

Chapter 31

Maxine

I sat in the passenger seat just staring out the window,

I was lost in my thoughts, Why did he come back, How was I going to face him,
did I even want to face him,

He hurt me. Sure we only knew each other a few days but it still hurt.

The fact I knew I wasn't enough for him.

He slept with others knowing it would cause me pain,

"Penny for your thoughts,

I look over at Jon, He's giving me side glances.

Letting out a sigh I turn looking out the front window, "Why did he come back?

"I don't know, His father didn't say anything other than he's not allowed to see you,

"Why? I mean don't get me wrong, I'm not ready to see him I don't know if I will
ever be ready,

I glance over seeing Jon grip the wheel harder.

"Jon, I reach over laying my hand on his arm. "Please calm down, I know you are
mad at him too.

I see him loosen his grip, "Sorry Max, He says quietly,

"It's okay, This took both of us by surprise, We weren't expecting him to return,

"I just thought he would have contacted me, But he didn't we have grown up together, I never thought he would do any of this,

"I can understand how you feel, I would be upset too if my best friend just up and disappeared without a word,

He nods his head at that. We have been driving for about an hour. We didn't have a designation in mind when we took off.

"Hey, you hungry? You didn't eat breakfast it's now lunchtime, Jon asked me.

"Yeah, I could eat something,

"What do you want?

"Anywhere, Jon is don't matter you know I'm not picky,

He laughs and shakes his head,

"How about we go to Barbs?

I smiled to myself at that name. I did promise to go back to visit her but I never got a chance to,

"That sounds good, I tell Jon.

We don't talk anymore as he drives us to Barbs, Pulling into the little parking lot the memory of what happened the last time I was here come back to my mind,

"Max, Jon calls my name. I look over to see he's not in his seat,

"Over here, I hear him say to me. I snap my head to my door and see that he's standing there holding the door open,

"Yeah. I'm coming,

I jump out he shuts the door we turn walking towards the front door. Soon as we walk through the door I'm pulled into someone's arms.

"Maxine! Oh, it's so good to see you, Where have you been,

I laughed, "Hey Barb, How have you been?

She lets go to step back looking at Jon and then back to me.

"Where's Dexter? She asked me

I wasn't sure how to answer.

"He's back at the palace, There's a matter he has to attend to, Jon says to her.

"Oh that's too bad, You guys want to the booth in the corner?

"Sure, Jon says,

Barb turns grabbing menus along with silverware, "Follow me, She waves her hand at us,

I look at Jon, He gives me a smile he holds his hand out for me to walk in front of him.

"Thanks, I say as I walk by him.

"No problem, I saw your face when she asked,

I smile at following Barb to the booth. She lays everything down on the table.

I slide in Jon sits across the table from me.

"I'll give you guys a minute,

Jon just nods at her, I open my menu and look through it,

"You know what you want? Jon asked while he was looking at his menu.

"Yeah, I think so,

Laying my menu down I see a lady walking our way.

We gave our orders to her she walked back over to the bar area,

"So have you thought about what you will do now that Dexter is back, I asked Jon

I see him slump his shoulders.

"Truthfully I don't know, One hand I want to go up to him and ask him where he has been, Then on the other, I want to kick his ass for what he did.

I shake my head agreeing with him,

"How about you? Jon asked.

"Part of me wants to see him, I'm assuming that's the mate thing, But the other part of me doesn't, I'm mad he caused me pain, I look to Jon,

Jon doesn't say anything, Them nights when he and Laura would come to sit with me Jon would always threaten to hunt Dexter down so he could kick his ass,

"I guess for now I'm just gonna avoid him, I know it's gonna be hard with living in the same house, I just can't face him right now, I tell him.

"Max, I know you guys are mates, but whatever ever you don't give in to him so easily, Make him work for it,

I look at Jon who's looking straight at me,

I can see the worry on his face.

"Don't worry Jon, He has a lot of explaining to do before I even think of giving him a chance at anything,

He smiles, "Good, He doesn't deserve to have it easy,

The lady comes back over with our food.

We ate and chatted some more.

I always enjoyed Jon's company,

He's easy to talk to always making jokes,

After we finished we headed up to pay.

Barb was standing there.

"It was good seeing you Maxine, She reaches out to hug me.

I hug her back, "Same here Barb,
She lets go turning to Jon, He holds out the ticket to her,
She holds up her hand.
"It's on the house you two, I go to cut in.
She just holds her hand there shakes her head no,
"Thanks, Barb, Jon says to her.
She pats his arm, "Your welcome,
She points to me, "Now make sure you come to see me, and soon,
I laugh at her. " Yes, I will Barb thank you for lunch it was great,
We say bye and walk out the door, Walking over to Jon hummer we climb in.
Jon starts it up and heads out of the parking lot, We start to head back to the
palace,
We were so into our conversation we didn't notice the vehicle following us,
Suddenly we got slammed from the backside.
"Shit, Max hold on, Jon yells.
He picks up speed swerving in between cars, I looked back over the seat and see
two trucks racing to follow us,
"Jon, there are two trucks following,"
"I know, I'm trying to lose them. Hang on.
He turns the wheel quickly making us turn down a different street,
I see him look in the side mirror.
"Dam it! They're still following,

"What do you think they want? I asked,

"Well seeing how Dexter just came home today, I'm assuming it's you thereafter,

I don't say anything I just sit deeper in the seat trying to hold on,

Jon goes to make another turn when another truck rams us from my side.

"Max!! Jon yells,

I feel the hard hit, It throws me against my seatbelt,

I can feel the vehicle flipping, I feel the seat belt tighten felt like my chest was being put in a vise grip,

The vehicle slides to a stop it's laying on the driver's side, I'm hanging half upside down,

"Jon! I call out for him, "Jon!

I look to where the driver seat is but he's not there, Looking around I reach and try to push the button to release my seat belt,

It wasn't working, "Jon. I say a little softer,

I was starting to feel light heading hanging to the side,

"Max! " I hear Jon call me. His voice was rough sounding.

"Jon." I'm here I'm stuck,

I hear some rustling from behind me. I try and turn to look but I'm a little discordant,

"Max, I'm coming hang on he sounds closer, "

Just then my door is ripped off, I look up seeing a large figure looking down at me.

He reaches in and cuts my belt, He grabs me pulling me out of the vehicle,

"Jon!" I call him.

"Max, Max!

"Let me go!" I yell at him.

"Jon," I yell again.

The guy picks me up over his shoulder jumping down off the wrecked vehicle,

"Jon," I call him again.

"Shut her up," I hear a man's voice.

I try to look around, But I'm hanging over someone's shoulder.

"Let me down! " I scream at him.

I'm suddenly tossed down, I land on my butt

I start to look around seeing like five or six guys standing around me.

"What do you want," I asked.

The one guy steps forward looking down at me.

"It's not what we want, But what our lord wants, He wants you he has been searching for you for a long time," He tells me,

I feel a sharp prick to my neck, I quickly put my hand over my neck.. I feel myself getting lightheaded,

"Sleep now, When you wake you will be home with your true mate, "

That was the last thing I remember hearing, Then everything went black.