

Chapter 7

AARON

The dinner went nicely despite the annoying start. Janna was in a chirpier mood after I lied to her brother for her. I don't know why I did that. I never lied to the Alpha and I don't know if it would cost me something big later.

But I don't think this was something I couldn't handle.

Michael might be able to get away from Jason and Jacob's wrath, but I won't let him get away with it easily. I would come back for him, whether Janna agrees or not.

After dinner, I just dropped by for a few minutes at the Alpha's office to discuss my agenda for the week before heading back to my room.

As soon as I was done with my shower, I dried off my body and slipped my sweatpants on. I was ready to retire for the night because it was a fucking long day already. And my body was aching for my own bed.

But then it turned out to be impossible because I found Jenny sitting at the end of my bed when I came out of the bathroom.

I forgot to change my lock code.

"Jenny. What are you doing here?" I asked her, keeping my voice calm.

"I told you I wanted to talk to you when you got home."

"Can we talk tomorrow? I'm fucking tired already." I dried off my hair using the towel in my hand.



"I can sleep here, Aaron. Then we can talk until we fall asleep." Her voice was soft and alluring. But I don't feel anything. There were no desires or feelings of attraction. It only meant this was the end of us.

"No. You're not sleeping here, and you can't just go here unannounced. I'll be changing the code once you leave tonight." I knew I was being rude but I was determined to end this once and for all. 4

I saw pain flash in her eyes, but I didn't have a choice. I turned around and headed for my cabinet. Why the fuck didn't I take a shirt with me earlier.

Being half-naked in front of her won't help her at all. But before I could reach my closet, she was already behind me.

"Aaron..." Her voice broke as her arms wrapped around my torso, her cheek resting on my back.

Fuck!

I held her hands and tried to pry them away from my chest, but she wasn't letting go easily.

"I'm not ready to let us go... Please, let's do it slowly."

"Jenny, no!" I turned around and cupped her face, and at the exact moment, Janna mind-linked me.

'Aaron?'

Double fuck!

'Later. I'm busy right now.' I immediately shut off my mindlink. I would find her later to ask what she needed from me, but I had to take care of

Jenny first.

Still cupping Jenny's face, I let out a deep breath before I spoke, "Jenny, I'm sorry. I don't feel anything anymore. We're just fooling ourselves if we continue this. Your mate is out there somewhere. He deserves your attention, not me."

She swatted my hands off her face before she made her way and sat on the bed again, tilting her head up to look at me with tears welling in her eyes. "You keep saying that. But I don't want my mate."

"You're just saying that now, but once you meet him, you'll see how big of an asshole I am compared to him."

"Aaron..."

I shook my head, "I'm sorry, Jenny. I can't do this more."

"Will you at least still be my escort at the Alpha's party. I already have my dress and all."

"Jenny..."

"Please... Maybe I will meet my mate or someone there, so I don't want to miss it out. And I'm not going if you're not my date."

"Jenny... You're making it harder."

"No strings attached, just be my date. I just don't want to be there alone while the others have a date with them."

It took a while before I replied.

"Fine. No strings attached." I looked at her, my face void of emotions.

She nodded and blinked back the tears from her eyes. "Can I hug you?"

"No." I knew I was being an asshole, but what choice did I have?

"Please, just one last hug." Her face was trying to show braveness as she let out a smile.

My heart clenched at the pain I was giving her. And I hoped she would meet her mate before I did because I don't think I could bear the pain of letting her suffer more because of me.

Her smile faltered in my silence.

"One hug and then I leave." She tried one more time.

Very resilient. I wished I could teach my heart who I could fall in love with.

"Come!" I motioned with my hand and she rushed into my arms. I was expecting it to be a quick hug, but she wasn't letting go.

"Jenny, time to go."

"A few seconds more..."

I just held her but I wasn't hugging her tightly until hard knocks erupted in the air.

I abruptly pulled her body away from mine. My warrior instinct came into play, thinking something went wrong and no one could reach me because I shut off my mind link.

I took big strides to the door and opened it, only to see Janna standing behind it.

I adjusted the door so she would only see me and not Jenny inside, but my heart was thudding loudly, and I had no fucking idea why I felt so guilty right now.

"Janna?" I asked her, wondering why she was here.

I saw her raking over my whole body, her eyes lingering longer on my abs like she was in a trance before she snapped back to reality. Her eyes squinted as she took a deep breath.

My eyes followed her movements as she stepped back and threw everything in her hands onto my chest.

Mother fucker! How did she get hold of those? 

"Explain!" She shrieked at me, glaring as my eyes dropped to the floor where her shoes and slippers were. How could I explain this now? Fuck me!

But before I could open my mouth, I felt the door behind me open wide.

Janna's eyes darted to my back and I saw them soften before a flash of pain crossed them, but it was gone in seconds.

She stepped back one more time and smiled at Jenny.

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean to disturb you." She said this in a low, almost inaudible voice before turning on her heels and running towards the stairs leading to her room.

"What's with you and Janna?" Jenny asked behind me as soon as Janna was out of sight, her voice sounding cold.

"Nothing. If you didn't hear, she was yelling at me. That pup hates me."

Gavin raised his palms in submission. "I just found out today when I picked up your luggage."

"Where is he?" My eyes darted to the door at my brother's office.

"He's not there. Probably in his room." He answered, hands still up in the air.

I didn't say anything more as I turned on my heels and hurriedly went up the stairs. I could hear Gavin explaining to Alia what was happening, but I didn't have time to listen to them as I made my way to the second floor.

I stopped outside Aaron's door and knocked hard. It wasn't long before he opened the door, just enough for me to see his whole body.

"Janna?" His face was full of confusion.

He was half-naked. He only had sweat pants on and his hair was still wet. I felt like drooling on his perfectly sculpted abs, but then I remembered why I came here. So instead, I stepped back and threw everything in my hands onto his chest.

His eyes followed my movements before they fell on the shoes and slippers below him.

"Explain!" I shrieked at him.

But before he could open his mouth, the door opened wide, revealing a female behind him. 6

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