll take it to the pack house."

Valerie readily agreed, being flung with discomfort due to Alpha Denzel's presence. "No problem, but you look exhausted."

"Training was fierce," Allessia voiced out. Valerie sighed as Alpha Denzel walked away. The changes weren't only on the outside but also inside the cottage, everything made him nostalgic. It was as if his mother was right there. Valerie had spent her morning trimming more hedges and changing a few things indoors, cooking as well.

"Val, can you help me manage the pack? Alpha Denzel made me his beta."

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Valerie was surprised by the news. To her, Adira wasn't too tough, but why Allesia? Why was Alpha Denzel so unpredictable?

"What about Adira?" She asked seriously. Allesia looked at the entrance, ensuring that Alpha Denzel wasn't close before speaking in a hushed tone.

"I hope you keep this a secret, but he senther to the Litha Moon pack. Alpha Idris had requested for you, but I don't know how Adira wound up replacing me."

Valerie's brows raised with a greater shock. Her suspicion before that Adira might be something more to Alpha Denzel no longer held water. If she was that special to him, then he wouldn't send her away.

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Valerie forced a smile. She never liked gossip, but the news took her unawares, and she was curious to know more. "If you don't mind, can you tell me your relationship with him?"

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## Chapter 34

34 Chapter 34- For as long as I'm alive

Allessia was saddened. The secret has been very heavy on her heart. No one knew about this, and

she wished she could open up to Valerie about it, but that would be a betrayal to Alpha Denzel."I'm

sorry. I can't tell you."

Valerie forced a smile. Maybe Alpha Denzel and Allessia were in some secret relationship. If she

was his reason for rejecting her, it was worth it, as she couldn't help liking Allessia. The girl was such

a kind soul, making it all worth it.

"We go way back, but trust me, it's not what you think," Allessia cleared the waters."It's not a

romantic relationship."

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Valerie was ashamed of all her indecent thoughts. If Allessia's relationship with

Alpha Denzel was not a romantic one, did it mean that he didn't have a woman? Why did he reject

her then? What did she do to him? She made a mental note to ask Allessia later. She might have a clue or something.

"Alpha Denzel must be disciplined. I saw from here, some of the female warriors on top of the mountain. They are very beautiful."

Allessia smiled in agreement. "He isn't like Alpha Idris or most other Alphas. I don't know how he does it, but yes. Women don't have a place on his mind. Only the well-being of his pack."

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"No wonder it was easy for him to reject me. Or, is he gay or something?" Valerie asked half-jokingly, busying herself with packaging the food for Alessia to take away. The latter laughed so hard, she snorted.

"I don't know why he rejected you, but he's not gay. Are you sure that you don't know why he rejected you? Have you offended him before?"

Valerie thought carefully. "I've always heard a lot about him, but trust me, my first time seeing him in person was on my..." it was painful for the words to come out of her mouth, but Alessia understood.

"I understand, but tell you what? I will find out and let you know. How about that?" [www.ovesh.com](#)

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Valerie was pleased with the arrangement. "I look forward to it. So what do you want to know?" She narrowed the discussion, and Allessia perked up and began to explain. "I was the gamma of my pack. The business here is bigger, and I'm not as tough as Adira. Can you help me train after your foot heals?" She asked pleadingly. *WwW.NoVelsH@Me.(c)óm*

Valerie smiled and responded, "I can still help even with my injured foot." She had long wanted to mentor her younger sister Scarlet, but the little wench never took the pack matters seriously, rather busy with a mate who wasn't hers to begin with. If Allessia was humble enough to learn, then Valerie was more than willing to help.

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"Thank you very much. I don't know how to handle the people in charge of the pack businesses.

They are all older than me. I am yet to study the documents though."

Valerie pulled a chair and sat in front of her. "You should go study the documents carefully first and

use your instincts. If something doesn't feel right, then it's not right. Do all that before making an

appearance in their offices."

Allessia frowned and asked, "Can't I inspect the offices first?"

Valerie shook her head. "No. First impressions are lasting impressions. The worst you can do as a

leader is to expose your ignorance. Don't forget that Adira was very competent. You should prove

yourself better because whether you like it or not, they are going to compare."

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"When your visit puts them on their toes, trust me, it will lessen your workload as they wouldn't want to mess with you. Take your time and equip yourself with the right information before going there."

"Also, you can spend extra time at the stores, checking the prices and labels to make sure they are in fair competition with other packs. Then, you can make brilliant suggestions," Valerie concluded.

Allessia listened attentively, making mental notes of all that was being said.

This was the reason why she wanted to give Valerie the phone. As a non-pack member, she was not privy to mindlink, so Allessia would not be able to communicate with her from the packhouse.

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"Do you think there might be corrupt people in the pack?" She suddenly asked. Valerie nodded her head with a small smile, recalling her experiences managing her pack. "There are corrupt people everywhere, but sometimes, they just might not operate when the leader is always a step ahead. The moment you get accustomed to everything, it will be easy for you to delegate responsibilities while playing the supervisory role." Alessia sighed with expectation. "You make it sound easy, but it's a lot of work." To Valerie, it was something she enjoyed doing. Managing the pack took her mind off the delay in finding her mate. Now she was wishing to have never found him. "I don't know if it's allowed, but I won't mind helping if you bring some of the documents

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Allessia recalled Alpha Denzel's warnings, knowing he would never agree. "I..."

"I know he won't agree, so let's leave it there. He only sees me as a traitor," Valerie said bitterly. After everything, she still couldn't hate Alpha Denzel as he gave her the best place she never imagined to live in.

Valerie loved the cottage better than her packhouse in the Yellowstone pack but knew she shouldn't expect too much. Alpha Denzel could move her out at any time.

"Are you?" Allessia asked seriously. She so desperately wanted to trust Valerie; the latter was lost for words. It was understandable if she was judged. After all, Allessia didn't know her.

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"If you think that I am, then why did you ask for my help?" Valerie asked seriously, and Alessia's head lowered.

"Because I keep telling my Alpha that you aren't what he thinks you are. I hope I'm not wrong,"

Alessia asked keenly, and Valerie's heart warmed.

"Aless, I might not like your Alpha, but I can never steal nor attack your pack. I still owe him my life, and I love this cottage better than my former packhouse."

Alessia smiled and spread her arms, hugging Valerie tightly. "I believe you.

Thank you very much. I will take the food now. There's so much to do in the office, but I will come back in the evening to learn some strong battle moves. I know that I can't depend on my Alpha all

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the time, and neither do I want to disappoint

him." [www.novelshome.com](#)

Allessia pulled away from the hug, feeling serene. Valerie felt different

too."For as long as I'm alive, I

promise to help you," she vowed solemnly.

"Thank you." Allessia merely stood up when they heard Alpha Denzel's voice.

"Check the state of her foot. I want to know the reason why her healing is delayed," Alpha Denzel

spoke seriously, not observing how pale Valerie was.

The doctor was shocked when he saw the wound after removing the bandage.

"Oh no."

"What is the problem?" Alpha Denzel asked, fighting back the worry in his voice.

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35 Chapter 35-There is only one waywww.NoVelshomE.com

"What is the problem?" Alpha Denzel asked, fighting back the worry in his voice. After his chat with

Brutus, he couldn't help feeling nervous about something happening to Valerie's wolf.

The doctor was equally nervous. This kind of situation was new to him in his years of

practice."Alpha, can I ask her questions in private?" He feared that Valerie might not be able to

answer his questions with the Alpha around her.

Alpha Denzel couldn't allow it. What if there was a problem with her wolf and the doctor found out

about it? Others might hear of it, and that would not be safe for Valerie.

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"No. You have to do it with me here. I am the one who called you anyway."

The doctor sighed and examined the wound carefully once again. "Valerie's injury should have healed in a maximum of three hours after the medications I gave her and also applied on it for a normal she-wolf."

He hoped that her wolf was not sleeping. Those were one in a million cases when they had stayed in wolf form for a very long time, leaving them exhausted. "Can you communicate with your wolf?"

Valerie's face was beaded with sweat, and looking at the gravity of the injury, Alessia could not help but worry.

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"Yes, but she's mostly upset," Valerie said nervously, avoiding Alpha Denzel's intense gaze. The doctor's lips pursed thoughtfully.

"There is only one way."

"Which way is that? Is it safe?" Alpha Denzel asked, Alessia stared at him strangely. He hated

Valerie, but why did it look as if things were not as simple as she perceived them to be?

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"I'm afraid her human side is dominant. Her susceptibility to injury is extremely high. It's as if she's completely human," the doctor analyzed, and Valerie's eyes welled up with tears. She was not fast enough or perhaps, not strong enough to blink them back, as Alpha Denzel caught a glimpse of it.

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His heart sunk instantly, he had the strangest feeling there was. Why didn't he stop her from walking on the coal? He could only blame himself for even bringing it up. But how could he have known that she would be stubborn enough to walk on it? His only reason for allowing it was because he knew that she had a very powerful wolf and would be healed in no time. Except from enduring the pain to stop her from wishing death upon herself, Alpha Denzel had no intention of hurting her. If he had even caught a hint that there was anything wrong with her wolf, he would not have allowed it. "So what can be done?" He suddenly asked. The doctor spoke nervously. "I know that she's a were-woman, but we have to treat her injuries the human way. It's already

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infected."

"What do you mean by that?" Alpha Denzel was glad there was a way but needed to be certain it wouldn't harm her in the future.

"She will need some antibiotics, but we don't have some around here. I have to send someone..."

"Just write the prescription. I will get someone to send it over from Vegas."

None of the pack houses or hospitals sold medications for humans, so it was well understandable. Alpha Denzel could easily get it through with a click of the finger.

The doctor did as told, and as soon as he handed the prescription over to Denzel, he took a snapshot and sent it over to Godic with a message, 'Get these medications and send them to me now by

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a drone.'

'Got it, ' Godic replied to the message. Though he said now, Alpha Denzel knew it would still take at least six hours for the drone to get there. It was faster than the helicopter, depending on how Godic would set it to be controlled from Vegas.

Also, the drone would not need to stop halfway and continue the rest of the journey in wolf form.

This was the fastest way to get the medication.

'Now you are scared; ' Brutus teased Alpha Denzel, he scowled,

'If you can't help, then just shut yourself out before I do so for you.'

Brutus was quiet instantly, as Alpha Denzel could shut him out and forget until there was a need for

him. If that happened, Brutus would not be privy to whatever happens during the time he was shut

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out.

"From Vegas to this pack is quite a distance. I will go back to the hospital for some time," The doctor said, and Alpha Denzel did not stop him since he wanted to speak to Valerie privately.

"I will alert you when the medication reaches here."

The doctor turned around but soon stopped at the entrance and turned around. He said to Valerie.

"One more thing. Since your wolf is upset, you should rest well. That will also quicken your healing."

Valerie was not ready to sit doing nothing. She was so obsessed with the garden, she couldn't keep away from enhancing it. "I just move around a little bit."

The doctor's expression was stern. "For now, you should put all that on hold and rest well."

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"I'm not used to sleeping for more than three hours stretch," she revealed, and Alpha Denzel froze as it was the same with him. He wondered what else they had in common. "Well, you need it if you want your foot to get better," the doctor insisted, but Valerie was not having it.

"There should be another way."

Alpha Denzel, having had enough of her stubbornness, quickly chimed in. "She will rest. I will make sure of it."

The doctor nodded his head and left. Alpha Denzel would indeed do as he had said.

"You should rest. I will be back," Alpha Denzel said, already walking to the door. Alessia stood up

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and carried the packaged food along. She thanked Valerie before leaving with Alpha Denzel.

As they were walking back to the packhouse, Alpha Denzel stopped and said,

"Go ahead. I have something to do."

Allessia didn't give it much thought and left. There was a lot of office work waiting for her anyway.

Returning to the cottage, it was just as Alpha Denzel predicted. Valerie was trimming the remaining hedges, hoping on one foot. Anger registered in his eyes, dripping from his tone.

"Is it the word rest you don't understand, or are you just eager to sleep in my room?" Alpha Denzel asked behind her, and she shrieked from fright.

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## Chapter 36

36 Chapter 36-Bats only see in the night

Is it the word 'rest' you don't understand, or are you just eager to sleep in my room?" Alpha Denzel

asked from behind her, and she shrieked from fright.

Alpha Denzel had a way of stalking without being detected, so not even his footsteps could be

heard. Sadly, Valerie could not trace his scent either because her wolf was dead. The man was so

weird, he scared the life out of her. [www.NoV@LShomé.Com](#)

"Oh goddess, I thought you had left." [www.NoV@LShomé.Com](#)

Alpha Denzel held her terrified gaze expressionlessly as he forcefully took the secateur from her. "I

will get someone to trim the hedges. Go to bed."

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Slowly, Valerie understood his reason for returning to sneak up on her. Having promised the doctor to ensure that she slept, Alpha Denzel intended to keep his word. Valerie shook her head indignantly. Whoever Alpha Denzel was going to send to trim the hedges did not know what she had in mind.

"No. They won't do it the way I want. I want to do it myself."

"Do you just enjoy the pain or do you just love to disobey me?" Alpha Denzel scowled. Valerie drove him nuts.

"I'm sorry. I just love keeping busy," she said with a lowered gaze. Most of the time, Alpha Denzel would avoid looking at her to prevent any temptation. Valerie was indeed a gorgeous woman and even without a mate

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bond, she still captured his attention without trying.

"If you disobey me one more time, you will be sleeping in my bed," he suddenly said, watching her

priceless reaction. He realized it had worked the first time due to how she shrieked and used it once again.

Expectantly, it worked perfectly. Valerie feared this man, so how could she lose this beautiful cottage

to end up in his room and on his bed?

"It won't come to that. Can I have my secateur back?" She asked politely.

Internally, Alpha Denzel

smirked, but his expression remained stoic.

He returned the secateur to her, turned around, and left. His guts told him that she would not dare to

disobey him anymore. Valerie went straight to bed. She loved it

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here, not wanting to be anywhere else, much less in Alpha Denzel's bed. That was scary.

When Alpha Denzel returned, Alessia had kept food in his room once again. Only then did he realize that he was hungry. He ensured to lock the door before he began to eat. Midway through, he heard giggles from his closet.

"Alessia?" Alpha Denzel was upset to have been tricked by his beta. Alessia came out of the closet, giggling like a little kid. So, this is what Alpha Denzel meant by hate? Alessia was glad it wasn't the kind of hate she thought.

"Spit it out. Why do you pretend to hate her?" She asked seriously. Alpha Denzel frowned a little. He

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couldn't defend himself concerning the food as he had been caught in the act. This was the first time

anyone made him feel guilty for doing nothing wrong.

"What are you talking about?" He frowned. Alessia was direct and amused.

"You care for her. It was in your eyes when the doctor was speaking." She had noticed it then but

wasn't sure, so she decided to test him and voila, the cat was out of the bag.

Alpha Denzel ground his teeth together but was not ready to admit that he liked Valerie merely

because he ate her food.

Well, she was the first woman who wasn't his mother, Alessia, or Luna Fernanda to have cooked for

him. Not even Adira was able to get Alpha Denzel to eat her food.

"Then you are not seeing well."

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"But you are eating her food," Alessia pointed out, adding, "You ate it the last time too."

"How will I know this is from her? I thought you cooked it. Make sure she doesn't know about this."

Alpha Denzel said defensively, not ready to admit whatever Alessia was thinking of him.

However, he didn't expect her to turn sorrowful because of his denial. "Denzel, have you forgotten

who I am? I will send your secret to my grave. I can even give my life for you. You know that I..."

Alpha Denzel pressed his palms against her lips to stop the words from coming out.

He looked around carefully, certain that there were no hidden devices in his bedroom. How could

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Alessia be spouting nonsense in his room after all his warnings? "It's not safe for you to be here.

Hurry. Getout and don't ever come back."

Alessia was reluctant to leave. Not after promising Valerie to find out about what she did to Alpha

Denzel."Denzel, what did Valerie do to you?" She stood by the door and asked seriously.

Alpha Denzel wanted to tell her but didn't feel safe about it. Adira left, but he was certain there were

spies he hadn't fished out yet. Even among the maids, there could be spies.

"I will tell you one day but not now. Youshould check the documents I left in the office." He opened

the door and shoved her out, closing it instantly.

After sending Alessia away, he pulled out a cigarette and lit it. Pain settled in his eyes as he took his

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phone to make a call, but the screen lit up before he dialed the number on his mind. It was just the person he was about to call, so he answered it.

"Denzel, will you come or should I come to you?" The calming and yet stern voice of Luna Fernanda rang from the end of the line. Alpha Denzel could feel his heart warm instantly.

"I will come to you."

"When?" She asked instantly. Alpha Denzel paused a little and replied, "I won't tell you, but I have to take Alessia through a few things before I can leave the pack in her hands."

"If you don't get here within a week, I will be there." Luna Fernanda's voice was soft, but he knew she was serious.

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"I won't disappoint you, but please don't come here and you know why. I will come to you," Alpha Denzel assured her. No matter how pressing the matter was, Luna Fernanda would never discuss it on the phone. [www.novelshub.com](http://www.novelshub.com)

"Okay. I believe you." Luna Fernanda ended the call.

Alpha Denzel switched on the laptop on the desk in his bedroom. There were so many pending emails from his casinos across the United States with their head office in Las Vegas. Hours passed before he was done responding to the numerous emails. Then he went to meet Alessia in his office.

"Why didn't you switch on the light? Are you a bat?" Alpha Denzel asked as he switched on the light.

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Alessia squinted slightly under the bright light and without taking her eyes off the documents in front of her, she responded,

"I'm rather a cat. I can see both in the night and during the day. Bats only see in the night."

Alpha Denzel went around and shoved her out of his swivel chair. "You should work from the beta's office next time."

Alessia was packing some of the documents to drop at the beta's before going to her room. "Do you mind if I take this to Valerie to help me with?" She asked, testing his resolve once

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"Bring it. I'm here because of you," he frowned and said. Alessia lost hope. There was no way to see

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Valerie tonight. Unknown to her, Alpha Denzel was only preventing her from seeing Valerie, so the latter could rest well.

In the middle of the discussion, he received a notification. 'Alpha, drone is on top of the pack house.

I added something confidential to the package.'

"I will be back." Alpha Denzel hastened to the top of the packhouse and retrieved the documents

from the drone. There was a picture he saw that made his heart fall into his stomach. He instantly called Godic.

"Where did you get it?"

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## Chapter 37

### 37 Chapter 37-My wolf is dead

Alpha Denzel's mind was a mess. How could this be possible? If Lisa didn't die, then how could the bond be broken?

It was as if Godic read his mind due to his tone and spoke politely, "Alpha, it's not Lisa. It's her elder sister, Aurora, but she escaped before I could get her for you. She seemed to be running away from someone."

Running away from someone? That gave Alpha Denzel a hint. He didn't even know any of Lisa's family, but whoever was chasing Aurora might have something to do with Lisa's murderer.

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"Find her and keep an eye on her. Whoever is after her must have something to do with Lisa."

If only he could avenge Lisa, the burden would be lifted from his shoulders. "I understand. I will keep you updated when I find out more," Godic said. The call ended after that.

Alpha Denzel mindlinked the doctor on his way back to the cottage but didn't allow Alessia to follow

him. "You should have enough rest for your training tomorrow."

He already promised to go see Luna Fernanda, meaning that Alessia would be in charge of the

pack. Alpha Denzel knew she wasn't ready, but sometimes, people learned faster when left on their

own.

For as long as he was there for her, she might feel dependent on him and relax. His absence would

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bring out the wild wolf inside of Alessia.

"I understand. Please tell her that I couldn't make it," Alessia said sadly. She still had to study all those documents to have a fair knowledge of

the pack business before meeting the managers.

"If you have time, then you should cooksupper," Alpha Denzel suggested, suddenly feeling hungry.

The first time he ate Alessia's food was when he went to visit her at the Litha Moon Pack. Alessia

was so happy to see him for the first time that she insisted on cooking for him.

Alpha Denzel was thrilled by the ten-year-old who was so eager to cook for him and agreed. The

food was terrible, but he ate it just to make her happy. After that, he threw up everything because his

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stomach couldn't take it.

The last time he visited three years ago, Alessia had improved, but he couldn't tell if it was her taste

bud or a curse. The food was so spicy, Alpha Denzel had a

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stomach afterwards. After all these, he still could not avoid her cooking.

"You are right. I just realized that I'm hungry. I will go cook," Alessia agreed with a soft smile. Alpha

Denzel knew it wasn't going to go well but encouraged her,

"Take it easy on the salt and pepper."

The reminder got Alessia frowning, and she turned to the document in front of her. "Let me finish this

up before I go."

Valerie was making supper when Alpha Denzel arrived. Valerie, uncomfortable with Alpha Denzel's

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presence, looked around for that woman whose smile brought light to every darkness around her.

"Where is Alessia?"

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"She's not here," Alpha Denzel replied, earning a frown from her. Alessia had promised to come back, but Valerie understood that she was still answerable to Alpha Denzel.

"How is your leg?" Alpha Denzel asked, rather nonchalantly as nothing showed that he cared.

"Much better," Valerie forced a smile, feeling nervous as she saw the medications in Alpha Denzel's hands. Food was ready, but she didn't dish it out, knowing the doctor would be there to administer the medications to her.

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"That's what you always say, but we saw the result of your lies today," Alpha Denzel replied expressionlessly. Valerie did not utter a word, and the atmosphere tensed up. Luckily, a warm voice broke through the awkwardness.

"Alpha Denzel," Doctor Houston called from behind.

"Come in, doctor." Alpha Denzel took a seat on one of the vacant chairs. Valerie was uneasy, as Alessia's comforting presence was missing. The doctor scrutinized the medications and smiled.

"Good you got all the right ones and so fast too. How did you pull it off?" He asked with interest, but seeing Alpha Denzel's stern expression, he got to work. "We shall begin with the IVs."

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Alpha Denzel waited when the doctor left after fixing the IVs to take care of some emergencies at the pack hospital. The atmosphere tensed, creating awkwardness in the air as Valerie spoke with caution.

"I don't know why you allow me to get treatment when you hate me so much."

However Alpha Denzel manages to put on the expressionless mask, only he could explain. "How can I torture you when you are already injured?"

Valerie smiled mockingly, shaking her head. "So all this is just for me to get better for more torture?"

It was hard to understand his temperaments.

"What else do you think it will be?" Alpha Denzel shrugged. Valerie was pitiful. The attack on the

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Yellowstone pack gave her hope that someone was fighting for her, but after Alpha Denzel made it known that he already knew she was innocent, it shattered her hopes. She kept thinking about what she had done to upset him, but nothing came to mind. "What did I do to you?"

Sadly, she succeeded in aggravating his anger. His voice was cold and hoarse. "You really don't know? I never thought you had such a short memory. Was it two or three years ago? Even if it was ten years, I will never forget it, and you have to pay." Valerie could feel a chill with every word he uttered, but her determination to get to the bottom of the matter would not allow her fears of him to hold her down. "Why don't you tell me and let me willingly pay for my sins?"

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Alpha Denzel glared at her. "The emotional torture is equally part of the game, so tell me, have you shifted recently?"

The color drained from Valerie's face, and this time, she lied. "Yes." Unfortunately for her, Alpha Denzel detected it, warning seriously, "If you lie to me again, your next destination will be on my bed."

Valerie froze. Alessia said that Alpha Denzel had no interest in women, so what could being in his bed mean? Valerie didn't care if she understood his words, but never did she want to be there for any reason.

She would rather die. "No."

A small smile curled up Alpha Denzel's lips, but it went unnoticed. At least, he discovered her

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weakness. This was the exact reason why he could tell from the onset that Valerie was innocent of

all the accusations. [www.novelshub.com](#)

"Why?" He asked, his worry for her wolf increasing. Valerie gritted her teeth and forged an excuse.

"She's too weak to shift."

This wasn't what Alpha Denzel heard about her wolf. As such, he refused to believe it. "But it has

taken long. Tell me the truth. What is wrong with your wolf?" He demanded. Valerie was adamant.

"Or you will send me to sleep in your bed?" Sarcasm laced her voice, but Alpha Denzel nodded his

head to her question.

"You got that right."

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Feeling helpless, Valerie yelled in the sofa she laid. "I should disgust you. Isn't your bed special to you?"

Alpha Denzel was unfazed by her tantrum, deciding to scare her a little bit. "It has all the sex toys so you can guess how I'll make you a sex object."

To be made her a sex object, Valerie would rather die. As such, she confessed, "My wolf is dead."

"What?" Alpha Denzel's eyes were red, but his face as pale as a ghost. [www.novelshome.com](#)

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## Chapter 38

### 38 Chapter 38-He Wore a Mask

Alpha Denzel shook his head as he thought about her words. He had never heard of any of his pack members' wolves dying.

"What kind of joke is this? Valerie, you've gone too far this time. It's so obvious that it's making me upset. You lied to my face again. You leave me no choice."

There was a determination in his voice that made her afraid, but she was ready to face the

consequences, even if it meant losing the beautiful cottage she was living in.

If he decided to banish her, she was prepared for it this time. "That is the truth." **Ww(w).novel(S)hómè.(C)O(m)**

"There is no such thing as a dead wolf," said Alpha Denzel, grinding his

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teeth." You shouldn't be alive if your wolf is dead."

Yes, that was more like it. She couldn't possibly be alive if her wolf was indeed dead. Valerie didn't

know how to explain it, but she was eager to know his judgment of her.

If she was banished, she would use the opportunity to find her father's corpse or even Ashley. Yes,

Ashley was the only person she could trust at this moment to save her.

"She was deeply wounded by Tristan's rejection," Valerie said. Alpha Denzel scowled a little at the

way she mentioned his name so casually, without the title of an Alpha.

But then, Valerie was the Alpha's daughter, whereas Tristan was a common warrior. It wasn't what

Alpha Denzel was thinking.

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Not knowing the thoughts going through Alpha Denzel's mind, Valerie went on to explain, daring the consequences.

"Helga is very strong but also very sensitive and delicate when it comes to her mate. Your rejection was the worst because she expected your wolf to save her. The moment the bond was broken,"

Valerie's gaze dropped and so did her voice. "She died."

Alpha Denzel didn't have time to put his emotions together before hearing footsteps he knew to be the doctor. He had returned.

Alpha Denzel leaned in, their gazes boring into each other. His voice was stern and low. "No one must hear about this," he said in a hushed tone. Valerie sighed deeply, shock surging through her

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entire body.

She thought it was over for her, but if Alpha Denzel wanted to conceal the matter, then it meant he

didn't have the intention of banishing her. That was a great relief.

If she had known, she would have told him earlier to save herself from the fears.

"You have to take the oral antibiotics twice a day after meals. I will come and check the wound every

day, but for now, we shall not wrap it anymore. We shall only use the ointment."

"Thank you, doctor," Valerie said truthfully, feeling light in her heart.

"I will see you tomorrow."

When the doctor left, Alpha Denzel could not utter another word, and neither could he look at her, as

he internally battled with

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his wolf.

The atmosphere was tense, yet they endured it. Valerie decided to break the awkwardness and

walked to the dining table. "Please take this food to Alessia. I will eat and sleep." [www.NoVelsHome.com](#)

Alpha Denzel had done her a great favor by allowing her to live in his pack without a wolf, so the

least she could do was to make things easy for him, not causing him any trouble.

Alpha Denzel took the food and walked out but lingered around. "Brutus, is what is said true?" He

called out to his wolf.

Brutus had been wounded by the news. His expectation of meeting that strong wolf was gone with

the wind.

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'I don't know, but I don't think she's lying. Why have we not been able to see her wolf then?'

Alpha Denzel did not say anymore but lingered around, ensuring that Valerie was asleep before he

left after mind linking Burke to come and watch over

her. [www.NovelsHome.com](#)

As the days passed, Alpha Denzel never had the courage to face Valerie after that painful revelation.

His countenance was colder, and everyone around him feared, walking on pins and needles. Even

Alessia faced his wrath during her training. It was always brutal, but she was picking up quite fast.

At the Yellowstone Pack, the Alpha and his Luna had just been discharged. Alpha Tristan hadn't had

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his phone with him, only retrieving it after reaching the pack house.  
"Tris, I'm scared of being in this room again. What if the person comes back," Scarlet was a crying baby. It was after two days before she gained consciousness, but her wolf was so shocked, it took another day to come around before Scarlet was completely healed. Up until now, she couldn't recover from the fear of almost dying so young. Alpha Tristan comfortingly wrapped his arms around her.  
"No one will come here. There are more warriors guarding the pack house. You just have to train harder."  
He knew that if it was Valerie, whoever attacked them wouldn't have had it so easy. His thoughts were interrupted by his beta, Hugo.

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"Alpha, there are ongoing rumors that Luna Valerie is innocent," Hugo reported. Scarlet shivered slightly in Alpha Tristan's arms.

The fear of how to face her sister again if Alpha Denzel let her go was overwhelming.

"That is not good. How did it go at the peace council?" Alpha Tristan asked seriously. Everything had

worked according to plan, so how could the minds of the pack members be injected with such information? He will lose his respect as the Alpha.

"The matter is under investigation, but Alpha, are you sure you didn't see the person?" Hugo asked.

"What the heck, Hugo, I said he wore a mask," Alpha Tristan raged. Scarlet pulled away, making

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herself comfortable on the bed. She missed the comfort of her room throughout her time at the hospital, though privy to share the same room with Alpha Tristan.

"His scent?" Hugo pressed further. The responsibility was placed on his shoulders, so asking all the tenacious questions was part of his responsibility.

"All I smelled was vodka, and he never uttered a single word," Alpha Tristan sighed. Scarlet was uneasy with everything going on.

"Did Valerie have a boyfriend?" She asked, hoping to plant the notion that Valerie was not as pure as people thought her to be. That way, they could spread rumors about her. "There is nothing of that sort," Beta Hugo replied. Scarlet was displeased. She had to find a way of

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taking back the sympathy the pack was now according Valerie.  
"Give me my phone," Alpha Tristan's hands stretched. As he unlocked it to make a call, he was shocked by the video playing. Beta Hugo, who was clueless of all that had transpired, asked seriously,  
"Alpha, what is that?" Both Scarlet and Alpha Tristan were paler looking than when they came out of the hospital. How could this happen?

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## Chapter 39

### 39 Chapter 39-His mistake

"I swear, I never touched her. Scarlet had already drugged her before I went into the room. I realized

that Alpha Tristan..." the sound of the video resonated through the room when Beta Hugo, who was

clueless of all that had transpired, asked seriously,

"Alpha, what is that?" His neck was stretched to catch a glimpse of what was being played on Alpha

Tristan's phone. Both Scarlet and Alpha Tristan were paler looking than when they came out of the hospital.

Alpha Tristan paused the video before his beta's stretched neck could catch a glimpse of the face

behind the confession in the video.

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"Check on the state of the pack. Send the file of the warriors who lost their lives to my desk," Alpha

Tristan instructed Beta Hugo. The latter wanted to say something but forcefully swallowed it.

As he reached the door, Alpha Tristan called him back after catching the discontented look on his face. "Beta Hugo, nothing about the video exists. You are the only one aware of it."

Beta Hugo was smart enough to understand that Luna Valerie was innocent. Whereas he was

appointed as the beta by Alpha Tristan, making the situation dicey.

If word about this revelation got out, there would be no doubt that he was the tale bearer. It would be

his words against theirs and if even Luna Valerie, the most powerful woman in the pack, could be

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set up and almost killed by them, then what could they not do to him? His life mattered to him most at this moment. "I didn't hear anything." Alpha Tristan was satisfied with the response and recalling the message attached to the video, added, "find a way to withdraw the case from the peace council. Tell them that you lodged the complaint when I was unconscious but now, I am okay and have asked you to do so." Until he found out who was up against him, the case had to be withdrawn, though the peace council would have been the best organization to handle it. Also, could it be that the people behind it were afraid of the peace council? Alpha Tristan was clueless. It hadn't been up to a week since he became Alpha and was cruelly

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attacked. Now, a video of his evil deed also surfaced. Valerie never had external allies so who could

be helping her when she was a slave in the Evergreen pack?

Alpha Tristan was tempted to call Alpha Denzel to find out about how Valerie was faring but couldn't

help being afraid because of the video.

Not knowing who was behind it, it was better to not do anything to arouse suspicion.

"What if they decide to verify?" Beta Hugo's question jolted him out of his thoughts. Running his

fingers through his hair frustratedly, he sighed.

"You don't have to stop them." He didn't have a decent excuse but would think of something when

contacted by the peace council.

Beta Hugo nodded his head and helped himself out of the room.

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"Are you sure he will keep it a secret?" Scarlet was anxious and asked as soon as Beta Hugo closed the door, but Alpha Tristan was rather confident about the matter. "We've been friends for ages and I gave him a position he could only dream of. He wouldn't dare."

Scarlet was relieved. Valerie must have loved her with her life but after knowing she had been betrayed, she knew that Valerie would not be so kind if given the chance. "That's much better but who sent the video? Did Kyle turn against us?" Fear lingered in the air as Scarlet pondered, afraid of the worst. [www.Novelshub.com](http://www.Novelshub.com)

"No. I think he was kidnapped. This is my mistake. I shouldn't have exposed him," Alpha Tristan said with regret. It was clear that showing Kyle's face had made him vulnerable.

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From his battered look in the video, it was clear he had been tortured to reveal everything. As to who had that information, Alpha Tristan could only grit his teeth. "So what happens now? Could the person behind it be the same one who attacked us?" Scarlet was tugging on his sleeve now. One mistake cost them so much already. Alpha Tristan's eyes lit with interest. "This is the most sensible analysis you have made since I knew you." Scarlet's face fell. She was never interested in pack matters and with Alpha Tristan being a common warrior, he was perfect for her. Who knew he was going to be Valerie's mate? The revelation broke both their hearts, but Alpha Tristan saw an opportunity he never dreamed of,

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and that was being an alpha.

Being already in love with Scarlet, he

wouldn't get the title if he rejected Valerie straight away. As such, they had to make her the vile one.

"Are you calling me stupid?" Scarlet was not amused by his utterance.

"No, but I wish you could keep up the smartness and be a little brave like your elder sisters. If you

don't start taking up responsibility for the pack, the members will revolt."

Scarlet's heart sank. She knew the responsibilities of being a Luna, not wanting any part of it, but

Tristan had promised to not burden her with the responsibilities when he becomes an Alpha. All she

had to do was bear the title.

"You promised that I will live like a princess," she accused him,

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"And what is this? Even princesses have Kingdom responsibilities too, " Alpha Tristan pointed out, disappointed that Scarlet took his words literally.

"You know that I'm not strong like Ashley or smart like Valerie, but you claimed it was fine."

"That is because I never expected things to go south. I have to find whoever attacked us and find out his reason before Alpha Denzel finds out about what we did. He rejected Luna Valerie because of those photos."

"Can you imagine what would happen when he finds out it was all a set-up?" Alpha Tristan's worry, unknowingly caused his voice to raise, making it sound as if he was upset with

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"Do what you must. What has that got to do with me?" Scarlet began to take off her clothes. She

hadn't had a good shower in a few days.

"You need to be able to take care of the pack when I'm away," Alpha Tristan said, Scarlet froze.

"What if there is another attack? What about your beta? I'd rather we travel together," she suggested,

afraid of being left alone. Alpha Tristan felt helpless. He couldn't help but remember how effortlessly

Valerie used to handle the pack alone.

"Scarlet, this is a serious matter. A Luna must be able to fight for and defend her pack."

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Scarlet could feel her heart thumping, afraid that pack members would laugh and disrespect her for her ignorance and weakness.

"What if I can't do all that you are saying? What do you plan to do?" [www.novelshome.com](#)

Alpha Tristan was greatly disappointed. In spite of everything, Scarlet was not considering taking up any responsibilities.

He equally lacked experience in pack management matters and with the video warning, he felt

restless. "Go and shower. I will analyze the situation of the pack."

Scarlet pursed her lips and began to put on her clothes as she couldn't stand his disappointed gaze. "I'm coming with you."

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They merely reached the door when they heard a knock. Frowning, Alpha Tristan responded, "come in, the door's not locked." Beta Hugo entered, out of breath as he spoke. "Alpha, there is a big problem."

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## Chapter 40

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"What is the problem?" Alpha Tristan tried to remain calm. It was very easy to lust after a position from afar, but it seemed different when wearing the shoes of the said position.

He was overwhelmed by the problems in the pack right after the attack, as Beta Hugo revealed,

"Alpha, some pack members are gathered together in front of the packhouse. They want to see you and our Luna."

It wasn't like this in the beginning. His victory was short-lived as the pack members accorded him maximum trust and respect until that attack.

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Only if he knew the person behind it. Scarlet hid behind Alpha Tristan, afraid

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meeting her own people. Alpha Tristan shielded her as he responded to his beta.

"We were going to check the state of the pack anyway, but what is the matter?"

Beta Hugo had a stressful look on his face as he began to report the troublesome events in the pack.

"Alpha, some of them are saying they don't feel safe anymore. The families of the people we lost during the attacks are sparking derision."

Alpha Tristan scowled. "What do they want? Being a common warrior all his life, he knew how

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commoners would use the most trivial things for material gains." He had been equally attacked with his Luna, not understanding the reason why the families of the murdered warriors were making a big deal out of it. This shouldn't be a moneymaking venture, right? Attacks were normal occurrences in every pack, and it was either a win or lose situation. The only thing that made this attack a one-off was the fact that the peace council had not been informed. "Compensation," Beta Hugo answered, adding, "Others are questioning their safety. The warriors do not even feel safe with your battle skills. Some are questioning how you are going to train them if even you got injured by the attackers and were unable to apprehend them."

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Alpha Tristan gritted his teeth, feeling his ego badly bruised. The only difference between him and the warriors was the fact that he and his Luna survived, but all things aside, he was equally no match for his attacker.

Only Alpha Denzel was that strong, but he would never attack a pack with a mask or redeem a woman he thought was a loose one. Scarlet was shivering. "Tris, I can't do this anymore. I will stay here. You handle it."

Disappointment laced Alpha Tristan's tone as he needed the support of his mate and Luna at a time like this.

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"Scarlet, this is the time to win their trust. You have to address the pack," he suddenly revealed.

Scarlet's expression changed, her face draining of color. [www.NoVELSHómë.\(c\)Om](#)

"You know I can't. I'm terrible with public speech." How could Alpha Tristan expect that of her? This was something any of her elder sisters would have flawlessly done. Alpha Tristan's head was already pounding, aching badly. "You are Luna now," he

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pointed out, but that could not save the situation.

"It's not as if I wanted to be. It was just a coincidence." Scarlet was worked up by the recount of the events in the pack. Beta Hugo was equally new to handling all the pack drama and couldn't be of

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much help other than depending on his Alpha.

Somehow, he had no regrets after judging from the video what his Alpha and Luna had done to

Luna Valerie. This must be their punishment from the moon goddess, even if Hugo did not have the audacity to reveal it.

"Hugo, get all the pack together for an urgent meeting."

"Yes, Alpha, but let me not forget. Some are also complaining about the slow supply of raw materials for the fruit factory. Some machines have broken down."

Alpha Tristan felt like his head would crack open from all the problems.

He hadn't learned anything

about pack management, having no idea of what to do to speed up production of raw materials to match the fruit factory demand.

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The fruit factory had been very dear to Valerie's heart, and they never had any issues when she was there.

"Is there anything else?" Alpha Tristan asked, not ready to take in any more bad news, but Beta

Hugo seemed to just be warming up.

"Yes, Alpha. The families of the dead warriors and pack members are asking why the attack was directed at those who attacked Luna Valerie."

Receiving a glare from Scarlet, who was suddenly envious of Valerie being addressed with a Luna title, Hugo coughed slightly and corrected himself.

"Mmm... I mean ex-Luna Valerie. They said they acted based on your orders and yet you couldn't

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save their mates and family members from this gruesome attacker."

At this moment, Alpha Tristan was paler than a ghost. "You know what, forget about the meeting.

Let's give time for the tension to come down. There is somewhere I need to be."

Beta Hugo did not see himself carrying the mess the Alpha and Luna created. How could he let

them escape? Politely, he reminded them.

"But Alpha, where are you going and what about the Luna? Some of the pack members are in front

of the pack house, and others at

the pack gate. They have vowed to get some answers before midnight."

Alpha Tristan ground his teeth so hard, they felt like gravel in his mouth.

How could these pack

members be so ruthless?

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"Are they aware that we have just been discharged from the hospital?"

"That is the more reason why they are here. Before, they wanted to do this earlier but only held it off

because you were both at the hospital."

A frustrated sigh escaped Alpha Tristan as he murmured, "Now what?"

"Alpha..." Beta Hugo had more to report but was abruptly cut off.

"Can't you stop talking?" Alpha Tristan

snarled. Beta Hugo laughed internally but wore a serious expression on his face. [www.novelshome.com](#)

"I can, but I think this is even more critical than the others."

"Speak," Alpha Tristan waved dismissively.

"Some of the pack members are already missing Luna Valerie." He coughed. "I mean ex-Luna

Valerie. They said that something like this would not happen in her reign."

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Both Tristan and Scarlet looked annoyed as Alpha Tristan asked in annoyance. "Wasn't her father murdered in her reign?"

"They agree but also said it was because he was out of the pack. It would never have happened

here. Others are also guessing that perhaps the person who killed the former Alpha is the one who

set up ex-Luna Valerie, whereas you rejected her without investigating the matter."

"What is wrong with them?" Alpha Tristan yelled, rage boiling inside of him. Beta Hugo continued nonetheless.

"They said Luna Valerie never lied before, and on the day of coronation, she kept denying everything

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that happened. They also claimed that your relationship with Luna Scarlet should also be investigated because both of you were seen together during odd hours before your being mated to Luna Valerie. Alpha, are you still not going to see them?"

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