

# My Step-Dad Is My Mate

## Chapter 34

"Come on. Just a little farther." I said as I jumped over a fallen log. "Where are you taking us?" My mother asked

"That's what I wanna know.." Aiden muttered while he trudged behind lazily. Let's just say he's a little cranky because I woke him up from his nap.

Kaden rolled his eyes and continued to walk beside me with no complaints. Since our date last night, he's been in a particularly good mood, but He too, had no idea where I was taking all of them but it was nothing bad, actually it was to help all of us.

The date we had was great, but nothing out of the way or spectacular a. A simple dinner and a walk around the Riverlane Park (I don't know if that's a real place.)

He had told me he wasn't big on romance but I didn't mind, I'm just glad we had no disturbances or any unwanted surprises.

I nudged Kaden's shoulder and he looked over at me. "Thank you for not complaining like these two."

"Heard that." Aiden said and I chuckled.

"You're welcome" Kaden replied, "But I am curious just as much as they are. Where are you taking us?"

I shrugged and didn't reply as we trudged on.

"Here we are," I said as we stepped into my Haven, "This is a special place to me. I've known it for years and it's always given me...solace and comfort." I finished, as I gently brushed my fingertips along the petals of the white roses

"This place is beautiful." My mother muttered.

I nodded proudly as they stood admiring the large space. Except Aiden since he's already been here once.

"So this is what you wanted to show us?" Kaden asked and I wrinkled my nose.

"So so. Can you all sit?" I asked and Aiden slightly groaned and mumbled about having to dirty his clothes because he didn't have any extra.

"It's the forest idiot. There's extra all over the place in the trees. Now sit down." Kaden said with an eye roll and Aiden sat down with a loud grunt.

Mom sat quietly on her knees and Kaden was squatted down with his hands clasped.

"Now what?" My mom asked.

"Come on!" I shouted with my head down, "Come on down. I know you're watching."

"Who are you-"

The branches a bit ahead of us began to rustle and a few leaves fell to the grassy floor and then down came Richard, landing perfectly on both feet.

"Oh God, not again.." Mom muttered.

"Seriously Danica?" Kaden asked with a growl and I held up my hands. "He's not here to cause any trouble-"

"I don't even know why you called me." Richard said, cutting me off. "-he's needed here, with all of us. Because I have something to say to each of you, including him.

So please, no fighting." I finished.

Aiden raised a brow but didn't say anything more. Kaden looked at me and I could tell he was really annoyed with the fact Richard was here but this was important and may very well be, the last page to this chapter in our lives.