

# Replacement Bride for the Alpha of the North - Chapter 19

Chapter 19: THIS WILL SERVE AS A WARNING FOR THE OTHER

If the person that sat on Zenith's left was the beta, then this must be the gamma of this pack.

He didn't look muscular like any other warrior that she had seen in this pack, the gamma's body looked so lean and he had this innocent face, people might think he was barely eighteen years old because of his sweet face.

"I don't like lamb," Dawn replied, and her answer shocked the gamma. He looked at her incredulously, as if she had grown a second head.

"Are you even normal?" He blurted out, a look of incredulity flickered in his eyes. "No wonder there is only deer meat tonight."

Dawn narrowed her eyes at him, was there anyone normal here? But, before she could reply to him, a piece of deer meat entered her mouth and when she turned her head around to see who had fed her, she found Zenith staring at her.

"Eat," he curtly said.

Dawn chewed her meat and looked around, all the people continued conversing with each other after their alpha sat on his chair, and were seemingly enjoying this peaceful night.

However, they wouldn't have guessed that this night would no longer be as placid, because once the desserts were served by the omega, Zenith stood up and all the noise died down. People stopped talking and all their attention was on the alpha.

Dawn was in awe to witness this. How impressive. Even a simple movement from the alpha didn't go unnoticed by his people. How could they do that? She knew her father wouldn't be able to pull off such a stunt, even though both of them were alphas.

Even the gamma stopped gobbling up his meat and focused on what the alpha was going to say.

"Bring them in," Zenith said coldly. His voice reverberated in the air and it carried intimidation. His eyes were a few shades darker now.

After the order, the door to the dining hall was opened and a few people entered. Three guards, each of them held someone with them. Dawn recognized the three women, they were Fern, Kynes and Pyllo. What was going on?

"This will not end well," the gamma muttered under his breath and this caught Dawn's attention. She talked to him in a low voice too.

"What do you mean?" She asked quietly.

"There will be an execution."

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"An execution?" Dawn frowned. She got a bad feeling about what was going to happen.

"Poor thing, she cooked the best roasted lamb," Darius said with feeling and Dawn felt like the gamma had his priority in the wrong problem here.

But before Darius could make another comment, he caught sight of Axel's face, who sent him a deathly glare, which made him swallow back his next comment.

“Don’t talk, it’s rude if you talk when the alpha’s speaking.” He pressed his finger against his lips to shush Dawn.

This time, it was Dawn, who looked at him incredulously. He was the one who talked first, right?

However, Dawn’s attention shifted when Fern wailed, she felt how unfair this accusation was and what she did was justified.

“Alpha! The punishment doesn’t suit the crime! This is only a misunderstanding!” Fern wailed, tears streamed down her cheeks, while Kynes and Pyllo trembled, it was not clear whether they were shaking out of fear or the cold weather out there. “We didn’t do anything wrong.”

Zenith narrowed his eyes when he heard the blatant lie that came from her mouth and this made Fern shiver in fear, she quieted down and sniffled her tears.

“Cut her tongue for telling a lie to the alpha.” Zenith looked detached and his expression didn’t change when he ordered the execution.

Once again, Fern wailed and the other two dropped to their knees begging for forgiveness, they said that they only followed the instructions from Fern. They didn’t mean any harm to Dawn.

Right now, people had learned the problem that could make the alpha very livid like this.

“I didn’t tell a lie! I didn’t tell a lie!” Fern was stubborn. She had told one story and now, she would stick to it until the end, but Zenith didn’t buy it.

The guard immediately covered their mouths, as if they received an order through mindlink and when the room became a bit less noisy, Zenith shifted his attention to Dawn, a question echoed in the dining hall in the next second.

“Why did you refuse to come to dinner when I invited you and chose to eat alone in a room you didn’t like?” Zenith caressed her cheek to get her attention, because Dawn looked a little bit shocked with this sudden turn of events.

“Huh?” Dawn was confused, she threw Zenith a questioning look. “What are you talking about? I like my room and I didn’t choose to eat in my room alone...” At the end of her sentence, she finally realized what the alpha was trying to imply.

Dawn turned her head and looked at Fern, who was mortified when she was exposed. Ck. So, that was what she had been feeding the alpha? This old hag wanted to portray her as an ungrateful brat and wanted to make Zenith annoyed with her.

They just met today, but how much did she hate her already to attack her so cunningly?

“No, Alpha! I can explain! It’s not like that!” Fern managed to free herself and rushed toward the platform, but a warrior knocked her down to the ground.

“Cut her tongue,” Zenith said harshly. His eyes didn’t hold any sympathy.

This would also serve as a warning for anyone who tried to mess with him and by extension, his mate.

This was one of the reasons why Zenith hated it when someone got too comfortable with him, because they would turn into a fool and cross the boundaries, most of the time, they would forget their position.

Dawn was stunned when a warrior approached the old woman with a sharp dagger, ready to carry out the punishment.

Chapter 20: A HELLISH PLACE

Lying was already a crime in itself, let alone lying to the alpha.

“No! No! No!” Fern cried, she wailed and begged for mercy, but it didn’t make the alpha sympathize with her predicament and Fern didn’t have enough time to make the alpha change his mind, though the possibility of it was close to zero.

And when the dagger slashed her tongue, there was this gurgling sound that echoed throughout the dining hall, as eerie silence surrounded this place.

Dawn watched how Fern looked very remorseful, but before she could say something, the warrior had carried out the punishment and this left her quite shocked.

Thankfully, Zenith covered her eyes from the gruesome scene that was happening currently and when this sickening sound reverberated in the quiet room, he pulled Dawn against his chest and covered her ears.

His woman was trembling. This was the first time for her to encounter such a violent scene directly. Zenith asked the guards to clean up the mess, but still, the smell of blood lingered in the air.

A few pack members trembled in fear upon witnessing Fern’s fate. She wouldn’t die, but of course, she would live miserably without being able to talk anymore, while the warriors, who sat among the pack members, had this cold look on their faces. They didn’t even flinch, since they had seen worse than this.

More so, lying so bluntly to the alpha couldn’t be justified no matter what the excuse was.

Meanwhile, Kynes and Pyllo were crying so hard, they were very remorseful and begging for a second chance. They were mortified, especially when they watched everything right before their eyes.

“Can you spare the two of them?” Dawn asked in a small voice. Now she knew, where the name of ‘monster from the north’ came from, he really was like a monster. A cold blooded alpha, who wouldn’t flinch to see brutality before him.

Dawn still had her face pressed against his chest with her eyes closed, but right now his hand was massaging her stiff neck, helping her calm down from the shock.

The other people might not notice this intimate gesture, because they were too distracted by what happened to Fern and they sat a little bit far from the platform, but the beta and the gamma surely saw everything.

Both of them had this questioning look on their faces. It was already weird for the alpha to touch a woman, but to see him treating this woman so gently seemed even more absurd. This was not the alpha that they knew at all!

Zenith didn’t like to eat with other people either, he would only be present in the dining hall if there was something he deemed important to announce, but tonight he decided to come and even ate with them. And now, he was not only touching Dawn, but he treated her extremely gently.

[Do you think Zenith happened to be switched by someone else on our way here?] Darius asked Axel through mind link, but the beta only gave him a look, indicating how ridiculous that was.

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"Why should I spare them?" Zenith asked. He looked down and could only see the top of her head, but the harshness in his eyes became a little bit more bearable.

Dawn tried to think of a way to save them. Not because she was fond of them, but she did think the punishment was too harsh. More so, they were only following Fern's order.

"Fern is their superior, it will not be easy for them to refuse her order." Dawn lifted her head slightly to see whether Zenith would buy her reason or not. "In a war, if you have captured the leader, you don't need to kill his entire force, right? You can use them for your own benefit."

Dawn was sure that she was talking out of her stupidity, since she knew nothing about war.

Zenith looked her straight in the eyes when he replied to her. "No. I will kill them all. I have my own forces, I don't need the losers."

If they lost the war, that meant they were weaklings and Zenith didn't need them.

Now, Dawn was speechless.

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"You need to stop thinking about her. It will not help you in any way," Jason talked to his son. After the awkward and tense dinner with Alpha Tony, Julia and Emily, the two of them stood in the balcony of the pack house, staring at the clear moon in the night sky. "You have chosen her as your mate, now you need to take responsibility for your choice."

"I didn't choose her. I have never chosen her," Blake said grimly, his knuckles turned white when he gripped the railing on the balcony very tightly. "That was a mistake. I didn't think clearly."

Blake didn't know what he was going to lose when he messed around with Emily, now he regretted it so much. If he could turn back time, he would never even have looked at Emily. That woman was disgusting!

"You need to accept her, or else, you will go through insanity. You don't want that, my son."

Insanity was the state where a shifter got rejected by their other half and they couldn't accept it, they refused to move on and find a chosen mate, instead they would keep wallowing in their pain and heartbreak, which would then lead them to insanity.

There were not many shifters that experienced that, but sure enough the one that went through that dark period of time would end up killing someone, or getting killed, since their conscience couldn't work anymore.

They let their beast, the feral side of their beast took over.

"Let it go, son," Jason said sympathetically.

“She needs me, father,” Blake said stubbornly. “Dawn needs me. She wasn’t used to living out of our pack. She was kind and the north was too cruel for her!” Blake said through his gritted teeth. “I am going to save her from that hellish place!”