

Rejected To Be Your Second Chance: Rejecting My Alpha Mate

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The air shifted quicker than the tides. As if the happiness had been sucked out of the room and the wind outside stilled to a calm breeze that barely moved a single leaf. The clouds drew together and an ominous blanket laid over the house and it weighed us down, pressing our bodies against the floors and making my heart feel like it was filled with lead.

Heavy and still I took a step back needing to create space between myself and the man I had come to love.

He viewed me with such gentleness and calm but inside him was a roaring storm that brewed before the burst of rain and thunder commenced.

"Layla, how do you know that name?" He too fell back a step, the distance between us growing further and his eyes suddenly looking past me and into a ghost. I saw her in his eyes, I knew he was seeing her too. Would she always be here? Standing in between us and would he always wish that it was her that he was with instead of me?

"When the gates opened and I talked to that girl, I saw a memory, a vivid one. You mentioned her name. And then-" I stopped and locked eyes with Cara and Mason, both of whom seemed to be holding their breaths and waiting for the ball to drop.

"-i went up into the eastern tower and another memory appeared to me. It played in my head like a movie, like a horror film, I felt your bond but I need you to tell me. Who is she?"

His lips parted and pain stung his eyes as the memories rushed back. Nothing fell, not a single tear escaped but the ghost of his past lingered in the mirror of his eyes. The bond was too strong to not yet be felt and that broke my heart. I knew our bond wasn't like others, it wasn't as strong and I knew that from the start but I never figured the reason was that his heart still belonged to another woman.

"She's gone," he said and clenched his jaw as he pressed his lips together.

Kade cleared his throat and shook his head.

"She's gone, that's all you need to know." I smiled, a smile that brought him more pain.

"But she's not gone. She's still there, up in the tower, on the fifth floor and in your mind,"

"Layla,"

"Do you still love her?" I asked and held my breath as I waited for the answer.

"No. I love you, the moongoddess blessed me with a second chance at true love and you came into my life. I love you, only you and no one else. She's gone and yes I still have memories of her but I promise you-" he grabbed my hands and lifted my chin.

"-you are everything to me. My future isn't with a ghost from my past but it's with you."

I sat in the den and lit a fire. It was small and cozy, I needed the privacy and had told everyone to just give me some space and time. I needed to think and get everything straight in my head before I started talking to them about everything. I knew that Anna wanted answers and that she wanted to be here for me but I couldn't let her in yet, not until I knew myself how I felt.

The roaring fire lit to life and I watched the flames dancing higher. It was calming and brought peace to my soul but not to my head.

Should I trust him?

'Do you?'

I don't know, I don't think anyone can just let go of a bond that strong

'So take your time and see how it plays out. He seemed genuine and you felt it too'

The fire started crackling and ashes were splurging out on the floor.

What's happening?

'I don't know'

The smoke rose and waved around and the orange color suddenly turned black.

"Layla," a voice started humming from the fire and I walked closer to see what was happening.

"Layla." There was nothing there, the voice however grew sterner.

"You cannot trust him. The love is strong, the bond is tied, it hasn't been broken and therefor he has not given himself to you,"

"You don't know that." Who the fuck was I talking too? why was I answering?

"Look in the rooms, Layla. Look behind the locked doors, you will see the truth as is and not as pretended." It was as though the fire spit out and the orange color returned.

"Hello?" I looked closer, bending down to see what the fuck was going on but there was nothing there and I got no answer. Everything was back to normal but the words stayed with me.

After everything that had happened just in the past twenty four hours I didn't know whether to see this as a warning or a sign. Or maybe it was both.

The words stuck with me though, all through the night and until the next day. Me and Kade hadn't spoken much, he came back to the room after I had fallen asleep and was gone by the time I woke up.

After my shower I got dressed and stepped out. The warriors were training right now so the house was empty. I slowly slid my hand on the railing as I walked up the stairs. I could feel the same weird vibe as I felt yesterday when walking up here but this time I wouldn't stop. This time I would see what was behind those locked doors.

"What are you doing?" I jumped and turned as the man spoke.

"Mason," I said and sighed as my hand clutched my chest.

"What are you doing here?" he asked with a grin and cheekily looked about the doors.

"Do you really have to ask?" I rose a brow and he nodded his head.

"No. Come on, let's grab some breakfast and talk,' Mason turned around and walked down the stairs. My eyes glanced at the doors I had tried to open yesterday and there was no chance I'd get to it now that he was here.

Me and Mason piled our plates with food and sat down.

"How are you?" Those words, they held so much power and it was weird but I felt like I was gonna cry.

"I'm fine, considering everything,"

"It won't do you any good to go up there. Those memories...they'll just bring you pain," he said and I heard how much he cared; I just didn't know if it was me he cared about or his brother.

"So why does he keep them? The memories I mean. He has a whole floor dedicated to a woman who's dead,' Mason's brows furrowed and his head fell an inch as his eyes held mine captive.

"Danielle didn't die, Layla, she left."

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Mason left, he went out to the others and asked me to 'please not go up on the fifth floor'. The problem however remained that I didn't trust him right now. I didn't know whether he had my best interest in heart or his brothers and if I were to guess, I would say his brother came first and I respected that.

But that also meant that I was on my own here. There was Anna but she was doing so well, she seemed so happy and I didn't want to be the one to ruin that. The warriors would come soon and I didn't want to sit here when they did.

Just as I reached my room i could hear the chatter getting louder. Everyone was piling in through the door ready to eat and then shower.

Hopefully Kade wouldn't be coming in here and I could breath for a few minutes.

"Layla?" Too caught up in my own head I didn't notice when someone opened the door. Anna walked in with a plate of food and carefully came to the sofa.

"Is it okay if I eat in here with you?"

"Of course," I furrowed my brows and followed her hands as she placed the plate down on the table.

"Why would you even ask me that?" I asked when Anna sat.

"You locked yourself away so I assumed you wanted to be alone but I miss you,"

"I never want to be alone from you," I said and smiled.

"How are you holding up?" She asked and I looked to the closed door before turning in my seat so i faced her.

"There's something I have to tell you but you have to promise that you won't tell anyone!"

She nodded her head and placed her hands in her lap as she sat cross legged in front of me.

"The other day when I went to the den for some privacy, the weirdest shit happened. I lit a fire and it was like it came to life, it grew and started spitting everywhere and then I heard a voice." Annas head fell back and her eyes narrowed as her nose scrunched.

"A voice?"

"Yeah i know it sounds fucked up but it's true. And the voice told me that I couldn't trust Kade,"

"Seriously?" I nodded my head. "Do you think maybe it was someone who wanted to ruin this for you? Maybe they weren't actually trying to help you,"

"I don't know honestly but it told me to look behind the locked doors and that doing so would prove it,"

"What locked doors?" She asked and a second later her eyes widened and she shook her head. "On the fifth floor?" She gasped.

"Yes,"

"No, Layla, you're not allowed up there and why would you want to put yourself through that? You'll only end up hurt,"

"But isn't it better that I know the full truth? Kade said that he didn't think about her and that he only saw a future with me but i feel our bond, Anna, it's not as strong as it should be and definitely not as strong as theirs was. What if this can give me answers? What if this proves that he's being honest and I can let everything go?" The desperation in me grew and I was frantic. I needed to get up there and see what existed behind those doors, it was the only way for me to move on with a clear head. That was the only thing I could do to get answers on what to do next. I needed to know my next move.

"Alright, I understand. When do we go?" She asked and looked completely serious.

"No I'm going," I said.

"I moved away from my family for you and left the pack to join a new one, you can't push me out now. We're in this together. If you were to see something there that makes you want to go, I'm leaving with you."

"But you've really started to build a life for yourself here," I smiled a half smile and looked at the twinkle in her eye.

"Yes because of you. This place would be nothing without you, it's us, forever."

Shit, i could feel the tears pushing up against my eyes.

"We need to wait until everyone's out of the house, or at least Kade and his brother."

"I heard during practice that they were going to another pack to meet with the Alpha. Some important meeting or something. It'll be Kade, Mason and the head warrior and they'll be gone until tomorrow." My gut sunk and I leaned back. Anna furrowed her brows and leaned her head on her shoulder.

"what's wrong?" She asked softly.

"He didn't tell me that he was leaving," I said and scoffed. Why did i care so much? Him not telling me that he was leaving for two days actually hurt, especially after everything that had happened.

"I'm sure it doesn't mean anything and besides, that gives us time to check out the fifth floor." Anna grabbed my hand and looked at me with determination. I nodded my head in agreeance and we started forming the plan.

We looked at the clock after having been in the room for the past few hours. It was five o'clock and Kade and Mason would've left by now. Me and Anna looked at each other and carefully stuck our heads out into the hallway. The warriors would be at afternoon practice until seven and Cara would be with them.

I waved my hand and Anna came tipping on her toes behind me.

"What are you doing?" I whispered and chocked back a laugh.

"I'm sneaking," she whispered with eyes so wide she looked high.

The smell of detergent and lemon filled the fifth hallway as we walked up and I saw a few water drops on the railing.

"Someone just cleaned up here," I said and chewed on my lip. Somehow that made it worse, knowing that they took such care of this place even today.

I shook my head and went under the rope. Anna followed behind me to the door and I jumped as I turned around and saw her less than an inch away from me. I scoffed and she took a tiny step back with a squeamish smile. My hand pressed on the handle and when it didn't budge I looked around to see so no one was coming up here. I pressed harder and heard the crack and the door slid open.

"You broke it!" She whisper shouted at me and I shushed her.

"I'll have him send me the bill," but that was last thing on my mind when I turned back. I imagined many things would be behind the door but nothing like this. This was worse, much worse and it was only one of the locked doors.

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