

Chapter 27 : Did He Just Find His Mate?

The female doctor came back just before things could get awkward between them. It was surprising how things developed within a few minutes of meeting.

Alpha Roman went completely out of character and showed a soft side while Anaya couldn't help but feel like her heart was going to spring out of her chest and do a summersault.

The doctor took Anaya away for the tests and Alpha Roman took the opportunity to leave the hospital. He didn't forget to remind the staff to take good care of Anaya while she is here.

Anaya had some blood taken from her arm, a body scan and a few x-rays done. The doctor who was attending to her was by her side while all these tests were being done. Anaya was thankful for the doctor because if she were to go through all this alone it would be scary.

After the necessary tests Anaya was taken back to her ward to rest. Right outside the ward Anaya paused for a moment and took a deep breath and asked the doctor if Alpha Roman had left.

The doctor looked into the ward through the little glass and said, "Yes he's gone."

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Anaya nodded and went inside. She was a little nervous around Alpha Roman. Surprisingly it wasn't fear which was an emotion she always carried around. The fear was dispelled when Alpha Roman was around and all that was left was a tickling in her tummy and nervousness.

"Rest is very important for you right now so try to relax. It's best if you sleep more. Your body will repair itself while you sleep." The doctor advised.

"Thank you." Anaya whispered and laid down on the bed. The bed was soft and sank under her body weight. It was so incredibly comfortable that even if the doctor didn't tell her to sleep, she'd fall asleep anyway.

While Anaya was resting, Alpha Roman was back in his study to resume the work that he had put on hold. He called Easton to bring Charlotte to his study.

The main purpose of having this meeting with Charlotte was to make her familiar with the way things work in the Southern warrior pack. Even though she was an elemental, he had brought her here in exchange of many valuable resources. She did not come cheap and Alpha Roman didn't want to regret this decision.

Easton came in five minutes later with Charlotte right behind him. She didn't look too happy to be there for the second time. Easton bowed and took

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a seat opposite to Alpha Roman and Charlotte did the same.

"Didn't you cancel the meeting?" Charlotte asked.

"Alpha Roman was quiet relaxed after seeing Anaya so he didn't get irritated so easily and answered, "It wasn't cancelled, I just postponed it."

"Alpha, how is she now?" Easton asked.

"She's fine. Awake and apparently also an adult."
Alpha Roman looked pointedly at Charlotte.

Charlotte's eyes widen in surprise. She didn't expect it to be known so soon. She thought everyone will just forget about it and her lie won't be exposed. Who knew Alpha Roman would personally ask Anaya about it?!

"I - Maybe I remembered it wrong. A year here and there." Charlotte said. The confidence from earlier was certainly not there anymore.

Easton was a bit disappointed with Charlotte. An element was special in every aspect and was wanted by many. Inorder to not fall into the wrong hands the Elemental's are to be given special care and guidance to know the rights and wrongs.

At least that is what is followed in their pack. But it looked like Charlotte was only spoiled in Blue Stone. She could lie at the time like this where someone was badly wounded.

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Alpha Roman shared the same thoughts as Easton. He hated when someone regards another life as nothing. And he hated liars.

Alpha Roman warned strictly, "You can lie anywhere you want but not in my pack, especially not in front of me."

Charlotte pressed her lips together and nodded reluctantly. She was not at all used to the strickt environment. It was suffocating.

"Now we can resume the purpose of this meeting." Alpha Roman looked at the two and continued, "The reason why you is here, what you are expected to do, what you are supposed to do and th likes will be discussed openly here. If you have any questions, I will answer them at the end."

Charlotte had already opened her mouth to ask something when Alpha Roman gave her a look and she stopped. Alpha Roman scared her.

"Now, the reason why you are in southern warrior pack is because of the alliance made by Alpha Clark of Blue stone pack and me. In exchange of the valuable resources that are given to them, I asked for you." Alpha Roman explained.

Charlotte was internally smug. She knew her own value. But Alpha Roman's next sentence broke that ego into pieces.

"Although I am regretting it now because it seems

to be a loss on my side."

Easton couldn't control his laugh so he disguised it as a violent fit of cough. Charlotte's face screwed in an ugly pout. She felt mocked.

Alpha Roman saw her displeasure and said, "I like honesty, so I will be honest with you. Later on I don't want you to misunderstand anything or cause me any kind of problems. The main reason I wanted to bring you to southern warrior pack was because of the fact that you are an elemental. That is the only reason, nothing else. So don't go assuming anything. In my eyes you are only an elemental that holds value."

Charlotte had started disliking Alpha Roman more and more. The brutal honesty was making her heart drop more and more. Charlotte's mom had told her to grab this Alpha but he didn't see her as anything but an elemental!

"Now comes the second question - what are you expected to do here? The answer is simple - Train. Let me get this straight, I am not running a charity for anyone here. I don't train just anyone I find interesting. I have a reason and that reason will be disclosed to you when the time comes. For now you just have to train your element well and master it."

Charlotte nodded silently.

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"What you are supposed to do is train diligently, fix that habit of lying, stop behaving like everyone has to serve you at every step you take and be serious about the future. All of the training and guidance is all for the future. Elements are born with a fate that has already been decided for them. It cannot

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get any harder than it already is, so try not to burden the others anymore than they already are."

Alpha Roman finished. His words may have been a bit harsh but they were all his honest thoughts. If Charlotte cannot change the way she thinks, then he'd have to let her go her own way.

Charlotte was naturally offended with his way of

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talking. He didn't like how he indirectly called his misbehaved. She was never scolded at home, why has this Alpha been at her since she stepped a foot in this place.

"Do you have any questions?"

"Yes." Charlotte said, "How do you know so much about Elementals? Also, why do you care about Anaya so much?"

Alpha Roman sighed. He really didn't get Charlotte's way of thinking. But he had to answer those questions regardless.

"I understand so much because I am an elemental myself." Alpha Roman said, "And I care about Anaya because she was hurt. It's a normal reaction that every normal human being has when they see someone in pain."

Charlotte was shocked, Alpha Roman was also an elemental? It doesn't seem that unbelievable after meeting him. He does look tough enough to be a male elemental.

This peculiar gaze wasn't hidden from Alpha Roman. Easton could sense the atmosphere growing a bit cold.

"But she doesn't need it. Anaya has been like this always. Ask anyone in blue stone, she is always quiet and doesn't talk to anyone. We treat her fairly well but she doesn't know how to be grateful

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about it. If it wasn't for mom and dad, Anaya would have died on the streets." Charlotte said strongly.

Charlotte believed that in order to make herself look better, she has to make Anaya look bad. That way the contrast between them would be obvious and Alpha Roman would see which one is best.

"Your family matters are none of my concern. What kind of benefits your parents gave her, lack of gratitude and what, I don't have an opinion on that. As long as you and Anaya are within my pack borders, you both are my responsibility. I will do what I should do regardless of what everyone feels about it."

Before Charlotte could say anything else, Alpha Roman continued, "You will be training separately from Monday, which is two days from now. Your training plans and all the necessary things will be arranged by me and Easton. Do co-operate."

Easton secretly looked at Charlotte's red face and sighed. She brought it upon herself. Alpha Roman picked up a file from the stack and opened it up, then raised an eyebrow at Easton.

Easton hurriedly got up and said, "Then we will be leaving Alpha."

Charlotte got the hint and got up but didn't leave immediately.

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"Alpha, what about those kids? I saw them in the living room when we arrived. Who are they?" Charlotte asked.

"They are much older than you, it sounds wrong for you to call them kids." Alpha Roman replied, "They are being trained by me as well. A few promising children I am raising. Why?"

Charlotte frowned, "Are those Elementals too?"

"Why would you think that?" Easton asked this time.

Charlotte looked up at him and said, "Because I am an elemental and Alpha Roman has decided to train me. If they are not Elementals then what makes them worthy of Alpha Roman's time?"

"Being an elemental doesn't make you special Charlotte," Alpha Roman placed the file down, "First understand that. And second, those kids don't have to have the power of elements to be powerful. They are undeniably stronger than you right now and will continue to grow stronger everyday. Elemental or not, they are powerful. Can I say the same about you?"

Having been embarrassed so many times Charlotte was about to burst. She clenched her fists and left the room in anger. Easton watched her leave and sighed.

"This girl is sure a handful." He slouched back on

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the chair.

"Sure is. If I had known Anaya was an elemental beforehand then I would have asked for her instead of a spoilt brat." Alpha Roman said.

"Ah, Charlotte lied about Anaya's age right? So what's her age?"

"18."

"She's still a bit young. The age of falling in love. I wonder if she has a mate." Easton drawled. His eyes dropped a little out of tiredness.

Alpha Roman fiddled with a paper weight on his table. He wanted to share his unusual experience with Anaya with someone. Easton was the closest to him so he decided to just ask.

"Easton, tell me, is it normal to feel attracted to someone whom you just met?"

Easton's eyes flew open when he heard that. He put his feet down, pressed himself to the desk and looked seriously at his Alpha.

"Who do you feel attracted to?"

Alpha Roman leaned back a little to maintain the distance between them. He wasn't so sure if Easton was the right person to share his personal feelings with.

"I am just asking out of curiosity. There is no one."

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Easton slouched back, "Is that so? I thought you finally found your mate or something."

"You have not met your mate yet, how can you know what it feels like?" Alpha Roman asked, pretending as if he wasn't interested.

"How can I not know?" Easton said and clapped the top of the desk, "In this entire pack or I dare say this entire world, only you might be the one who doesn't know what to expect when faced with your mate. You are just that clueless Alpha."

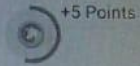
"You brat -"

"I am telling the truth! Your mate might be right in front of you but you won't realise it. Their intoxicating scent is addicting and soothing at the same time. You will always want to see them, their face is always printed on your eyes. Their voice gives melody to your life. Finding a mate is like finding the meaning of life. Anything related to your mate is not a small matter. They are the most special."

Alpha Roman patiently listened to Easton's discription of a mate and thought about it. Although his feelings around Anaya didn't match all of those things he said, they were pretty close..

Easton found Alpha Roman's expression a bit confused so he tried to dumb it down a bit for him.

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He said, "Alpha, I am a bit worried that you won't be able to recognise your mate if she passes by. Let me give you a few hints. When you find someone with a scent like no other, the one that

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makes you forget the world and when you feel nervous, excited, and protective around a person, that means that person is your mate."

The paper weight dropped onto the table and rolled down onto the floor. Alpha Roman's fingers froze but his expression was that of an epiphany. Did he just - find his mate?

