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The one-month collaboration came to an official end three days later, and Gamma Tobias Tristan took the stage once again as the Gamma representative and as the stand-in Minister of Defense.

"Good morning, everyone. We've come full circle back to this ceremonial room, and yet the events from the past four weeks have been anything but normal. For one, I now have a private jet."

Laughter ensued, and many wolves laughed so hard that tears started coming out of their eyes. When it died down, Toby continued, "It goes without saying that this month has been phenomenal. In a historic collaboration between the government, the monarchy and the alliance, we brought down a rogue corporation and arrested its founders who initiated the corruption scheme within the government; dismissed and replaced many incompetent, untrustworthy and undignified ministers; and werewolves now hold temporary positions in government, which may turn permanent if we win the election in nine months time COUNTING THE VOTES OF WEREWOLVES!"

A deafening applause and cheers followed, and Lucianne pecked a kiss on her mate's cheek as she clapped with the others, and her mate pecked a kiss on her lips and temple in return.

Toby's voice continued to ring through the speakers, "Representation is something my species had never dreamt of getting. And speaking of dreams, I must admit that it was never in my wildest dreams that I thought I would see the Lycan King OR Queen fight alongside us. But the battles we fought in the past few weeks showed that our King AND Queen will NEVER leave us on the battleground to fend for ourselves ever again."

Another round of applause followed as Xandar's fingers entwined Lucianne's own before he pecked a kiss on her small hand, resting their joined hands on his lap.

Toby proceeded to say, "They prioritize our lives over their own, which is more than we can ask for as their subjects. Of course, my speech wouldn't be complete without addressing

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the elephant in the room: the fact that I am now one of the few people who can address His Royal Highness by his shortened first name."

No one laughed louder than Xandar at that point. While everyone laughed and clapped, Toby locked eyes with Lucianne as he started talking about the REAL elephant in the room, "My best friend found her mate. And for once, it was someone who is serious about her; someone who is capable of loving her and protecting her; someone who would do anything and everything to keep her; someone who doesn't need her to give up who she is and what she loves; and someone who is terrified of losing her."

Lucianne held back her tears as she started stroking Xandar's hand. Toby continued, "And I would like to take this opportunity to convey an announcement requested to be made by the SECOND scariest creature in the room, who is also my new friend, Xandar, that..." The burst of laughter forced Toby to pause and laugh with everyone. The audience knew that Toby was trying to imply that his best friend was the scariest creature despite her small size.

When he could compose himself, he announced, "Our Queen will be crowned next month, which is long overdue if you ask me."

The Gamma fixed his eyes on his mentor, who had taught him so much, and said, "You've been a Queen long before you were bonded to the King, Lucy. Most of us saw you as the Queen of Gammas who didn't need a King. Everywhere you go, you make the people there better. I cannot thank you enough for everything you've taught us, everything you've taught me, and everything you'll continue to teach everyone in your years as the Kingdom's official Queen."

A booming applause followed. "It's without a doubt that this year's collaboration created history. At the beginning of the month, if you told me that Lycans and werewolves would sit amongst each other as all of you are now, I would've laughed at you, and recommended that you visit a mental asylum. But look at us."

The Lycans no longer only sat in front and wolves behind. Seating was free now, with both species sitting together, amongst one another. There were smiles, nods of agreement and murmurs of concurrence at what Toby just said.

"Look at how far we've come in just a span of four weeks, and imagine how much further we can go in the span of four months, four years and four centuries!" The power and enthusiasm in his voice made everyone clap again.

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"It's time we brought the acceptance and respect we instilled for each other back to our own packs, to show them that we can live a s one. There's still a long way to go in terms of policies and whatnot but for the first time, I have faith. We have faith that this is a start of a new era, a hopeful one, one with great potential. To our cousin species, I thank you as this year's Gamma representative for accepting and respecting us. And thank you for letting us know that you won't kill us." More laughter ensued, mostly from the Lycans. Weaver was already leaning against Yarrington's shoulder for support as the latter chuckled uncontrollably with his mate.

Toby then started wrapping up his speech, "It has been a pleasure to meet and work alongside so many of you this year, and it is an esteemed honor to speak on this stage twice when the Queen herself was only allowed once. Even then she spoke as the elected Gamma, not the Queen."

Toby braved through the urge to laugh with the audience again as he finished up, "Before I take my leave; I would like to wish His

Royal Highness the very best of luck when he meets his future adoptive father-in-law, who, from what I've heard, hasn't exactly warmed up to him yet. The former Alpha of Blue Crescent, Ken, is no joke. Like Alpha Juan now, Ken was one of the fiercest Alphas of his time. So, Our King would either come back in one piece, or we would have to settle with only the Queen running the Kingdom in the near future. Let's hope for the best. Have a safe trip home, everyone. And thank you." 3

The crowd got on their feet, laughing and clapping as Toby stepped away from the microphone. Christian laughed so hard that he was out of breath and was in tears. Annie and Lucianne were no different. Xandar took the last part of his speech a little more seriously than the rest but his mate's beautiful laughter was enough to make him laugh with her.

Xandar and Lucianne handed the reins of the Kingdom to Christian and Annie as they left for Blue Crescent with Juan and Hale. Lucianne could feel that Xandar was nervous during the whole trip there, and tried her best to calm him, telling him that Ken was actually really nice once he got to know him. They even picked out gifts for Ken and Janice to make sure that the former pack leaders won't be too hard on Xandar.

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At Blue Crescent, Lucianne dashed to the packhouse first while Xandar, Juan and Hale took a little more time. She wanted to butter up her overprotective adoptive father before he met her mate. Ken and Janice didn't live in this packhouse after retiring as Alpha and Luna but they stayed here for the past month to babysit the grandkids. Juan and Hale's kids were still in school, so it was just the adults and the two servants in the house now.

Ken was already waiting at the entrance when Lucianne ran into his open arms as she called out "Daddy!" like a little girl. After squeezing the girl he raised as his own, he managed a small smile and asked, "Buying brownie points for your mate, baby girl?" 3

Lucianne showed her doe eyes and said, "Xandar is really nice, dad. And I really love him. Promise to go easy on him?"

Ken narrowed his eyes and retorted, "No man is nice, baby girl. I thought I taught you that."

"What about you, dad? You're nice." Lucianne continued to speak with innocent eyes.

Ken sighed His heart always melted whenever Lucianne looked at him like that, and he patted her twice on the head like he did ever since she was merely a child as he said, "You know I'm only nice to my little girl. As for your mate...if I kill him, I promise it'll b e a quick death."

Before Lucianne could protest, Ken smiled wider and said, "It was a joke, Lucy. Lighten up. Go help your mother. She's in the living room arranging the cookie jars."

Lucianne was not going to leave until he did. She knew Ken. In her schooling years, guys have come over to the packhouse for tutoring sessions since she did well in science and mathematics, and Ken was strict with all of them even though Lucianne assured him that

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they were just classmates, nothing more. Now, Ken was going to meet her fiancé. There was no telling how he would behave when he met Xandar.

Xandar, Juan and Hale were waiting patiently behind the father-and-daughter pair, being careful not to interrupt them. They heard the last part of the conversation, which did not ease Xandar's anxiety at all. Juan went to his father first, and the two shook hands like formal acquaintances rather than embrace each other like father and son. Ken then hit Juan at the back of his head with his palm, as if it was for disobeying him.

Juan knew exactly what that was for. Ken had been complaining non-stop about Juan giving Xandar his blessing to propose to Lucianne BEFORE Ken gave his own. And Ken didn't even want to get started on the fact that Lucianne was already marked BEFORE he met the idiot who did it!

As Xandar watched Juan's interaction with his father, he began to wonder if Lucianne was really the adopted one. Maybe he would have had an easier time courting Juan instead. 4

After Ken patted his daughter-in-law on her shoulder to acknowledge her return, it was Xandar's turn to step forward. His animal took a deep breath as Xandar approached the old man and shook his hand, trying his best to not look too intimidated by his hard stare. Lucianne and Juan exchanged tense glances, both hoping that Ken wouldn't throw a punch on the new addition to their family

Ken's expression was unreadable, and when he released Xandar's hand, the Lycan King uttered a properly-rehearsed, sincere apology for not making the effort to meet Ken and Janice sooner. That seemed to cool Ken a little.

'At least he isn't too egotistical to own up to what he did wrong', Ken thought to himself. He knew that Lucianne was watching, so the adoptive father didn't say or do anything that may upset his little girl. Everyone then adjourned to the living room, where Janice was.

Xandar presented Ken and Janice the gifts that he and Lucianne picked out for them. Ken got a leather wallet, and Janice got a necklace. Janice was elated and impressed. Ken was not, but nonetheless grudgingly thanked Xandar after being nudged by his wife.

Janice was more welcoming with Xandar. She even offered him a hug before they all sat in the living room. The former Luna took a great interest in Xandar's life, and asked him all sorts of questions, from his family to his hobbies. When Xandar sheepishly mentioned that

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he liked reading anything on history, Ken was pleased despite not showing it. It was almost impossible to find another person who loved to read as much as his little girl did these days, so the seemingly-cold father would admit that he felt... grateful Xandar and Lucianne shared this in common.

When Janice ran out of questions to ask after two hours, Lucianne talked animatedly about her dates with Xandar. She only told Ken and Janice over texts and short mind-links before, so she was elaborating further now. The sight of their adopted daughter glowing when she mentioned that Xandar bought her all those books made Janice smile wider, and made Ken scowl less. And when Lucianne got out her phone to show them the reading wonderland that Xandar built for her in his villa, the ice in Ken's heart

thawed a little more.

When Ken asked about their infiltration in Wu Bi Corp, Lucianne, Xandar, Juan and Hale all knew they were walking on eggshells from here. Juan and Lucianne agreed to share the details with their parents face-to-face, and they were to do it together. Since Ken was softest to Lucianne, she took the lead. Lucianne tried to water down the severity of her situation but to no avail.

She couldn't lie about it since Ken would just see right through her. And Ken threw sharp glares at Xandar and Juan when Lucianne reached the part of the rogues pinning her to the wall before Jake tried to mark her by force. Janice had to hold her mate's hand when Lucianne reached the part of the Oleander.

Lucianne tried to lighten the mood by speaking cheerfully about how the Queen's Authority could be emitted in her human form but was strongest when she brought her animal forward to combine its strength with her own. But even the mention of the Queen's Authority didn't seem to make Ken any less enraged. If looks could kill, Xandar and Juan would have died right then and there. When Lucianne finished the story, even she held her breath to wait for Ken to say something.