

Chapter 20 Her friends supports

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

"What?! That mean brat!" Kat exclaimed in anger.

Paula had told her everything I had told her that had transpired between Serenity, I and Alex.

"Exactly. How could she go to that extreme?" It was obvious both of them were getting really angry over the issue.

I was angry too, but I was also worried. "Is it abnormal to say I am worried?"

"Worried? Why will you be worried?" This was from Kat.

I shrugged. "I don't know"

"Are you responsible for her injury?" Paula asked me.

"No!" I yelled.

"Did you stab her then?"

I glared at both my friends, it was as though I was being interviewed.

"No, I did nothing!" I replied.

"So why should you be worried? Kat can you hear her? Are you sure she's alright?" Paula directed to Kat.

"Let her be, With time, she'll learn to be strong"

Kat said.

"You know, as the heiress apparent of Iron Claw pack, you can do better, Erika" This was from Kat, using my name.

"I second her statement, Erika" Paula put in. She got up to undo the zip

of her denim and removed the material. Like Kay, she was left with her underwear as well.

I sighed and collapsed on my bed. I was not a pushover but then again, I was not Katerina Greywood or Paula Blackthorn.

I really did not know how to bring people down, I did not have the heart to do to people what they did to me. As much as I was angry with Alexander, I knew I was still soft-hearted towards him.

If I saw him now, I would still be tempted to talk to him.

Though, the way I'd put on that stoic demeanor when the ceremony was about to start, it was all a façade.

I had felt deeply every bit of it. I exhaled deeply.

My friends were right, I needed to be strong but then again, I did not think it was something I could achieve in a day.

Moreover, that part of my life was over, the only thing I wished was for Serenity to survive this and once the news got to me that she did, I was free.

I would focus on my new life and become the Alpha I was born to be.

"Are you thinking again?" Kat caressed my arm.

"Of course, you can see she is. It's written all over her face" Paula peered into my face.

"You guys are lucky" I said, my tone trembling.

I saw them exchange concerned glances before flanking both sides, each of them lying beside me and holding my hands.

I reveled in that comforting contact. "The Moon Goddess will bless you with a better mate, Darling" Kat soothed.

"Have faith, Erika. You'll be happy once again" Paula supported.

I just realized I was scared of being alone. I had everything anyone ever pray to have. Everything except one. A mate to love and respect me.

And I couldn't tell them that father said couldn't be mated to anyone again.

"Until then, you be the girl I know you to be" This was from Paula. "Even in Alex's house, you were still a wonderful person, despite the things you were going through"

"I was putting up a pretense, Paula"

"You were being strong and that is the you I know" Paula said seriously.

"Remember how I used to be so scared of insects, whenever you saw them, even before I did, you would either steer me off that path or chase them away from the place. You are a good person Darling, and soon, you'll find someone who would suit you and love you just as you deserve" Kat comforted and I felt pained that I couldn't say the truth.

"Well, aren't you girls just the best?" I asked to change the topic, cause I was feeling a bit better.

This was why they were my best friends. I might not be lucky to find a good mate but I was lucky to have been blessed by such wonderful souls.

"Yes, what will you do without us?" Kat said, nudging me playfully.

"We need to be nominated as best friends of the year" Paula put in, nudging me the other side too.

"Some persons are becoming full of themselves" I shook my head, chuckling lightly.

"I'm starving" Paula suddenly announced.

"Let me get the maid" Kat searched through my wardrobe for something to wear.

She sometimes wore my clothes especially when she came for unplanned sleepovers. I had to get her an extra toothbrush before I left the pack for Moon Forest in case she decided to sleep over.

She quickly put on one of my dress and walked out to get a maid. She had always been visiting the packhouse since we were little, the maids knew her – even the new ones that had replaced the old maids.

They would quickly attend to her as they accorded her respect especially since she was mated to the Alpha's son.

Fifteen minutes later, she was back with two bottles of alcohol.

"What's with the alcohol, Kat? I'm hungry, drinks can come later" Paula frowned at the two bottles she held in both hands.

"Where did you even get those bottles? The maids gave it to you? I asked her.

"Nope" She plopped on the sofa and placed the bottles on the table. "I met a certain someone"

"Jace?" I guessed, exhaustedly.

She grinned.

"But Jace would not commonly give you that"

She shrugged, a mischievous glint in her cornflower blue eyes. "What are mates for?"

"Uh-oh" Paula had a brow raised. "She definitely played that card"

"What card?" I stared blankly at Paula.

"The card" The look in her eyes made me understand.

"Uh-oh" I exclaimed like Paula.

"Will you guys like to know how far I played it?" She still had that mischievous glint in her orbs.

"With that gown?" I pointed at the flimsy dress she'd found in my wardrobe and went to seduce poor Jace with.

"This gown is the best" She giggled.

"You're shameless, Kat" This was from Paula.

"I'll take that as a compliment, you ungrateful best friends" She narrowed her gaze at us.

"It was a compliment, actually. I wish I can be as bold" Paula commented.

"What's wrong? Trouble in paradise?" Kat inquired, referring to Paula's mate bond with Gage.

She knew about the bond.

"Teach me how to be shameless. Sexily shameless, please." Paula pleaded dramatically.

I groaned inwardly, then rolled my eyes as I laid back to watch Kat lecture Paula on many ways to make her mate unable to resist her.

I felt sorry for Jace Blackwood and Gage Forest.



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