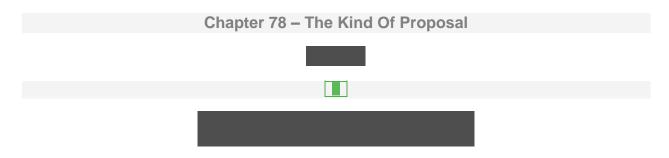
CLAIMING HIS RESISTING MATE



REESE'S POV

"Oh my god, I can't believe you are here" I hugged Savannah who was grinning ear to ear. Today early in the morning I went out in the woods to train myself. I have started training with basic moves since my body was not supportive with the heavy blows. But now my body is as flexible as before so I can go with my usual training. And after returning I saw Savannah standing in the yard. At first I was confused if I was seeing things but it got cleared when she pinched me to bring me back to reality.

"Are you surprised?" She laughed.

"Of course I am. I mean I wasn't expecting you to be here and you haven't said a thing about it too" I playfully slapped her arm.

"I didn't know either. Hardwick suddenly said he was going to meet Alpha Cassius because of some pack matters, so I thought to join him. It has been days since we met. It was a great opportunity and I just took the chance"

"It's really great. Have you met Adriana?"

"No, I just arrived," she shook her head.

"Savannah?" We turned around to see Adriana standing behind us. She walked to us hurriedly, "are you really here? I couldn't believe my eyes" she looked surprised.

"Looks like I am giving surprise to everyone," Savannah laughed.

"Come one, let's go and sit first" Adriana tugged Savannah's hand.

"You two go first. I will take a shower then change before I join you" I said.

"Okay, don't take long" Adriana and Savannah nodded. I left them then hurried towards my room. I quickly finished my shower before heading towards the girls. Adriana and Savannah were chatting in the garden. When I reached the garden I heard their laugh.

"What are you guys talking about?" I asked curiously as I walked towards them. They seemed like they were enjoying it greatly.

"Adriana was talking about her moment with Alpha Cassius. I must say this is really hilarious" Savannah laughed.

I sat down as I looked at them "tell about that too"

"Well, it's nothing but I think Savannah found it funny because for me it's not" Adriana shrugged.

"Come on, you can't say that. I mean maybe at that time you were too serious so you couldn't find the moment funny. If you look through it as a spectator, you can't stop yourself from laughing hard" Savannah shook her head. "God Adriana I never you could be that crafty"

"I don't like it when people try to mess with me unnecessarily," Adriana replied.

"Okay you two, are you going to enlighten me with your story? For god's sake I can't understand a thing" I groaned. These two are talking like I don't exist in this world.

"Sorry" Savannah grinned mischievously.

"It's nothing Reese, just an incident of the past. It was when I newly came to Silver Shine and as you know Cassius and I don't get along. So there's a woman who-" she stopped suddenly when someone called from behind.

"Peaches" we turned to look at the group of men coming towards us.

"Cassius" Adriana called out.

"Are you done darling, we are going to leave" Alpha Hardwick said to Savannah.

"So fast?" Savannah gasped. "Have you done all your work?"

"Yes, everything is done darling. We can leave now" Alpha Hardwick nodded.

"Why are you going so fast, it's not even an hour since we met and now you are planning to take her away?" Adriana frowned, making Alpha Hardwick look helpless. It was like he was accused wrongly.

"Then what do you want, Peaches?" Alpha Cassius walked to his mate and stood behind her.

"How about staying for dinner tonight? It has been days and we are all bored. It will be a great get-together" Adriana suggested with a smile.

"If that's-" before Alpha Hardwick could say a word Savannah grinned.

"We will" she turned to look at her husband "aren't we Hardwick?"

"Yes, of course. Since Luna said this, how can we refuse" Alpha Hardwick replied instantly. I almost laughed seeing his expression.

"Great. Let's prepare for it" Adriana clapped happily.

"There's still time for it, Peaches. You really don't have to think about dinner since we still have lunch to eat" Alpha Cassius said, holding her shoulders.

"I almost forgot with excitement" Adriana blushed.

Then we had lunch together and settled in the hall for a small chat. Azrael sat beside me and placed his hand on my thighs grabbing my attention.

"What happened? You look too affectionate today?" I raised an eyebrow.

He smirked "do I need any reason darling. I am always this affectionate, it's just you don't see it"

I rolled my eyes "ha funny, but today you are showing extra affection mister. Tell me what happened?"

"I was thinking about something"

"And what is that?" I asked curiously.

"Nope, it's a secret" he shook his head. "You have you to wait for it my sweet"

I frowned. A secret? I almost groaned. Now I really hate this 'secret' word. It feels like I couldn't digest it anymore.

"I don't think I could survive any more second. You have to tell me right now" I grabbed his hand which was kept in my thigh.

"That's not gonna happen darling. Some things needs to reveal and I want it to be special for you"

I looked at him and tried to understand his meaning but failed. This man has concealed his emotions so greatly that all I could do was stare at the blank face. He is really smart while doing such things. But I also know even if I try to force him to say he wouldn't. He is not only smart but also stubborn.

"You can't do that to me" I protested. Our voice was low so others who were engaged in chatting didn't seem to hear us.

"It's just a matter of time. Besides, sometimes waiting is good" he smiled.

"Maybe for you. Humph" I turned my head to the other side and pushed his hand away from my thigh ignoring him. If he is not going to say then I will ignore him.

"Reese" he called but I didn't respond.

"Look it-" he was about to say when Adriana interrupted him.

"Reese, come on, we need to prepare for dinner too. We need good planning"

I smiled and nodded. Great, now I can ignore him fully with work. Before he could protest I got up "it sounds good to me. Let's go to the other side and plan for the dinner"

"Yes let's go" Savannah got and nodded. Adriana did the same and walked out of the garden leaving those men together again.

Later in the evening I walked towards the yard but I couldn't see anyone there. I frowned and looked around. What's happening? They said they are going to set up the dinner in the yard. But why can't I see anyone here? And why is the yard so dark? It was good that we werewolf given special ability to see at night or I would have bumped into something and hurt myself. As I was thinking, the lights of the yard suddenly lit up. I looked around and gasped. The whole yard was decorated beautifully with flowers and balloons.

Oh my god, what's all these?

"Reese" I heard the familiar voice behind which had me turn around abruptly. There he was standing with a light smile with a bouquet of red flowers. He was dressed in a formal shirt and pants and I must add he looked so damn handsome. For a moment I couldn't take my eyes off him.

"Azrael," I whispered.

He smiled and walked forward "are you surprised?"

I was speechless. Don't tell me he was planning all these? But it's really romantic, it's like a dream I wanted to live that I was longing for years.

"I.... What's all these?" I asked with surprise.

"Something that I want to give you to make it special, really, really special. Do you know why?"

I shook my head "why?"

He stood in front of me and looked deeply in the eyes. It's like he could see through my soul. His gaze was so intense and deep. He grabbed my hand and pulled it towards his lips. Giving a light kiss on the back he replied.

"Because you are special to me. And I want this whole world to know it. I couldn't think Moon Goddess for pairing you with me, I never had the dissatisfaction nor I would ever regret. Maybe some parts of our lives are not what we wanted but it was our fate that we lived and got through it. It gave us the chance to find ourselves and our real feelings. Don't you think so?"

"Azrael these...." I couldn't form the right words to say. What he said was all true. Our last was not something I want to review again. It was a bitter memory and no matter how much I tried I couldn't stop it from flashing in my mind again and again. But I know whatever happened has already happened and I don't have the power to change it. I couldn't redo it and I could only rectify it in my present to built new future.

"Shh.... You don't have to say anything" he said and handed me the flowers.

"Thank you" I smiled at him. The fragrance of the flowers spread in the air making the whole situation more romantic. "All of these, you did it for me?"

"I couldn't help it. I have to do this for my special girl. Because I think it's time to give her a special identity" he smiled.

"Special identity?" I asked frowning slightly.

He nodded then pulled out something from his pocket. He opened the lid of the box then suddenly bent down on one knee. I stepped back a little gasping. My eyes were wide as I looked at him.

But the box didn't have a ring but it was a beautiful reddish brown bracelet. It was so beautiful and enchanting.

"My love, I have been waiting for this moment all my life. To show how much I love you and how much my wolf desires his mate to be ours. I have been planning for it but because of some matter I couldn't get this chance. This bracelet is a love token, and also a promise that I will always love you as long as I live. So will you give me the honor of marrying you and make me the happiest man alive?"

My eyes brimmed with tears and I couldn't hold back it anymore. He gave me a ring on my birthday and today he is proposing with a bracelet. Though it's different, I love it so much.

"Yes, yes, yes" I nodded my head. He smiled and took the bracelet before making me wear it. Then he scooped me in his arm twirling around making me laugh hard.

Suddenly everyone appeared in the yard and cheered for us. They were here all the time watching the scene.

"You really planned well Mr. Smith" I said.

He smirked "it's not done yet darling, we still have a wedding to perform"

"Wedding? When?" I asked and my eyes widened with his next word.

"In two month"