



Chapter 14

ALIA

The day went by draggingly slow. I knew my last conversation with Gavin didn't end up well. Nothing new. It was like every time we see each other, it would start out good and then poof, we'll end up on bad terms again. 3

I should be rejecting him but I couldn't find the strength to do it. Just the mere thought of losing him completely was already paining me and my wolf, what more if it was the real thing already? Could I move on from it?

Oh, Goddess! Could you at least give me a clue what I needed to do? Because obviously, I could never live past the reality that I was never his first choice. I don't even know if I was one of the choices. I couldn't read him, he was good at making me smile with his small talks and then he would leave, or would just let me walk away. It seemed I was the only one affected by this mate bond, while he, on the other hand, was just going with the flow. 4

'Alia?' A mind linked from Daniella kicked me out of my thoughts. I was currently rolling in my bed, which I've been doing the whole day because I wasn't sure how I would face Gavin if I see him. Every time I saw him, the mate bond pull kept getting stronger. 'Are you hearing me?' She added.

I sighed in annoyance before responding. 'Yes. What now?'

'We're on our way to the bar. Should we pick you up or you'll be there with your bodyguards?'

'I told Carrie I'm not going.' I sighed.

'Well, you told her but not me. So get your ass up and go to the bar with me. Please? Some of the males from the Black Shadow Pack were headed there and I really liked this one guy. And you know you're the only one who can help me with hookups, so please?'



'Who? The Beta?' I could feel my brows furrowing. One wrong answer and you're dead! Doesn't matter if you're my best friend since we were pups. 1

'No. Not that one. Carrie has been vocal about her desire for the Beta so he's definitely out of the question. So will you help me? I can pick you up now.'

'Fine, I'll help you. But go ahead, I needed more time to fix myself. I'll see you at the bar.'

'Okay, don't take too long. And Alia, thank you! For always!'

I chuckled. 'I haven't done anything yet.'

'I know, but I'm sure you will! See yah!' I shut down the mind linked right away and rose on my feet. I had no idea if Gavin would be at the bar but if he does, I won't be sitting here getting bored while Carrie had her ways with him. 1

I had no idea how I would tell Caspian, or if he would even allow me to go. But I needed to try, right?

I chose a tight-fitting black strapless dress that end up mid-thigh and paired it with a high stiletto. I know my feet would suffer later but what choice do I have? I don't want to end up like a midget in the middle of tall werewolves at the bar. I let my straight blonde hair down, it has now reached my bra line, longer than that I needed to have a haircut already.

After I put on red lipstick and mascara, I did a thorough look at myself in my full-length mirror and then headed for the door. I wasn't sure where Caspian was, but I hope he was at his office. I needed one of his men to drive me to the bar. 1

I don't know how I would pull it off but I was hoping my brother won't give me a hard time tonight. If he wanted me to tag some of his men along, then I would suck it up and just agree on it.



I was about to knock on his office door when the door opened, revealing my brother and behind him was Gavin. They were about to head off. So he was still here, but maybe he would go to the bar after talking with Caspian.

He and my brother stopped just outside of their office both their eyes were on me. 2

I saw Gavin raking my body up and down before he bit his lower lip. I couldn't read his emotion, again. And it was frustrating. I felt like turning around and putting on a different dress just to see if he would have a different reaction.

"Alia! Where do you think you're going?" My brother asked, snapping me out of my thoughts.

"Bar." I hissed after my response. Smiling at my brother widely, showing all my white teeth at him.

"What made you think I would allow you this time?" He crossed his arms over his chest. "Especially after your stunt the last time." He was surely not impressed.

"I'll behave. I just need a ride to the bar, Cas. But if you're going to send some men to watch over me, I promise I won't run away from them."

My brother didn't say anything. I guessed he was thinking if I was bluffing.

"I could take her to the bar and watch her. I don't have any plans for tonight. Might be best if I could see what you have around here." My mate butted in.

"Are you sure? It's not easy looking after this one." Caspian talked to him without taking his eyes off me.

If he wasn't planning at all to go to the bar then why the heck should I go



there? Better he stays here at the packhouse than have him see Carrie at the bar.

"Hmmm... I think I would just stay home then." I smiled at both of them and was about to turn around when he started talking again.

"Then I guess I have to find the bar on my own. I don't have anything to do anyway. Would you mind telling me which way I should go?" 3

I wasn't sure if he was asking me or Caspian but it made me turn around. The heck with this man!

I smiled again, masking the scowl I wanted to throw at him. "Then I'll go with you."

Caspian raised his brow at me. "I thought you don't want to go anymore."

"You know a girl can change her mind in split seconds. I'm ready Beta, once you are." I flashed him a wide smile but my eyes were squinting.

He smiled sheepily before answering. "If you can give me 15 minutes, I'll just put on new clothes. I don't smell good right now." And he excused himself and went upstairs to change.

After he left, my brother looked at me, his eyes scrutinizing my face. "Alia, don't embarrass me tonight. Will you please behave and make sure you don't abuse Beta Gavin's generosity to accompany you." 2

I smiled and wiggled my eyebrows at my brother before turning my back at him, walking towards the receiving area with him following behind me.

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I looked at him for a while. Gone was the innocent-looking brother I always looked up and tried to charm to have my ways. All I saw now was a responsible Alpha who would do everything in his hand to keep our pack alive and safe.

"You know you should take a break too, Cas. Why don't you come with me to the bar? When was the last time you've been there?" I asked him, not really expecting him to say yes. Even before, he wasn't the type of male that visit bars or pubs. He was a homebody and became more when he became an Alpha.

"With the recent attack, I wished I could go and chill, Alia." He answered without opening his eyes.

"Even just for a few hours? Maybe an hour? You need to relax. "

"I can't. I have many things to do tonight. Don't worry about me, enjoy yourself but don't be stubborn and please be careful. I don't want any harm to come your way. You're all I got, Alia." His voice croaked at the last part. 1



I felt a lump in my throat after his statement. The gravity of it just sunk in but before I could say anything, a voice came out from my back.

"I'll make sure no harm will come her way, Alpha Caspian. I'll look after her, you can have my word on it." Gavin replied on my behalf, and for the first, I wanted to believe him. 2

My brother open his eyes and nodded before his face broke into a wide smile. "I know you will, I don't doubt that. Well, I guess you two better get going. Alia has the key to the front door but if I were you, take it from her. She usually drops it somewhere and would end up climbing on windows." He stood up from the sofa and smiled wickedly at me.

"Caspian, come on!" I playfully glared at my brother before throwing my arms around him. "We'll go now. I'll behave, I promise."

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GAVIN

I let her walk out of the front door first so I have reason to look at her again.

She was fucking hot on her tightfitting dress that I could feel my wolf wanting to come out. I had to keep my emotions in check to avoid sporting a boner in front of her brother. 1

She was a temptress.

I could just easily let her go back to her room but my greedy self wanted to spend time with her. Thankfully, my tactic worked and in no time, she changed her mind and decided she wanted to go to the bar again.

Not that I wanted to be there. We could just stay in the car or somewhere,



that would be enough. I just wanted to be alone with her and it doesn't matter where.

Hopefully, she won't run away from me once we reached the place as she did with his brother's men the last time she was in a bar. 1

I unlocked the car door with my key and opened the door for her, before moving and sliding into my seat. We stayed in silence for a few minutes until we were out of the packhouse's driveway.

"Which way should I go?" I asked her in a low voice.

"Straight ahead, and then the first corner to the left. Then just follow the road after that, I'll tell you when we reach the area." She explained calmly, her gaze fixed at the road in front of us.

"Thank you," I said hoarsely, my voice caught in my throat.

"For what?" I saw her brow hiked up.

"For coming with me tonight."

"Should I be the one saying that?" She chuckled, licking her lips in the process which had just blown me away. I don't know how I would be able to concentrate from driving while she sits beside me and her smell just swirling around me. 2

"You look lovely tonight," I told her, I was lost for words but I wanted to keep her talking.

"Thank you." She bit her lower lip and I could see her cheeks start to blush. "You looked good yourself." She added. 3

I wasn't sure if she meant it because I certainly didn't bring any clothes

for this occasion, I just had a simple black shirt over my black pants and the leather jacket I always carry with me everywhere. But I would take any compliment coming from her.

"Alia..." I wanted to ask her if we could talk. Maybe it's the right time to tell her what happened at the Claiming. 4

"We're here now! You can park at that side, then it would be easier to find your car later." She pointed at the parking place, I wasn't sure if she purposely ignored me or she just thought I just wanted to say her name.

I let out a deep sigh and parked the car on the area she pointed, and before I could say my piece, she was already unbuckling her seatbelt and opening the door.

"So I guess you're stuck with me the whole night?" 1



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