

My Step-Dad Is My Mate

Chapter 6

I snuggled up against the warm body next to me and sighed in content-wait..body?

I yelped loudly as I shot up from the bed and glanced down at who I was cuddling with and was surprised to see it was Aiden. How did he get in my room? Wait, how did I get in my room?

He must have brought me here after last night. Oh God last night...that was so embarrassing. I barely know him and I was bawling my eyes out on his chest. He probably thinks I'm a weirdo or some basket case. On top of that, he might even have questions as to why I was crying last night. I can't possibly tell him. For all I know he could run off and tell my mom or my entire pack and my life will be 20 xs than it already is "You really shouldn't over think like that, you make a weird face."

I gasped as Aiden spoke with a sexy smirk on his face. Sexy? Oh my God now I'm going insane.

"You scared the shit out of me! Don't do that!" I exclaimed and held my head in my palm, causing Aiden to chuckle and throw a pillow at me. "Quit being such a scaredy wolf. Come here, sit." He patted the empty side of the bed next to him.

Slowly, I went over and sat near the edge.

"Look Aiden about last night I -"

"Shh..." He said cutting me off and pointed to his head, indicating we link each other.

"Richard is outside the door listening to us so block him off and let's talk this way." He said to me via link as he laid back with a relaxed look on his face and his hands behind his head

I sniffed the air and took a brief whiff of Richard's oaky scent. Damn Snooper.

"Aiden about last night. I'm sorry." I said and he chuckled out loud. "Why are you sorry?" He asked and glanced at me.

I shrugged and fiddled with my fingers. In some way, I felt a little intimidated by Aiden. I don't know if it was because he was of a higher rank than me but he isn't like most Betas' so why would it be that? "Richard is your mate isn't he?"

I froze and found myself unable to look at Aiden as his rang out inside my head. Oh my God he knows. I'm finished, I'm done. I might as well kill myself now while I have the chance.

"Calm down sweetheart. I can literally feel the fear coming off of you. I won't tell anyone." Aiden said to me, still via link with a small smile on his face and I almost sighed in relief.

"How did you find out?" I asked, remotely curious.

Aiden looked at me like I was stupid.

"It's so bloody obvious. The way you two look at each other and the obvious tension at that table last night."

I sighed heavily, laying down beside Aiden who was staring at me intently.

"How could you see it so fast when my own mother hasn't even realized? Your parents didn't even see it!"

Aiden rolled his eyes playfully.

"Your mother is blind. She lost her mate so she probably doesn't remember what a mate connection looks like. As far as my parents go, they were probably too concerned about when the dinner would be over so they could jump each other's bones." He said with an added shudder at the end and I giggled.

A smile came upon Aiden's face and he poked my cheek.

"See? I can cheer you up. I'm guessing you haven't told your mom about you and Richard right?"

I nodded sadly and Aiden nudged me with his leg against mine.

"Hey. It's not the end of the world Danica. I promise I won't tell anyone till you tell whoever you want yourself. We may not know each other that well and this is probably corny as hell" He chuckled, "But I'm here for you. I promise..and I always keep my promises."

In this moment, I felt like crying. Something in me wanted to trust Aiden and let him in but another small part of me wanted him to be gone and away from me. I wasn't big on

socializing so I've pretty much never had any true friends. Oh I've had friends who became acquaintances who are now nothing to me. Could I trust Aiden?

My eyes trailed over to the man lying next to me and I knew I could. Maybe it was the brightness of his grey eyes or the way his smile is so contagious. Maybe the way his entire aura just screamed to me "I won't hurt you".

"Thanks Aiden." I said with a smile and hugged his arm.

"Anytime."

I quickly let go of his arm and blushed as I realized how odd I must have been acting towards him so sudden.

"I don't have swine flu or anything. Damn." He said with an adorable pout and I laughed out loud.

"Fleas maybe." I added and ruffled his hair.

Aiden growled loudly and tackled his body onto mine and we fell onto the floor.

"Aiden!" I screamed out instead of in the link as his body and mine had a meeting with my carpet.

"Don't touch the hair." He stuck his tongue out at me.

My door burst open and there stood a very pissed off looking Richard. I rolled my eyes and slapped Aiden's arm so he'd get off of me but instead of doing so, Aiden held me tighter to him and lowly growled at Richard.

"What's going on in here?" Richard asked and I scoffed.

"Get out." I stated. Richard made no attempted to move so I said it again.

"GET OUT."

"Snap..." Aiden mumbled and I smirked as Richard left my room and slammed my door shut.

I asked Aiden to get off of me and he did this time and he helped me up. As I fixed my shirt I looked back at him as he sat back down on my bed.

"Why were you even in bed with me?"

Aiden shrugged.

"I stayed with you to make sure you were okay and I ended up falling asleep I guess."

Satisfied with his answer, I nodded and grabbed some extra clothes and went to my bathroom.

"Oh and" He called out, "It's not every day I get to cuddle with a hot girl so excuse me for seizing my chance."

I shook my head, amused with his second answer and went to take a shower.

Chapter 7

Richard's POV

"What's the matter Richard?" Roseanna asked me as she entered our bathroom and left the door slightly open.

I ran my hand furiously through my hair as the images of that damn wolf growling at me as he held onto Danica (last chapter when Aiden growled at him) . What right does he have? Growling at me and touching her. My mate!

Danica. She's suppose to be the one I married, the one I spend my life with but here I was spending it with her mother while she watched. It's beyond rude of me, I know but I have no other choice. God, why didn't the Goddess give me a mate my own age like every other male wolf out there? And one that isn't my stepdaughter. I know Danica hated me for what I've been doing and I want her forgiveness-Fuck that, I need it but it's hard enough. Now, harder considering that wolf boy is getting too close to her for comfort.

"I'm fine honey." I replied.

"We've been married for two years Richard; I know when something is bothering you."

"Yeah well then you would have seen I've been bothered for all of those two years..." I muttered so softly so she wouldn't be able to hear. Roseanna stuck her head out of the bathroom door and narrowed her eyes at me. "What was that?"

"Nothing Rose, Nothing nothing."

I heard her sigh and exit the bathroom while I laid back on the bed with my eyes shut.

The bed dipped then I felt her weight on top of me. My eyes shot open as I stared at Roseanna with a raised brow.

"Maybe I can help you with that...You know..we haven't done anything since Dani's birthday and I think it's a bit overdue." She said with a wink and I cringed internally.

I avoided any sexual contact with Rose since Danica found out we were mates. I mean, yeah we did it before and I knew Danica was my mate but now it's way more different.

She actually knows now and the pull is stronger, it feels wrong having sex with anyone but her.

Dani is my mate but I know there is no way she is going to want anything to do with me in that way for a very very long time if at all. Maybe it wouldn't hurt... Hell, it might even help me think straight. I need a good release to clear my head.

I smirked at Roseanna and gripped her waist as my hand found its way around.

Danica's POV

"He said he loves me cuz I'm loyal...loyal. Put none above me cuz I'm loyal, loyal. He fuckin' with me cuz I'm loyal, loyal..." I sang out another favorite song of mine, FWU by Kehlani while I made my bed.

Aiden was taking a shower so he could go see his parents then do perimeter checks with my Alpha. In a way, I was kind of sad we couldn't spend the day together.

His attention was really comforting, especially with everything going on- I needed it. I had washed the clothes he was wearing and dried them so he'd have something to wear. I had suggested to Aiden to wear something of Richard's but he said he'd rather go naked.

As much as I knew Aiden had no issue with walking around my pack in his birthday suit- because he is an extremely bold person- I on the other hand was against it. Other females seeing his...'parts', the thought bothered me in a type of way.

Maybe I am crazy; Aiden isn't mine or my mate so I have no right to be possessive over him or his decisions. Why couldn't I get a mate like him? One who would be there for me, protect me, love me but no. I had to get stuck with my irritating asshole of a step-dad.

The Moon Goddess really is a being of wonders but I recalled something Aiden told me.

"She never makes mistakes. Every pair is paired for a reason."

I wanted to believe that, I really did but there is no reason why she would mate me to a man like twice my own age and my own suppose- to-be father figure.

"Dani! Can you pass me my clothes?"

I turned around to see Aiden's long hand sticking out of the bathroom door, waiting for me to put his clothes in them. Shaking my head, I stopped fixing my bed and made my way to the laundry room. "Going to get them! Hold on!"

As I walked down the hallway, my face began to feel hot and my head slightly pounded as an oncoming headache made itself known.

Am I sick? Wait, that's a stupid question, Werewolves don't get sick. I pushed the sudden body changed aside and went the laundry room. I collected Aiden's clothes and walked back upstairs.

As I passed Richard's and my mom's bedroom I heard a loud THUMP. What the hell? Did she fall?

I made way to open the door and check to see if she was alright, but I was somewhat hesitant and felt like I shouldn't. As I stood in front of the door, I pressed my ear against the door to see if I heard anything but I couldn't. It was dead silent but then I remembered my mother has sound proof walls. So she could be screaming like a stabbed pig in there and I wouldn't hear anything.

My body felt really tense and beads of sweat dripped down my face and onto the floor. My hands felt clammy and I struggled to stay on my feet.

"Aiden... hallway." I muttered throughout mind link and within moments Aiden bursted out of my room and was by my side, holding my hand. "Dani..what's wrong? Talk to me, come on." He coached but I had a hard time focusing on what was going on. What was happening to me? My mind was here but it wasn't, my body felt here but it wasn't. A sickening burn spread across my body and I felt like screaming but I couldn't. My neck and lower body burned like I was set on fire or had acid thrown on me. I thrashed in Aiden's arms as he attempted to pick me up. The more he touched me, the more it hurt.

"NO NO! STOP IT. DON'T TOUCH ME!" I screamed and he gently put me down then stepped away.

"Aiden..help me. What's going on?" I muttered between tears as he had such a torn look on his face, I know Aiden wanted to help me, but he couldn't.

My mother's bedroom burst open and I glanced up to see her looking around frightened, as she fixed her robe over her expose nipple. "Danica! Sweetheart, are you okay?!" She exclaimed as she kneeled down beside me. The burning slowly relaxed and went away. Then my gaze trailed over to Richard, who was behind my mother, staring down at me with a hurtful expression.

Oh, I see.. Realization dawned on as I comprehended what was happening. I was feeling the aftermath of Richard having sex with my mother. Acid piled up in my throat as I felt like throwing up.

A sudden growl from Aiden slightly frightened me but I brushed it off and wiped away my almost falling tears. "Aiden, Help me up please." "Danica? Baby, what's going on? Why are you so pale and on the floor?" My mother exclaimed yet again but the very sound of her voice was pissing me off more and more. Aiden gently helped me up and allowed me to lean against him for support.

"Danica h-"

"Leave me alone mother." I hardly replied and gestured towards my bedroom as Aiden helped me.

I could imagine how my harsh outburst probably hurt my mother and hurting her is something I never wanted to do...

But she has no idea how much she has been hurting me as well...

Chapter 8

Few Days Later

I had just left school and was now heading towards the woods to Haven.

The past couple of days have been...undescrivable. I have barely seen Aiden because for some reason I keep pushing him away, I stay the longest I can out of the house and avoid my mother and Richard at all costs.

The thought of moving out was really crossing my mind right now. I'm 18 now and I can access the trust fund my father left for me. It would be more than enough to buy my own small house, furnish it and so forth and still have money left over. Of course I don't intend on using all of it in one shot so I'd get a job, get my life together. All I need to do was catch up in school with the classes I've been missing, graduate and then get the hell out.

Last night I got home pretty late and guess who was waiting for me? Richard. He tried to "talk" to me but that did not go well.

Flashback I opened my front door and stepped into my house. 2:34am.

They should be asleep by now.

"Where were you Danica?"

Shit.

"None of your goddamn business Richard."

"Danica, we need to talk." He said as he walked closer to me but I took a step back.

"Don't come near me."

Richard sighed and stopped dead in his tracks. "At least come outside. Your mother hasn't been sleeping that well."

"Who gives a fuck?!" I exclaimed and threw my hands up, "You're destroying my fucking family Richard. Look at this! I can't even stand the sight of my own mother now, all because of you."

"Don't shout." He whisper yelled at me and I gave him the finger. "Don't shout? Is that all you can say? After everything you've done to me? Go to hell."

I began to walk away but he grabbed my arm and I flinched away. Any time he touched me I felt the sparks and the pull even stronger than before and I will not be weak now.

"I'm sorry...for what I did.." He said lowly.

"If you haven't gotten the memo, I don't care for your apologies. So fuck you and it. You knew if you slept with her it would hurt me. Every damn wolf knows that you stupid ass. For a grown man, you sure are a damn stupid one." I said with disgust and hatred lacing every word I spoke.

Richard's face became torn and then suddenly pissed

"You don't see me saying anything when you hang out with that wolf boy!"

I stared at him in disbelief. "You can't compare Aiden to this. At least I'm not fucking him!

Because I know you damn well haven't felt anything! You are hurting me every single day and Aiden has only helped me feel better. I've been pushing him away because of you! You! And he doesn't deserve that, you do Richard. And you know something else? I reje-

"What's going on down here?"

My head snapped up to see my mother standing at the bottom of the steps with a tear stained face.

"Nothing." I said with narrowed eyes at Richard.

"Don't do this." He said to me through our mind link and I blocked him out immediately.

Sending Richard one last hard glare, I stomped out of the room and brushed past my mother to my own room,

I screamed the loudest I could as I sat in the safety of my Haven. Remember I said I used this place to release pent up anger that I couldn't show in front of my mom?

Well, this is it. This is me at my weakest and I've never felt so alone. I miss my father so much.

He would know what to do about any situation, but would he know what to do about this?

I let another high pitches screamed and gripped the forest grass between my fingers. I couldn't even cry, they didn't fall and I didn't feel them coming.

"Someone's angry."

I jumped from my crouched position to face the owner of the voice that spoke.

"Aiden..."

"What are you doing out here Danica?" He asked me.

I shrugged. "Screaming as you can see."

Aiden just nodded and leaned against a tree with his arms folded.

I knew he must be angry that I've been pushing him away but I swear I don't mean too.

"You're mad at me aren't you?" My voice cracked at the end of my words as guilt flooded my nerves.

He sighed and pushed his body off of the tree and slowly walked over to me. "I'm not mad at you Dani. I just don't like seeing you get hurt over this. You don't see how much I care about you. All I want to do is help but I can't do that if you want let me."

My hands were trembling slightly and I rubbed them together. At the moment I didn't know what to say so I closed the gap between us and engulfed Aiden in a hug.

"I'm sorry. I'm so so sorry."

His arms wrapped around me and I buried my face in his chest.

"It's okay Danica."

We stayed like that for a few minutes, just in each other's arms until he pulled away a little.

"But ya know..just sorry doesn't cut it." He said with a smirk and my eyes widened.

He isn't talking about...No he can't be can he?

"No I'm not talking about THAT." He reassured me and I felt a little relieved.

"Then what?"

Aiden moved some strands of my hair away from my eyes and smiled down at me.

"Let me take you out."

Chapter 9

Oh My God! Aiden is coming to pick me up in 20 minutes and I have no idea what to wear! My makeup isn't done, my hair is a mess just what the hell.

In case you are wondering what is going on, I'm getting ready- well suppose to be finishing up by now for my date with Aiden. And yes, I said yes to him. I'm so excited and nervous at the same time. At first, I was going to say no, but then I thought to myself. I deserved this, to actually enjoy myself for once after everything that has been going on. I won't let my emotions or Richard or anything else stop me from living my life.

As I rampaged through my wardrobe and tossing dress after dress after dress on the floor, I was close to giving up. Times like this made me wish I had girlfriends to help with this kind of stuff or any type of friend that is.

"Need any help?"

I looked up to see my mother standing in the doorway with a hopeful look and it made me cringe.

"Sure mamma." I said lowly. Her footsteps got closer to me and my closet.

I couldn't help but cringe being in the same room with her, it was beyond uncomfortable.

"How about this?" She said and held up a cream colored strap-less dress.

I stared at the dress in shock. When did I buy this? Slowly I took it from my mother's hand and ran my hands down the soft fabric.

"It's perfect."

My mom smiled a little and nodded then proceeded to leave the room. "Wait, mom." I called out and she stopped abruptly and turned to face me.

"Thanks" I began, "for helping."

Mom smiled at me and then exited my room. Well, that was awkward. I laid the dress on my bed and admired it for a few seconds then turned to vanity to finish up my makeup and hair.

"You look beautiful sweetie." My mom complimented me as I looked over my outfit in the mirror downstairs near the hallway.

My hair was straightened and curled at the end, my skin glistened from the new body lotion I had used which was scented lavender and my face had light make up. Just eyeliner and my red lipstick.

"Thank you momma." I said with a smile.

5 more minutes and Aiden will be here. What if I trip over my heels? Spill juice on him? Drop acid on his face!? Okay, that last one is most likely not going to happen but I'm nervous okay? I've never been out on an actual date before. I wanted the first person to take me out to be my mate but...Aiden is just perfect enough. I wonder what he has planned? Is he going to wing it or something? Would he be as nervous as I am? Probably not, I bet he's been out on a date before but it doesn't really matter who was a part of his past, all that matters is now. "Well someone looks nice."

I felt my body tense as I heard his voice as he came down the stairs. "She does doesn't she Richard? My baby's first date! I'm so happy for her." My mom said excitedly.

I was glad to see her in her normal chipper state again, it sure beats seeing her looking depressed 24/7.

"Date?" Richard asked as he paused before taking another step forward. His jaw was clenched and he glared at me with dark eyes but I didn't look away or back down. I looked right back at him and showed him that I didn't have two shits about what he thinks or wants.

"Yes hunny, she has a date with that Beta. What's his name again? Umm, Jaden? No that's not it... Braden?"

"Aiden." I corrected my mother at her hopeless guesses and she snapped her fingers.

"Aiden! That's it. He's a sweet boy isn't he Richard?" My mom asked as she lightly tapped his shoulder and Richard just growled softly. "Richard! Why are you growling?" She asked and I smirked at him, knowing damn well why he was.

"Rose, she isn't going anywhere." He said and I rolled my eyes.

My mother scoffed and crossed her arms. "Why not?"

Richard looked dumbfounded for a minute but then the expression. Went away. "It's a school night for Christ sakes!"

"Is that really it Richard?" I asked in a teasing tone and he sent me a warning glance.

"Yes." He said stiffly and I chuckled.

"Well, I don't care. I'm going on that date. Aiden's going to take me to dinner and then take me dancing. Ooo dancing. He'll run his hands all over me and-"

"HE WILL NOT TOUCH YOU!" Richard bellowed, making m mom jumped back a little from the little fright but I saw it coming.

"What's going on with you two?" She asked but I tuned her out as Richard and I were having an intense glare down.

"You will not leave this house." He growled to me and I growled right back.

"You don't control me."

"YOU WILL DO AS I SAY!" He shouted and I felt my anger flare.

"FUCK OFF RICHARD. KNOW YOUR PLACE BECAUSE YOU CERTAINLY AREN'T IN IT!"

"Am I disturbing something?"

My head snapped to the direction of the front door where Aiden stood watching us with wide eyes while I took in his outfit. was wearing some black jeans with a grey dress shirt and his hair combed to the side. Who knew casual could look so good?

"Get out/No." Richard and I said at the same time. This asshole...

I walked over to Aiden and engulfed him in a hug, breathing in his coconuty scent.

"I'm so glad to see you."

"Will someone tell me what the hell is going on?!" My mom yelled as she came out of her trance of shock.

"Yeah Richard. Why don't you tell my mom what's going on." I said with a strong voice as I let go

of Aiden. He gripped my hand and entwined our fingers. I looked up at him and he smiled at me.

"You got this." He said via our link and I felt a little more courage. This is it. I can do this. It's time.

"I just think Danica shouldn't be going out with a boy she barely knows. Much less on a school night!" Richard exclaimed, lying fluently.

I gritted my teeth together. Now is the chance for him to be honest and he lies again? What a douche.

"Is that it Richard? Because she barely knows me?" Aiden said, taunting him.

"Richard it's not that big of a deal. Let her enjoy herself." My mom said, still oblivious to the lies and tension floating above us in the room.

"Oh Jesus Christ mom are you really that fucking blind?" I blurted out before I could stop myself and it became so quiet you couldn't even sound of anyone breathing.

"Danica! What on earth is the matter with you?" She asked and that's when I lost it.

"What's the matter with me? You've been fucking my mate for almost 3 years now and you are asking ME that question?"

Richard's mouth fell open and I felt a weight lift off of my shoulders.

"I haven't been f- Mate? Danica your m- But I've been with Ri- wait...Are you saying that...?"

"Yes mother" I said with a roll of my eyes. "Richard is my mate."

Tap tap tap!

My eyes fluttered open quickly as I studied my surroundings, only to find out I was in my room, alone. No Richard, Aiden or my mom. It was just a dream. In a way, I feel a little relaxed and angry. It seemed so real, like I had actually told her I was mates with Richard.

Tap tap tap!

"Danica come downstairs! Aiden is here." I heard my mom's voice from the other side of the door and I got up, rubbing the sleep away from my eyes and grabbed my purse. Quickly checking myself in the mirror, I was wearing the exact same outfit as I did in the dream. Weird.

As I opened my bedroom door, I was greeted by my mom who looked at me proudly.

"You wore the dress I picked." She said.

Oh she I guess she really did help me do this.

"Of course." I replied back with a grin.

"Come on, Aiden is waiting on you." She said and started walking down the hall with me on her tail.

As we approached the steps, I took a whiff of Aiden's scent; his coconut scent and breathed in deep. Damn does he smell good.

"Hey." He said when I got down to the final step.

"Hey."

"You ready Dani?" Aiden asked as he reached for my hand, slowly locked our fingers together.

I nodded and waved bye to my mom.

My eyes trailed up the middle of the steps, where Richard stood quietly, watching me leave with a sad look in his eyes. I faced away from his look and shut the door behind Aiden.

"I have some things planned for us. If that's okay." He said softly.

"It's perfect. Thank you."

"For what?" Aiden asked and I blushed lightly.

"Being here, for this. Even though I pushed you away for a little while, you still stayed. Thank you Aiden."

I got in his car and Aiden shut my door for me then went over to the driver's side and started down the road.

"A promise is a promise and I told you I don't break mine. You don't deserve the life you have Danica. You need to be happy, just like every girls needs to be and if I can at least bring some joy into it, then I'll keep doing whatever I need to do."

I was on a full on blush by the time Aiden was done. I just peeked at him through the corner of my eye to see he was already glancing at me so I covered my face. I'm acting like a 10 year old.

Way to play it smooth Danica.

"You should get some zz's. It's going to be a little before we get to where we're going and I don't want you to be tired." He said and my curiosity was sparked. I opened my mouth where we were going but he beat me too it.

"Don't even."

I pouted and Aiden laughed as he poked my bottom lip with his finger. "Put that lip back in sweetheart."

The thought occurred to me to bite his finger but I went against it and leaned back in the seat.

My eyes slowly began to droop while Aiden drove on to wherever he was taking me but I had a feeling I'd like it. I trust him.

And that was my last thought, before I drifted into the peaceful state called sleep.

Chapter 10

Roseanna's POV (Danica's Mom)

"I'm going to take a shower sweetheart." Richard said to me and I smiled to him with a nod as I rolled the cookie dough.

As he descended up the stairs, my face immediately turned into a scowl.

Who the hell does he think he is?

Does he honestly think I don't know what's been going on between him and Danica? And the balls he has to play nice about it. Son of a bitch has another thing coming.

He probably forced her into it. My baby wouldn't fall into the antics of men so easily unless he played her, made her blind to what he is really doing. Bastard is sleeping with my daughter and thinks he is slick.

I've noticed how Danica and him have been acting. He's even making my baby hate me and push me away. Well, this is the last straw. As soon as Danica gets home, I'm throwing all my cards on the table.

The truth will come out tonight.

Richard's POV

I quickly shut the bathroom door and turned on the shower head. After waiting a few minutes, I quietly opened the window and lifted it then climbed out.

I needed to keep an eye on Danica and that wolf boy. I see what he's trying to do. He's trying to take my mate away from me. Probably, I screwed up my chances with her but that doesn't mean I can't fix it right? Or at least try too.

As I landed on the ground, I didn't bother to take off my clothes and just shifted into my silver/grey wolf and jetted down the street, following Danica's scent as quickly as I could before it was completely gone.

Danica's POV

"Danica."

"Leave me alone let me sleep." I mumbled as I swatted the person's hand away.

"Danica!"

I shot up fast, only to hit my head on the rearview mirror of Aiden's car. "Ow!" I exclaimed and rubbed my head.

Aiden chuckled and helped me out of the car while I pouted up a storm.

"Come on. We're here." He said and entwined our fingers while we walked by.

I watched around and notices the many houses around. It looks like almost like a pack. Wait, a pack?

"Aiden, where are we?"

"My pack." He said and pulled me towards a very large building.

I froze. Some Alpha's are extremely territorial and don't take well to people from other packs being on their land, especially if they don't know.

"Don't worry" Aiden assured me, "My Alpha knows your going to be here. He isn't bad, trust me."

I nodded and followed close by. Some pack members who were outside stared at us as we walked by with wide eyes and some were murmuring things.

"The Beta has found his mate?"

"She's very pretty."

"I can't wait to see the future Beta babies!"

A bright blush crept its way onto my cheeks and I looked down. They thought I was his mate, how ironic.

As we stepped up to the large building's entrance, Aiden opened the door and let me step in first and I couldn't believe my eyes.

It was something like an auditorium I guess I could say. White and red rose petals were scattered all over the floor as well as candles lined up on the floor, making a lit like pathway then the little pathway ends near a table in the center of more petals which were surrounding it. "Aiden..." I didn't know what else to say. I felt like I had lost touch with my brain for the minute.

God, this is amazing.

"I wanted to make this special for you Danica." He said with a smile then kissed my hand and led me down the candle lit pathway.

"Thisis so beautiful. Oh my God..Just oh my God." I stared around me in utter shock like if I blinked everything would disappear and I'd wake up from a dream.

"Well, it's obvious you like it. I was afraid you wouldn't." He said as he pulled back a chair for me to sit.

"What girl wouldn't like this? Are you serious?" I asked as I sat down, still feeling mesmerized.

Aiden just shrugged then took his seat across me.

"I have some food being prepared for us, it will be here in a bit." "Alright." I said as I struggled to contain my smiling. I've never felt this happy in forever, I so needed this.

"You dance?" He asked and I smirked as I recalled the night of my birthday and he laughed.

"Not that kind of dance."

I thought for a moment then shook my head. Like I said, I'd never been on a date before or anything like that so I never took a big interest in dancing.

"How about we try?" He asked and I bit my lip.

"I don't know Aiden. I might fall." I added with a nervous chuckle and he rolled his eyes at me.

"Wait here." He said and swiftly got up, jogging to the other side of the room.

Well, I guess it won't hurt to try.

As soon as I stood up, a song began to play and I felt immediately nervous.

Aiden jogged back over to me with a smile on his face while he held out his hand to me. I hesitantly took it and tried to calm my nerves as he led me to the center of the room.

The beat of the music slowly began to pick up and I felt stiff as hell. What do I do?

"Relax. Just let the music in, let it take control and let it flow." Aiden whispered in my ear as he pulled me close to him and swayed at a mid- fast pace with me to the beat.

"Aiden I don't know what I'm-"

"Shh." He cut me off and stepped back, making take steps forward with him since his hand was tightly grasping on my lower back.

As the music picked up more and the building to the chorus came, I felt a little more relaxed. At least I haven't fallen yet.

"Dani."

"Yeah?"

"You trust me?" Aiden asked and I nodded with my head tilted slightly. "Good."

So shine bright tonight

You and I Are beautiful like diamonds in the sky

Aiden gripped my waist with both hands and lifted me into the air like I weighed nothing.

I squealed loudly and slapped his arms to put me down.

"Just let the music take you." He said again and put me down. Grabbing onto my hand, he spun me out then pulled me back, making our bodies clash together and his other hand run down my back softly, making me shiver.

He turned me around and made me face him and swayed with me as he stared into my eyes with a huge grin on his face. I blushed and rested my forehead against his chest. The build of the chorus came once more and I knew what he was going to do but I was ready.

You're a shooting star I see

A vision of ecstasy

When you hold me

I'm alive

We're like diamonds in the sky

I knew that we'd become one right away

Oh right away

Once more, Aiden lifted me up and I wasn't afraid, I didn't scream, I felt free.

I opened my arms wide and closed my eyes and giggled. Now this, is what happiness really feels like.

The song was slowly dying down and slowly Aiden let me down and I opened my eyes, looking straight at him as he did the same.

My arm found its way to the back of his head and I lightly gripped his hair with my other hand on his forearm. Aiden leaned in slowly and I leaned in back. Our lips were inches apart and I was dying from anticipations.

"You really are a diamond." He whispered as his lips were about to touch mine and I closed my eyes once more, ready to get my first kiss. Until...

"MINE!"

My eyes shot open and I looked towards the entrance to see Richard standing there in basketball shorts and black eyes.

"What are you doing on this land?" Aiden asked as he released me from his hold and pushed me behind him.

"You have what's mine. I want her back." Richard said as he inched near us and Aiden stepped back, making me do the same.

"Go home to your wife Richard. Aren't you tired of making Danica suffer? She doesn't deserve this and you don't deserve her. Get the hell out before I show you the way out."

"Danica comes with me then I'll leave. I can't change the past and I can't change what I've been doing but I will earn her forgiveness." Richard said and I scoffed. Earn my forgiveness, yeah right.

"Earn her forgiveness? By doing what? Screwing her mother some more? You are not taking her." Aiden said with a loud growl at the end and Richard chuckled.

"You're forgetting that you have to bring her back anyway. Danica, please. You know I'm sorry and that I love you. Don't let him play with your head." Richard pleaded to me as he came closer to Aiden and I and I shook my head in disgust.

"Suck a dick Richard." I said.

"Y-you two are m-m-mates?"

I tilted my head to look behind Richard to see my mother standing there with tears in her eyes.

Oh f*ck.