

LOVE ME AGAIN MATE By Katie Spheres

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Chapter 41

Ana.

“Point and anything you like, Okay?” I smile watching the interaction between my mate and son. They are still in bed, holding Jace’s tablet for online shopping.

“Yes...Daddy, I like everything” Liam exclaims happily clapping his hands. “I want this, I want this..oooh it’s a big truck..I want it Daddy” Jace chuckles and adds everything to the cart.

“What about this?”

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Yes, ice cream too”

“You got it, son, I got you” Liam kisses his father’s cheek, and my heart flutters.

“I will show Grandpa” he grabs the tablet from his father’s hold and wiggles from his hold. When his feet touch the floor, he rushes out of the room and we are left laughing.

“Spoiling him much huh?” I approach Jace and he welcomes me on his lap.

“I wish I could more Ana. I missed out on a lot” he buries his face in my chest and I gently caress his head.

“It’s partly my fault, I should have told you sooner”

“No, Ana I deserved it. you did nothing wrong” Jace lifts his head to look at me and I kiss his forehead. I just hope trouble will give us a break. “I miss her” I mumble with a sigh. I wish she could have just left past in the past. She not only broke her mate, but her son too. To make matters worse, the man she chose couldn’t even pull a fight.

Jason was only a loudmouth who depended too much on a gun. No wonder Leo betrayed him. He and his followers perished like they never existed.

“Me too” Jace whispers, and his eyes start to water.

“Should we go see Dad? He hasn’t left the room since the fight” I whisper and he quickly nods getting up with me in his hold.

We can’t just assume **that** he will be okay or it’s time he needs. He **can** hurt himself for all I know. **I was** once in his position, and I understand just how much your mind can wander in the wrong **places**.

Our room is on the 3rd floor. Actually, the whole of the 3rd floor belongs to Jace and me and our baby. Dad resides on the second floor. That is where his home office is located and other rooms I haven’t explored.

On the ground floor, are the living room the kitchen, and the guest room.

However, when we reach Dad’s floor, Liam appears and you can imagine his reaction when he sees his dad carrying me.

The thought of sharing my mate never crossed me until now.

My son drops the tablet on the floor and raises his hands up to his father.

“Daddy” He whines like he is about to cry and Jace chuckles.

“Someone is jealous” Jace kisses my head and lowers me to my feet” Sorry, baby. I will make it up to you later, okay?” I laugh hitting his shoulder.

“Come on champion” He lifts Liam and slightly throws him in the air and the quiet house is suddenly filled with giggles.

“Dad, can we come in?” I knock on the door and it’s silent for a while. before a shuffling sound is heard. Slow footsteps approach the door before it opens.

He looks disheveled. There are dark circles around his eyes and tired tired red eyes. His face is covered with beards and this is unlike him. I remember how they used to tease each other. They could endlessly love and the way he looked at her, it was so heartwarming.

She was the center of his attention and I don't want to imagine how he is feeling. They were a perfect couple. Life is just so unforgiving.

"Can we come in?" I gesture to the room and he nods with a sigh.

He moves aside for us to pass, but Jace falls in his arms instead. I slowly take Liam, and I watch the two men break down in each other's arms.

"Dad, I'm sorry" Their bodies are shaking indicating they are both crying. My son keeps his eyes on the duo and I know he understands what is going on.

"I don't understand son, I gave her everything. I gave your mother everything and so much more, she shouldn't have done this to me" It's the first time he is letting it out. He has been quiet from the day she ran away. Maybe he just accepted the reality.

"She shouldn't have" Jace agrees and I look away from them.

This makes me think, how will Jace and I end? Will it be this tragic or we

will have a happy ending? I am sure as hell that the drama hasn't even **started**. Jason was just a warm-up of what is coming.

Leo is out there reenergizing before he appears again. I don't know what **that** royal school has to offer. Will we emerge stronger and together or apart?

I know I should be optimistic but this is real life. Shit happens, like what Jace did to me before. His mother did the same thing too. I can only hope the future favors my son.

No matter where I end up, Liam should be okay.

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"I love you baby" I kiss his cheek and he does the same. He is my life. "Are you hungry?" I rub his tummy and he laughs.

"No...mummy, grandpa gave me a lot of food" He widens his arms to show the extent of what he ate.

"Wow! My baby is gonna big so big" I exclaim and his eyes widen

“Like daddy?” He asks pointing in their direction. The two men have calmed and now they have their foreheads pressed together.

“Yes, like daddy”

The doorbell rings and I assume it's the stuff Jace has been ordering since morning. I take Liam with me but as we near it, my mind becomes troubled.

I pull the door open and right in front of me is Chase and holding his hand, is his mate.

The one who rejected him for my mate.

No matter what happens, my son is my first priority. So I silently move away from the door, granting them space to enter.

Well, welcome trouble.

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I lose the door as soon as they enter and remain hooked in my spot staring at them. The bitch is greedily staring around like she just landed in heaven.

Chase on the other hand appears to be scared..

The fuck Chase, you promised not to bring her here' I snap in the mind link and his shoulders instantly tense.

I am sorry Ana, but I went to reject her but instead, she clings to me with apologies

I have a bad feeling about this. You have been my best friend for a long time Chase **but if** this bitch tries anything stupid, I will not hold back' I cunter leaving them stranded in the living room. I am going to talk to Dad.

There is no way your mate will reject you for any reason and when she hears you moved to a royal pack she suddenly clings to you. Is he that desperate? Doesn't he see she is using him to get close to Jace?

No **matter** what she is up to, she better not come near my son or she will regret **making** that mistake.

“Dad” I call peeking inside his office and he instantly lifts his head from his computer. He works a lot.

“Grandpa” Liam exclaims getting down from my hold and rushing to hair

“Hello, sweetheart.” Dad picks him up and sets him on his lap. I love this. This gives me hope that in case something happens to me my son will have someone to take care of him.

Locking the door, I walk behind his office chair and hug him.

You smell so good” I hum smelling his hair and he chuckles. Liam gives me that sore glance like he did when Jace carried me earlier.

Not again Liam, this is my father” Dad laughs evening out the little crease on my son’s forehead,

Is he acting Jealous?” Dad enquires pressing a kiss on his forehead.

Yes, and I won’t let him take you away from me. Got that son?” I pinch his cheek and he giggles.

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I don’t have a choice sweetheart to your maste dose muntening?

I left both with his dad minutes ago, I think he will be he

Good, because training starts tomorrow I am also traveling the day after tomorrow. My beta will be in charge I frown leaning forward to catch a glimpse of his eyes.

“Where are you going?” I ask feeling bad. I don’t want him to go Especially when Chase just brought trouble with him

“Canada sweetheart. I think I need to be there when we go looking for your mum. I can’t trust anyone with her as it is”

“It’s a good idea but what about us? We will miss you?”

“Your Mate is here, his dad is here, and if you need anything you can simply call me. I also don’t think Leonardo will be coming anytime soon”

“I came to tell you something” I separate from Dad and pull a chair to sit next to him

“Chase came back with his mate” I sigh and Dad frowns at my disappointment.

“That explains the unfamiliar scent around him. You don’t like it?”

“The thing is, she had rejected him because of mate and when she heard he moved here, she found him interesting again” Dad stares at me for a while and finally nods in understanding.

“Whatever happened to the magic behind finding your mate” He sighs leaning back in the chair. “I will send them away, I can’t have unnecessary drama in my house or let anyone hurt any of you under my watch”

“No Dad. Chase is our friend but in case sje tries something, I have your permission to ruin her right? Father smirks and ruffles Liam’s hair. “Of course, baby. You and Liam come first and I won’t let anyone touch you” I grin standing up to kiss his cheek, Also, I want to see if he is man enough. I want to see if he will repeat the mistake he made earlier. It is a good test” Dad smiles and I pray Jace doesn’t fail.

There can only be a second change. Third chances don’t exist.

“Thank you Father. I will go bring you guys juice”

“Bring me coffee instead, He says and I walk out of the office,

Jace, Chase, and Lily are seated in the kitchen chatting away and

lusions She seems to be the one entertaining the boys while they die of Isuglues. I stare at her sbundant cleavage and cringe. What is the essence of dressing like that when you have a mate?

silently walk to the coffee machine and prepare Dad’s until I remember Alpha might need one too. So I make two cups and juice for Liam.

Can I have one, please? The bitch says but I don't turn to look at her. I am not a damn servant and if I was, I would never serve her. She used to hate me because I was always around Jace. Though she hid it well with forced smiles

Then when we were mated, she made it obvious. She didn't bother faking it anymore wonder why she is talking to me.

I grab two muffins and a chocolate for Liam and place all of them on the tray

"I will help you" Jace appears at my side and I slowly shake my head. "No need Jace, thank you" I gently smile at him but Jace can see through

I know he knows I am not okay.

"Hello again Dad, Mind having coffee?" He slightly smiles with a nod. He at least shaved and he is out of bed. This is progress. I pray he gets over her and finds someone to take care of his heart. He has a long way to go.

"Thank you, honey," He says taking one coffee and a muffin. I will go make him some food after this.

"Baby, wait" Jace holds my elbow as soon as I exit his dad's room and I

turn to look at him. "Are you mad at me?" he whispers running his hands through my hair.

"His eyes hold worry." No. I am not

"Is it about Chase and Lily? I can have them leave if you want" I remember Dad's words that he is testing him and shake my head.

"It's okay Jace. I will just drop this off" I point to the tray and he nods. taking a step back.

"Okay, let's prepare Liam's room after you are done, okay? His stuff is on the way" I don't get to answer that. Because someone else does.

"I will help too" Lily chimes in, with the widest smile I have ever seen. Was she hiding somewhere eavesdropping?

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Jace

I grit my teeth when she answers out of nowhere.

My mate is worried. I can feel it from the mate bond. I know why.

I don't consider Lily as a friend but as the future alpha, I had to be friendly to everyone.

I know her intentions towards me because she has seduced me more than once when we were still home. When Ana left. I even found her naked in my room and I had to kick her out.

I warned her multiple times until I threatened to banish her from my pack, that's when she decided to cool down, or so I thought.

Chase told me about her rejection and when Ana told me the reason, I took it lightly because I knew I wouldn't be seeing her again. My surprise when I walked on them in the kitchen.

I had to confront Chase and he promised he had everything under control. I had to pretend I was okay and even laughed at her dumb story.

But now I don't know.

Ana is not comfortable. I can't blame her because I know I broke her once. She is scared of history repeating itself and I hate it.

This bitch needs to understand that I am a family man now and there is no way I will choose her over anyone.

"No need, Ana and I can do it"

"Come on Alpha, there is not much to do here" She sweetly smiles taking a step forward but Chase appears behind her, and I sigh in relief.

"Come on Lily, we can do our own thing" Chase grabs her waist and she frowns before quickly covering it with a fake smile. Ana notices this and silently walks away.

Watch out for your mate Chase' I link him walking to my son's room. 'Sorry bro, but I think she is acting weird' he complains and I wonder why he can't see t

through her. The mate bond can make you a **slave** but it's **always** our choice to make anyway. Just like a certain woman did.

Dad **will** get over it. He is a strong wolf.

Liam's room **is** just a normal room with a king-size **bed**. Apart **from** the

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scattered on the floor, you wouldn't know it belonged to a baby. So instead of moving stuff. I proceed to the next room which is empty but quite smaller compared to the previous one.

The bed I ordered is smaller so this will do just fine. The room is painted blue and it has large windows facing the pool with grey curtains. Like the rest of the house, it has high ceilings and I know it's perfect.

I hope my mate will like it. I should teach her to trust me again. I would never want to hurt Ana ever again. I put her through so much and I still feel guilty for taking her dream away. All Ana wanted was to have a big family. Thanks to me it will be only Liam.

Speaking of my

mate, her scent becomes prominent and I take a deep breath. Light footsteps come to a stop at the doorway and I don't turn back. My gaze is on the pool. I know she is mad at me. Maybe this situation is reminding her of what I did when I came back.

A sigh is heard and footsteps proceed forward until I feel her behind me.

Slowly turning around, I harshly bite my lip when I stare into her eyes. They hold so many emotions and she is allowing me to see her vulnerability.

I grab her waist and pull her towards me. Ana buries her face in my chest. and holds me tight.

"I am scared Jace"

"I know baby. Please trust me, okay?" I whisper kissing her head."I love you Ana, and just because I made a mistake once doesn't mean I will repeat it" I wish she knew what she meant to me.

“I am sorry” She pulls back and I gently press my lips on hers.

“They are here, I will direct them inside” I whisper pulling away when Chase mind links me about the incoming delivery truck.

Descending the stairs, I smell her before I could run into her. Lily is standing in the hallway alone. She is only wearing a two-piece bikini and her attention is on her phone. Chase needs to put his dog on a leash. before it's too late.

She just arrived today and she is already trying so hard. I don't want to get on the wrong side with the King.

“Jace, I was wondering, can you please show me where the pool is” She asks faking innocence and I keep my eyes on her face.

“I am sure you have a mate for that. And this should be the last time your

talk to me I am about to go passed her when her hand stretches in my direction and I speedily move away. Her scent on me will only cause me Trouble,

“Am I that repellent? Her eyes start watering and it doesn't take long before she starts crying. Unlike Ana, her tears don't affect me. “I have loved you all my life and all you do is push me away, do you hate me this much?

Come on chase, your mate will cause me trouble. If this continues, I'm sorry but you'll have to leave

“My decision will never change. I will never choose anyone who is not my mate

“You either do as I say, or I will scream” she dares getting in my way and I sigh in frustration, pulling my hair. I can't do this, I will have Ana or someone else go for them.

However, when I turn around to leave, the bitch falls to the ground with a scream while pointing at me.

“What is going on here?” Chase arrives and at the same time, I spot Ana watching from above the stairs. I hope she was there all along, so she wouldn't misunderstand a thing.

“He wanted to touch me, and when I said no, he pushed me” Neither Chase nor Ana makes a move or shows any kind of reaction.

I can see why my mate was worried. This bitch is here to cause trouble.

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Jace

My eyes remain on my mate but she doesn't show any kind of emotion. Her gaze is on the woman on the floor. Chase doesn't make a move either, and I pray he is not that blind.

When Ana starts taking steps toward me. My heart speeds up and I can't help but feel dread. I pray she trusts me I will die if she doesn't. When she stands in front of me. I am about to start apologizing but she surprises me

Ana drags my face to her and tenderly kisses me. She must be feeling how nervous I am.

“We love you. Liam and I love you” My heart has never felt the amount of joy I am feeling right now. Her words have more than one meaning but

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it's all I needed to hear

“Come on” My mate takes my hand, ignoring the girl on the floor, and walks me to the front doors. I am scared if I say anything, it might change the mood so I remain quiet

I didn't do it, brother, your mate is insane

I know Jace, maybe it's time I reject her. I think I deserve better. Chase links back and I sigh in relief

So he can think outside the influence of the matebond after all. It's such a disgrace if your mate behaves in that manner. It's clear she is after power and she won't hesitate stepping on her mate to get it, and later kick us

but he doesn't matter.

I hate such loose women, Women like my mother, who take advantage of a clean soul and trample on them until nothing is left but pain. Dad is strong and I can see him trying to get over her

When a mate dies, the mate bond is annihilated The wolf will take some time to get back alive but eventually, he will get over her. He told me even if she didn't die, he was going to reject her So to Dad, it's all the

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*stop overthinking, Jace" Ana squeezes my hand and I stop walking I pull her to me and softly kiss her. It's a 30-second kiss but I am sure I relay the message I want her in get

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I love you I press my lips on her forehead and sigh in contentment !

have so much I want to tell her but I lack the words. If I could open my heart for her, I would.

Fast forward. Ana and I **arranged** Liam's room in a comfortable silence. We wanted to surprise him and even though he was delighted, the house holds a gloomy mood. No one is talking to another.

Chase **and** my dad are sitting on the balcony, talking to themselves. The woman is not visible but her scent still lingers around. Liam went with **Ana's** dad to the courtroom. He sure enjoys the little man's company. Ana has been laying her head on my lap all along but her attention is on her phone.

She never gives her phone attention when I am with her. She must be bored or something.

"Baby, let's go for a run. You shifted right" She lifts her head and stares at me in contemplation.

Okay" She mutters getting up and I can tell she is feeling reluctant.

Regardless, I hold her hand and direct her to the backyard where the forest begins. The air out here is fresh compared to the inside. I don't know if she prefers staying indoors though.

Good thing tomorrow we are starting the royal training.

“Jace.” She slowly calls, and I glance down at her.

“Tell me

“Dad will be traveling tomorrow to Canada. He is going to bring my mum home” For the first time since the fracas started, my mate smiles brightly at me, and my heart skips.

“You are excited, right?” I pinch her cheek and she giggles cutely. How is it possible for people to change moods so easily? I almost thought she was

mad at me.

“I know you are uncomfortable with the current situation. Chase already rejected her, but she doesn’t want to leave. Should we tell your dad to kick her out?” Her smile gradually fades away at my words and I understand why.

I already told him and he gave me permission to handle her”

“What do you mean?” I stop and curiously stare at her. Today she didn’t tie her hair and it’s all over the place. I gently tuck it away and kiss her forehead.

“If she causes trouble, I will be the one to teach her manners Ana

proudly smirks and I don’t doubt she will do that. Dad told me she was the one to put Jason down. She left **my** side to save my dad because she couldn’t bear the pain of her mate losing two parents.

I love this woman.

trust you, baby. Whatever you do, do it quickly. I think she is after something

I know, that’s why we need to be careful with Liam, Jace. You know how important he is to me, right? Her face saddens and I silently nod. She **can’t** have more kids. Liam is all we will ever have.

“I know baby, we will watch over him”

‘Do you smell that? She whispers, cautiously staring around us, and I quickly push my wolf forward for more effect.

“Yes, something is wrong” I push Ana behind me and she shuffles **back** beside me.

“It’s me and you Jace, I want you safe just as you want me.” She **takes** my hand and carefully trudges forward where the fresh smell of blood is coming from.

It’s a wolf’s blood. As far as I know, all the traitors went down, so it shouldn’t be something serious.

“Mask your scent” I whisper and we follow the smell far deep in the forest. The royal pack is larger than any packs out there.

When we reach the deepest part, we finally find the source of the smell and Ana quickly covers her face in horror.

Before we can react, a faint female sound calls behind us and we turn around more perplexed.

“Princess?”

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Chapter **45**

3rd person POV

Leo who is currently nursing his wounds, picks up his phone from the bedside table and goes through his contacts for his mole’s number. Leonardo is determined to win this game. That is why he played his boss and resumed his place.

“Why did you leave your mother behind?” The man sitting on a sofa calmly asks, staring at Leonardo whose attention is on the phone.

This boy is stupid. No one will easily defeat Noah. If he remained strong in the absence of his mate, how powerful will he be when she finds him? He ponders, observing the lad on the bed.

“That is none of your business” Leo rudely answers, and dials a number which is instantly picked. In this game, I can’t afford any kind of weakness. That’s why I left her behind. But since it’s starting to rain

se suspicions, I will just save her and have her hide until everything is accomplished' Leo thinks before finally addressing the person on the other side.

"Did you find him?" He says in a stern voice.

"Yes. It's about to happen" the other voice says back and it makes Leo's lip twitch so slightly to form a smirk.

"Good. Change of plans though, tell me him I demand my mother to be released and bring them both to me. No mistakes" He dangerously warns.

"Yes, boss" The voice answers and the call is ended.

"I don't understand why you are doing this. Why would you want to waste your life in this manner? You have a company to run Leonardo. We both know you are standing on a thin line. No has never beaten Noah in a fight" The old man reprimands with great disappointment.

"Shut **up** old man. Get the hell out of my house" Leonardo snaps. The **man** nods with a sigh and closes the door behind him. I am not letting him harm that baby. Especially when the people he is after haven't done, anything to deserve his cruelty

He always disappoints me. He gets in his car with one destination in mind.

The royal pack

Ana

We turn around to face the woman who just called my name, and shock Covers my features.

Tad, you need to find nie real quick. We are in the forest

Baby, what's wrong?

The woman in the photo is here. Hurry up, I will hold her for you'

'Goddess! Sweetheart, I am on my way'

Princess" she calls taking a step towards us and Jace quickly grabs my waist and pulls me closer. She sees the action and stops.

My eyes linger on her ragged clothes, her brown hair is matted and looks dirty. In her right hand, rests a dagger in a tight hold. The one she just used to kill the body behind us.

Something doesn't add up.

Leo's mum was held captive. How come she is out here dead? And how did the woman get in the pack unnoticed?

"Who are you?" Jace warily stares at the bloody dagger in her hands and slightly shields me from her. If I am right, this woman is my mother. However, I will only confirm it when Dad arrives.

"I am her mother, son. These people have been holding me captive and when I left to come here, I found a way to escape, your nanny helped me but she didn't make it"

"How did you get here? Dad already sent people to look for you in Canada" Her eyes sparkle when I mention Dad. Thank Goddess he won't be travelling any more. He is the only person I trust around here.

"When

Leo was bringing your son, they took me along so they would use me to bargain with your father. They took your son's nanny too but she was injured, When we got the chance to escape, she sacrificed herself for me" She drops the dagger when she sees our worry.

"Look honey, I know you don't remember me but I have to see your father. Leo didn't die and he is plotting his return. He has an army of wolves with him and it's just a matter of time before he attacks again"

"How did you get in undetected? Also, the woman you just killed was held in prison" Jace asks the question that has been on my tongue all along.

"I can mask my scent. Also, I came to warn you,

and there are people in this pack still work. Leo wants his mum out

for him. He told them to get into it and your son to the far east border where he will be

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We share worried glances with Jace and stare back at the woman. Of course, he will use Liam against us,

“We need to hurry back babe. Dad is coming and we can’t leave Liam vulnerable”,

“Yeah, let’s wait for your dad first.” He murmurs, and I nod.

Do you perhaps know who this mole is?” I ask gauging her reaction. “No. But they had already rescued that bitch and I sensed she went back for the baby” Oh! no, Not my baby again,

“Will you be okay Jace, I need to check up on Liam” I worriedly face my mate.

Before he can answer, a group of wolves surround us and I ease up when I see Dad’s wolf. He takes cover from the bushes and when he reappears, he is already dressed.

I eagerly watch him approach the woman carefully, I have no doubt they know each other.

The woman is already crying and I can tell that Dad is about to do the same.

“Everyone leave” He uses his alpha tone and apart from Jace and I, everyone scampers away.

“Let’s go to our son” Jace takes my hand and leads me out of the forest. However, when we reach the house, we find the house in a frenzy. Alpha is yelling at Chase who has his head lowered. There is no sign of his mate and that’s when I decide to talk.

“Where is Liam?” I fearfully whisper, looking around around me in case I spot him. His scent is faint and that is when I remember the woman’s words.

“Where the hell is my son, Chase?” I repeat walking closer to the two men, but none of them dares to look at me.

“I’m sorry Ana. He was asleep in his room. Unfortunately, when I briefly stepped out. I couldn’t find him, nor my mate”