

A Mate for the Latecomer By Veronica Vito

Chapter 17 Past

Flashback: 4 years ago

20-year-old Elle

“Why did you do it, Elle?”

My father threw the couch to the other side as I cower away to a corner.

“They were our Alpha’s sons and one of them was your best friend’s mate, why?”

I could hear my mother sobbing in the kitchen.

“Damn it, Elle! why? I thought you weren’t like those girls”

I wanted to cry even more.

“You have disgraced us and if tomorrow comes I want you out of this house and this pack. You’re not my daughter”

My mother came in the living room blowing her nose with a tissue

“Go to your room Elle, your father and I need to talk.”

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Instead of going to my room, I stay behind a wall listening in. I heard them talking, my mom lashing out at my dad

“Don she’s our daughter we can’t just push her away and agree to what everyone is thinking. We are her parents Don! Whether she’s good or bad she’s still our daughter.”

I could hear my dad shift around

“Mira, we can’t forgive her she disgrace this family, our family” he almost shouted.

“Don are you forgetting the goodness in her. When she did everything we want without asking for anything in return. When she was supposed to find her mate but we let her take care of the late luna when it wasn’t even her priority”

I cover my mouth with my hands suppressing my sobs. My mother’s voice weakens

“She has no one Don, but only us” she cries

"It's just one mistake, out of all the good things she did. Are we going to deprive her just because she did something wrong once in her life"

I heard them both crying, then peek to find my father pulling her in his arms.

"You're right and I'm sorry." It was then I knew they deserve to know the truth so I made myself known to them.

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"Mom, dad can I talk to you"

They both turn to me before I could say anything they both crush me into an embrace and we all cry at once.

"Would you believe me if I say I've never slept with them" both of my parents nodded their heads, so I explained to them both how I got into the mess?

How I involve with the friends just to get near Dexter. How I flirt with him nonstop at a party just to be closer to their home and students assuming we slept together. How all of his friends lie about me bending down to them. How I moved to the next target as he was the only option left to retrieve it.

I knew he was Serena's mate, still, I seduce Alden while he was drunk. So he did take me home and that's how I get hold of the book but we never slept. I was going to tell Serena, too late someone had already taken photos of us going inside the house with his arms around my waist.

Once I finish telling them everything my mom hugs me again while my dad held his fist tight.

"Then why did you go through all the trouble. You could just walk away from Jea but why did you still do it?"

Shutting my eyes close I held back my tears

"I was going to die mom, and I couldn't leave you behind. I couldn't bring myself to do it."

My parents wouldn't believe it, they began to panic "oh my, are you sick you could have told us. We could look for a cure,"

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I stop them both "No mom, dad" my tears couldn't be held back anymore

“my mate died. I felt my heart and my whole being burning. The pain was intolerance that it weakens my body.”

I try to wipe away my tears “they say I wouldn’t leave any longer. I thought about it a lot you know of no purpose to leave but you gave me a reason to live and that’s why I seek Jea for help. I don’t want to give up because he’s gone. I still have you”

My father broke down he apologizes for what he said. Especially, he was the one who agrees to let me look after the former luna while all young wolves were out there living their life. Now my mate is gone and they both feel guilty about it.

After that day my parents both resign from their posts as warriors and we moved.

They would rather help serve another pack and Alpha than the Cascarade pack.

Whenever you feel like giving up don’t just give up but:

“Always give yourself a reason to live”

Love Xox,

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