## CHAPTER 8: SAME DILEMMA

After they went back to the party, Claire thought she could go to Sebastian again when she gets a chance. She wished they could have the dance that he had promised her. The thought of being in his arms while they swayed to a romantic, slow melody filled her with warmth and hope. The thought was so intense that she could literally see them both gliding in the hall with no one else but them in their dream world. She could even hear the melody as the vision intensified in her head.

She wanted it to happen so much that her eyes always strayed to the corner of the hall where Sebastian was still sulking in, looking like a brooding Roman statue. She wished he would come to her and ask for a dance again and this time she would allow no one to interrupt. But Sebastian didn't move towards her and she couldn't walk to him either like she wished. Because Liam had been glued to her side like a leech, not letting her move even an inch.

All her attempts to divert his attention and sneak to Sebastian went in vain when Liam refused to even let her breath let alone walk away. So she had no option but to endure his presence with a smile even when all she wanted was to smack his arrogant grin off his face. Again she wondered if he had been this bad in her past life too and she was blind to have loved such an annoying guy. Maybe it was because she had seen his true face she could see through his act this easily now.

stared at him suspiciously. He was certainly up to no good! "Hey babe, let's go to your room and finish what we started on your eighteenth birthday."

As the party ended, Liam pulled her towards him, a calculative grin on his face, and Claire

Ready to mark me as your mate?" He whispered in a husky voice, making Claire stare at him with wide eyes. She needed to escape his advance without making him suspicious. What to do? She looked around as if trying to spot someone to help her and her eyes paused on spotting

her father, who was chatting with Alpha Devin. Perfect! Claure turned back to Liam, a gentle smile on her face.

"I would love to," she replied, making Liam perk up. When he took her hand, ready to pull

interruption of his plan, but Claire acted as if she didn't notice.

her, she shook her head, making him frown questioningly. "But not now," she continued and Liam narrowed his eyes, anger filling in the murky depths.

"Why?" He snarled, unable to restrain himself. His loving mask had cracked at the

"My father is ill and you know he has no one but me to care for him. I need to look after him," Claire said, her tone full of worry.

"But..." "Don't worry. Once I make sure he is alright, I will come to you. We have forever for that,

and Claire smiled.

Sebastian.

don't we?" Claire grinned and Liam nodded reluctantly. "Alright," he replied sulkily and without bothering to appease him anymore, Claire smiled at

She walked towards her father and, seeing her, Gavin smiled cheerfully. Though he looked a bit tired, he didn't look as if he was in pain anymore.

"Are you okay now, Dad?" Claire asked with a smile.

"I am perfectly alright, princess. Nothing can shake me that easily," he replied with a grin

him before turning and walking away from him.

After making sure he was okay, Claire walked out of the party, taking a much needed respite after all the dramas of the day.

Sebastian stood in a corner of the hall, watching Claire leave the room, his face blank of emotions.

"Someone is concerned about Miss Claire," Devin teased him in a singsong voice, making Sebastian look at him.

"What?" He asked.

Sebastian raised his brows at Devin in response.

"I should be the one asking you that. What is up with you and Claire?" Devin teased

between you and her?"

The playful glint vanished from Devin's eyes as he sighed.

"First, tell me what is up with you and Eunice. Am I wrong to think there is something

moment Devin had paused and stared at Eunice with that smitten look on his face. Because he had experienced the same with Claire.

"But she is a wolfless omega and a maid. I am not sure if she could take on the responsibility of being my Luna. It will be overwhelming for her and I don't want her to suffer."

"She is my mate," Devin said making Sebastian nod knowingly. He had already known the

Devin ran his fingers through his hair, messing it up and looked at Sebastian. "She is not eighteen yet and she couldn't feel the bond. I don't know if I should tell her the

truth. What should I do, man?"

Sebastian sighed thinking how he was facing the same dilemma. His mate also couldn't feel the mate bond and he also didn't know if he should let her know about it or not. So he knew exactly how Devin was feeling. But he couldn't tell that to him. But unlike him, Devin still

had a chance because Eunice didn't belong to anyone else. He could have her if he made his mind up. As someone who was losing his mate to another man while she was right in front of him, he couldn't let his friend go through that agony. He just couldn't. Meanwhile, Claire was standing on the balcony, her gaze riveted on the moon. The moonlight shone on her golden hair, which danced around her with a gentle breeze. "What are you thinking about this deeply?"

Claire turned back, hearing Eunice's voice and smiled at her friend. "I was just thinking about you," Claire replied.

"Me? What were you thinking about me?" Eunice asked, a puzzled frown on her face.

"My darling friend, I was wondering how you felt about a certain Alpha who came to the party tonight."

tomato. "You don't? So you feel nothing for Alpha Devin? I imagined all that fire sparks between you two? What a pity. I thought you looked good together," Claire replied in mock sadness

and Eunice stared with wide eyes. Then she looked down while her hands fumbled with her

"I d-don't know what you are talking about," Eunice stuttered, her cheeks turning red like a

"But he is an Alpha. How can he like someone like me?" "Someone like you? What do you mean by someone like you?" "I am just a lowly omega and a maid..."

"All I see is a beautiful kind hearted woman and if he has any sense, he will see that too." Claire declared.

"You think so?"

Eunice looked at her with bright eyes.

fingers, her face full of excitement.

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"I know so."

dress.

"We will find out. You just wait and watch. I have my ways," Claire said with a confident grin.

was up to something. She could only wait and see what happens.

"But how will we know what exactly he thinks of me?"

Claire grinned, plans forming in her mind. She planned to know exactly how Devin felt for Eunice and she needed to watch their interaction for that. At the same time, she wanted to

hang out more with Sebastian and understand him. She had failed to do it in her last life but

this time she wouldn't. She knew exactly how she could catch two birds with one stone. A

Eunice saw the glint of determination in Claire's eyes and knowing her friend, she knew she

Claire tapped her finger on her chin as if she was deep in thought. Then she snapped her

double date with Eunice, Devin, Sebastian and her was the perfect solution, and she was going to plan exactly that!