## My Secret, My Bully, My Mates Novel

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## Chapter 0245

"Wait? Mates? As in more than one? How do you know there is more than one?"

They both smile at me. "My mom has a direct link to the Moon Goddess and when I passed my twenty second birthday with no sign or hint of a mate she reached out to make sure there was nothing else we could or should be doing. The Moon Goddess said that my mates were coming and we should be patient. We assume our other mate is a female, since that would make the most sense since I need to produce an heir to continue the family line, but I am happy to have Oscar now." He reaches back to hold Oscar's hand. "Obviously, we can't tell anyone. The Elders would have a field day thinking I'm gay or bisexual, it's not really in their generational DNA, but they would also see it as another reason to push me to take a chosen mate. The problem is, with Oscar the decision is no longer just mine and we don't want anyone, but our chosen mate."

"Okay, so I keep playing buffer then, works for me." I shrug trying to play it off like it was no big deal that I walked in on their make-out session, something I am very NOT comfortable with. "I'm going to head over to Luna Anne's suite and start to get ready. Who knows how long they will need to prep me for this ball." I sigh at the thought, but turn quickly to go.

I need to not be here right now.I understand the concept of hooking up, goddess knows my brother and the rest of the guys do it plenty, but it has never been something on my radar. Boys are still not that kind of novelty for me. I don't know if there is something wrong with me, but I just don't understand the girls who fall all over themselves to get a guy's attention.

Don't get me wrong, I can appreciate a good looking guy like anyone else, I just never understood wanting to cross any of those lines with anyone who wasn't my mate.

I was lost in thought as I walked into Luna Anne's suite. "
Perfect timing! I was just going to send Barty after you so
we can get started. I can't wait! You are going to look
amazing!! Now go jump in the shower and use the special
scrub that I put in there for you, oh and don't wash your hair,
it will go up better with the product from this morning."

I just stared at her. "Being a girl is really complicated. Give me crack of dawn training in the rain and mud any day over all of this craziness." I mutter as I head to the bathroom and all three ladies just laugh behind me like I am joking, but I'm not. This is borderline torture. Why can't I be like the guys and just put on a suit, pull my hair back in a ponytail and call it a night? At least I don't have to go through the crazy Luna ceremony. I heard the one for the Luna Queen lasts a week and is just ritual after ritual and party after party. I don't even want to know how many wardrobe changes there would be



for that, if I had to do three just for this Elder conference today.

Those thoughts took me into the shower where I found a scrub that had actual directions on how to use it properly. Apparently there are steps that I have to follow exactly to get my skin silky smooth. Why that has to be a thing, I have no idea, no one is going to put their hands on me except Xander and I don't think I need to impress my gay cousin. That thought made me giggle out loud a little.

"Are you alright in there?" Luna Anne questions me.

"Yeah. I just didn't know that body wash and scrubs could be this complicated." I half told the truth. She just laughed back at me.



## Chapter 0246

"You really don't do any of the girly things do you? I thought maybe you were just being shy." She calls back through the door.

"Nope, this is nothing I have ever experienced before. My nanny wasn't allowed to give me anything that might make me spoiled or ungrateful. And I've really only felt comfortable on the training field and none of this stuff is necessary."

"It's okay though, right? We're not making you too uncomfortable are we? I really never thought to ask how you feel about all of this."

"It's fine, Luna Anne, just new to me that's all. I really don't want to make a fool of myself, but it feels like some of these girls have been training in dress wearing and speaking topics the way that I have been training in battle strategy and I don't want to embarrass you or Alpha Reggie." I say as I finally step out and grab a fluffy soft white towel to dry off with.

I step out to where they all are. They have seen every part of me today, so I have become less shy around these ladies.

"Oh, sweet girl, you could never embarrass us. You are unique and amazing in your own way and many of the girls here are trying to fit into a mold that the old fuddy duddies have decided is what a young woman should be. Just keep being your amazing self."

"What is tonight going to be like? Is it just a dance and mingling or is there something I am expected to do?" I look at Luna Anne through the mirror as the hair stylist brushes through the copious amounts of hairspray from this morning.

"Reggie and I open the ball and since you will be with Xander you both will join us for that first dance. Normally he sits it out so he doesn't have to pick among the ladies who he will dance with. Something similar happened to Reggie before he found me and it cause a whole slew of problems. The Alpha took it as him choosing his daughter as a chosen mate and spread that rumor the whole night, which of course caused many fight and almost a dispute between two packs. So unless the Alpha Prince or Princess shows up with a date, they don't do the opening dance." She chuckles humorlessly. "After that you will both make the rounds getting to know the Elders and Alphas and the future Alphas since there will be several who will take over in the next year or two." My eyes raised up to hers, I don't even have to ask the question.

"Your boys will not be here, they have at least six or seven more years before they start attending with Lucas and Ava. We really only have them join when they are ready to take over so relationships can be established. The young Alphas still do the training together here in the summers until we start that transition." She looked at me with sympathy.



For the briefest moment my heart fluttered as I thought that I would get to see them and explain what happened, but not yet. I did bring a letter for Xander to take to them. There was no way I could write them individually and I tried to explain that with my five page letter, but I also didn't want to say anything that would get anyone in trouble. I know we aren't supposed to have outside contact for the first two years of training so we stay focused.

Once my hair is done I switch with Luna Anne and get started with the make-up artist. She really was very good at her job. I could see the subtle transformation she created with the make-up and it was way more intense than it was this morning, but I still looked like me, just enhanced.

