## **Chapter 14**

Bruce looked stunned. His desperate look turned hazy.

"Did you just talk about mate?" he asked me and tried to come to charge at me.

But Nolan held my hand and pulled me behind him.

"Bruce, you have lost your mind. In one moment, you declare that you love her, and in the next moment, you behave rudely toward her. You can't win her heart like that. Be a gentleman and let her live her life on her own."

The bravery that Nolan showed amazed me. At our university, Bruce had a reputation. He was popular and admired throughout our campus. No one could talk over him.

Bruce stared at me without replying to Nolan. He did not look happy with my words.

'Is he thinking that I was talking about his brother? I was just making an excuse. Why can't he just do what he was doing behind my back when we were in a relationship? I set him free. Why can't he just go to another girl?' I thought.

I walked past Bruce. Nolan followed me. I caught a glimpse of Luisa, who seemed upset about how Bruce talked about her in front of others.

'You deserve it.' I said it in my head and walked through the crowd with Nolan.

I could not attend the class for which I went to take our books from the locker. Bruce and Luisa ruined my mood.

I sat on a bench outside my faculty building. The beauty of the plants that were next to the bench caught my attention. In spite of the fact that my eyes were focused on the smaller flowers, my mind was elsewhere.

"Sophia, you said what was on your mind. Now stop thinking too much about it," Nolan advised me.

He sat down next to me and put his hand on my shoulder. I turned my head to him and smiled.

"Thank you, Nolan. Today, you helped me."

"Are you crazy? What are we friends for? Friends should always stand by each other. If you see me in danger, are you not going to do the same thing?"

I nodded my head. "Of course. I will do the same. You and Sara are precious to me. I am blessed to have such sweet friends in my life."

Sara was in her class, so she was not with me. But I did not want her to know about it either. Tomorrow was her birthday. So I wanted to be happy. Though I knew she would hear the gossip from others.

After talking with Nolan, I tried to set my mind to studying and went to attend my classes.

When it was time for a break, I spoke with Sara. Today, she appeared to be in a very good mood. It brought a smile to my face.

"Advance happy birthday to you, Sara."

I said that and hugged her. Because it was not possible for me to meet and wish her later tonight.

She embraced me back. Tomorrow was her eighteenth birthday. The day was filled with joy for each and every werewolf's life.

But not everyone's life will prosper after this time. I was an example of them.

"Tell me what it is that you want," I asked her.

Yesterday, I was so stressed that I could not make a choice about what to get her for her birthday. On the other hand, I considered giving her a good present. Jewelry would be a good idea.

"There is nothing more than a promise that you will never leave my side. This is all I ask for. I know that, after Luisa, it's hard to trust your friends. But believe me, I am not like her."

Her words captivated my heart. It made me emotional. I hugged her tightly.

"Thank you, Sara."

Sara patted my back and whispered, "I am not that good. You are obligated to fulfill my one demand because you have asked what it is that I want.

I pulled away from the hug and cupped her cheeks. "Just tell me what your demand is."

"I am throwing a birthday party in a club tonight. You have to come."

I slowly moved my hand from her cheeks.

My mother would never agree. She would never allow me to go to a club.

In fact, I had never before visited a club in my entire life.

All of my life, I was under my brother's restrictions. When Bruce and I were in a relationship, he asked me so many times to accompany him to a club. But I could never go with him. I was always afraid that my brother would see me. Getting him upset was the last thing I wanted to happen.

Though my brother was not with us, my mother would deny me for sure.

"Sara, you know I can't—"

She interrupted me by holding my hands.

"Pretty please? I promise I won't invite those two people you hate."

I understood that she got to know about what had happened this morning.

"I know. But my mom..."

"Don't worry about her. I will come today to your house and convince her."

Sara was so successful in persuading me that I was unable to break her heart by denying her request. Moreover, she had no other friends except me and Nolan. If we were not with her at her birthday party, it would be upsetting.

After all the classes, I left my university and went to a shopping mall. I bought earrings for Sara to give her a birthday present.

It was expensive, but I used my savings. She was my friend. If she was giving me priority and caring for me, I should do the same.

Later, I went home. I did not say anything to my mother since Sara said she would come to convince her.

In the afternoon,

Sara came to my house. My mother looked happy to see her.

Sara requested her to let me go with her. My mother asked where we were going. In response, she stated that she was going to host a party at her house. It would be a girls' night.

To my surprise, my mother permitted me to go with her.

As I was getting into Sara's car, I said,

"You shouldn't have lied to Mom."

We were going to her house first. She said she would decide what I would wear tonight.

"Come on. I said half true. You will stay at my house later at night. But before that, we just go to a club."

"But still. I am feeling guilty."

"Sophia, relax."

I gave a nod at her and turned my head to the window.

"You should forget that Bruce, and move on, you know."

"I know."

"My party is in the most expensive club in our pack. My father is a member of that club, so he could manage the date for me. Otherwise, only businessmen can enter that club."

I heard her while looking at the cars passing by on the road.

"Hey, Sophia. What about finding a guy for you?"

I turned my head toward her. "What?"

She nodded her head and smirked at me.

"You are single now. You also want to move on. Who knows? Maybe your dreamy boy is waiting for you there."