## The Alpha King'S Second Chance

Chapter 7

## Jasper

After our night together, Freya has been more open to accepting me. We have spent a lot of time together getting to know each other. The only thing that was holding us back was my wolf. Rafe has told me many times that he wants to mark Freya and her wolf. He doesn't like that she wants to take things slowly with us.

He's not used to that. He's used to women throwing themselves at us. Freya is not like that, and it has made him grumpy. He has decided that he is not going to talk to her wolf until Freya decides she wants us to mate and mark her. I haven't told Freya that because I know that will set us back on our progression.

It doesn't stop her from asking about him, though. I know about her wolf, Lupa. She says Lupa is ready to meet Rafe, but he isn't budging. He will only meet them when she agrees to let us mark them. I haven't even brought up that conversation yet because I know she is not ready for that. She just started unlocking her room door so I could come in to sleep with her at night again.

After our first night of sleeping together, she locked me out of her room for two days. I begged, yup you heard that right. I begged her to let me sleep in her bed with her. She finally caved and I'm enjoying her body next to mine. She always ends up on top of me while sleeping. I don't think she notices she does it. She thinks I pull her on top of me while she is sleeping.

*'When are we leaving, Jasper? I miss our field at home. You only let me out at night when everyone is asleep,'* Rafe complained. 'Rafe, you know we can't be seen in this kingdom. The only wolves around here are our mate and her brothers. Others would freak out if they saw us in wolf form. We only have one more day to go before we leave with our mate.' He huffs but goes to the back of my mind.

Freya and I are meeting her father in his office. She wants to tell him her decision. She knocks on the door, and he tells her to come in. I stand in the corner and watch as she gives him a hug and a kiss with a bright smile on her

face. I'm still working on getting that look from her when she sees me. She smiles at me, but it's nothing compared to what she gives her family.

"What do I owe the pleasure of having you in my office today?" She takes a deep breath before staring into his eyes. "I'm leaving tomorrow with Jasper. I have already started packing my things. I wanted to tell you before you saw them being moved from my room," her voice cracked.

Her dad got up from his seat and went to hold her while she cried in his arms. "Are you sure this is what you want," he asks her. She nods her head. "Yes, it is. I have to try, Dad," she whispers. He hugs her close while she cries in his chest. Her brothers burst into the office and see her crying. They immediately growl at me.

It's not like they can take me or anything. They are no match for me. But I'm glad I don't have to beat up my mate's brothers. Their dad stops them. "She's crying because she is leaving tomorrow." They both freeze and look at her. Then they each grab her and hold her tight. They talk about how much they will miss each other, and she makes them promise to come visit her and she will do the same.

It's an emotional night for my mate. She cries most of the night while I hold her. She goes to sleep on top of me instead of lying beside me. Freya doesn't realize how much I fight to hold myself back with her.

She's my mate, so I want to give in to the bond and have my way with her, but I don't. It's not helping me that she is lying on top of me with nothing but a short nightdress on. We haven't even kissed yet, but I'm hoping it will happen soon.

The next morning, she is moving around slowly as she says goodbye to all her staff. She told me she wanted Miss Greta to come with her. I have learned that Miss Greta is like a mother figure to her. She has been in Freya's life since before she was born. She wanted Penelope to come with her, but they no longer speak since she caught us in bed.

Freya tried to explain to her we were soulmates and meant to be together. But that didn't matter to Penelope, and she said some awful things that would have hurt my mate if she wasn't a strong woman. She didn't shed one tear while Penelope insulted her. She even called my mate an easy lay, but that didn't phase Freya one bit. Freya only said that she hated she thought they were best friends, but realized she wasted years being her friend. Even though she told her family goodbye yesterday, it was still an emotional goodbye to them again today. They held her close and kissed her head while she held onto them tightly. They even hugged Miss Greta tightly. She talked to them in a motherly tone and cried when she told them she would miss them.

It didn't sink in what my mate was leaving behind until I saw the sad faces of her family and staff. She had already lost her mother when she was a young girl and now she is leaving behind the place she has always called home. I'm glad she decided to accept me and move to my kingdom. I'm going to make sure that she doesn't regret leaving everything she knows behind for me.