

Chapter 18 Katerina Greywood

*****Erika's POV*****

"And if I say yes?" She asked and I glared at her.

Gage chuckled at that.

"What's funny?!" She grumbled in annoyance.

"Your tone. Hey, I miss you" He changed the subject.

"I miss you too." Paula's frown changed to a big, sheepish smile.

"When are you returning home?" I heard Gage ask.

"I won't tell you. But you already know I'm here with my friend to comfort her and until she gets better, I'll be with her."

"What happened to her?"

Gage asked and I glared at Paula again.

"She just broke things off with her husband because he cheated and had a baby outside the marriage" Paula skillfully explained and I let out a breath I didn't know I had been holding.

"Oh that's quite bad. And so you're saying you'll leave me for long?"

His voice sounded a bit sad.

Well, that's what the mate bond could do to anyone.

It had happened to me too when I was still married to Alex, I had remained submissive and loyal because I wanted to be by his side. I swallowed the tears and pushed back the pain. I needed to heal and I could not do so if I kept remembering the past.

"No, I'll be back soon" She giggled and assured him.

"You're sure?" He asked again like a love struck fool. I instantly became jealous of them.

Why couldn't mine had been like there's?

"That's cause our mate was a douche bag" Cindy added in my head.

"Of course" Paula said to him and pulled me back from my overthinking state.

I tapped her to get her attention, she turned her gaze on me. "Ask of Serenity" I whispered to her so Gage wouldn't hear.

"Uhm, babe?" She called before the call would end.

"Mhm, beautiful?"

"Have you heard any news on Serenity's current situation?" She asked in a tone that wouldn't arose suspicion.

"Not yet. It turns out she lost lots of blood and passed out when she was being taken to the hospital." He replied and I felt he shrugged.

"That bad?" Paula turned to look at me with a clueless shrug, meaning she had no idea on Serenity's health.

"Yes, which is why Alex is incensed and wants to get Erika by all means"

"If you ever find Erika, please don't tell Gage where she is" Paula pleaded.

"I'm torn between duty and love" He stated.

"Gage!" She yelled.

"Love wins" He laughed I'm return.

"I'll kill you before dissolving our mate bond if you tell him anything." Paula warned without a smile.

"You won't dare, Paula" Gage groaned, probably hating the word dissolve Mate bond.

It was her turn to laugh.

"Try me Beta Gage Forest of Moon Forest pack and see what Paula Blackthorn would do to you"

"You know what it does to me when you threaten me in that fierce tone?" Gage sighed and I felt bad for the poor guy.

Well, he wasn't poor and he was no better than Alex.

"Your flirty Beta" Paula teased him.

They ventured on with their flirty conversations.

I took my mind off of their love, naughty talks.

Serenity was still in the hospital? She had been hospitalized?

Mother of the Moon, please let nothing happen to Serenity June.

She brought this upon herself, but if she died, it would be concluded I had intentionally murdered her out of jealousy and bitterness again.

When Serenity had re-entered Alexander's life, I knew things were only going to get worse. I knew Alex had not really married me for love but just the mere fact that I was his mate.

Mate bond was stronger than what anyone could ever fathom. It was strong and powerful, pulling from it was something that could almost kill any werewolf that attempted it.

Talk more of an Alpha and Luna.

But because Alex and I had been Alphas, our wolves could mostly survive it, not to say it had not been painful too.

In fact, the pain had been blinding and heart stopping. If it could be that painful for Alpha werewolves, talk more of wolves of lesser class. Alex had changed totally and became closer to his ex, Serenity.

I tried to fathom her reason for coming back into his life. If only

Alexander could open his eyes and see what his ex truly was.

"I love you, Blackthorn"

"I love you too, Forest" Her call ended.

"Gage did not tell you anything?" I asked her and she shook her head.

"No, he did not"

"Hm, it's quite a long story"

"Like you heard what I just told Gage, I have time"

"You're staying for a few days?"

"Until you're better. Where's Katerina? I was expecting to see her"

"I haven't seen anyone since I returned" I shrugged.

It was not a shock because if my plans to be alone had worked, no one would be here.

But then again, Paula was here and it was greatly appreciated.

At least, I would not have to be attacked by memories of my past.

Of my three years that had yielded nothing.

"Alright. So tell me" Paula began and I nodded.

"After the whole ceremony, I came outside to meet Jace so he could take me home, Serenity was there, blocking my path. I tried to be civil but she was not ready to be civil. Unaware of her manipulativeness, she turned sober and hugged me, pretending to be sorry for the way things had ended between us both"

I paused.

"What a sly bitch" Paula remarked.

"I pushed her away but not hard enough to make her reach the ground. Being the drama queen, she flung herself to the floor and scraped her

elbow. I never knew those in attendance had spilled out of the Moon Goddess's altar and had seen what had happened or rather they had seen what Serenity wanted them to see"

I gave brief pause again.

"You know, I wonder what Alexander sees in her" She hissed.

"Alex got angry and yelled at me. Angry, I yelled back but when I realized his Alpha wolf was trying to come out, and I did not want anyone to know that Cindy is an Alpha wolf, I regressed and apologized. I decided to leave then and there" I paused again to lick my lower lip.

"I walked past Serenity when I heard a scream and a knife was thrust my way. I acted in reflexive defense, closed my hands over the knife thinking it wanted to harm me. The knife was found with me and Serenity was almost bleeding to death"

"Oh my goodness! How could she put herself through such risk just because she wanted to ruin you?!" Paula was shocked just as I was the first time.

"I had asked myself the same question over and over again. I don't understand why she was doing all that because I had already dissolved my mate bond with Alex"

Before Paula could say anything, the door opened to reveal my other best friend and the mate whom Jace would never accept.


Katerina Greywood. "Yoo-hoo girls!"



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