

Chapter 21

Tess

"Is this the pack house? It's kind of small." Willow seems disappointed as we pull up to the cabin Thursday afternoon. Driving went by easily as Holt and Cody drove and she slept most of the trip. "No, Sunshine. This is my cabin. We're going to stay here for tonight." Cody informs her.

A large wolf steps out from around the cabin and Cody stills in his seat. I smile from ear to ear and rush out of the truck. I practically tackle my dad in a hug. "I missed you, Daddy."

Dad shifts, dresses in some shorts, then gives me a hug in return. "I missed you too, kiddo. There's been a lot going on." He holds my face to inspect my neck. "You're not fooling anyone with that. I thought you would've been mated by now. Dad pulls on his shirt.

"I'm not trying to fool anyone," I tell him, now self-conscious of my hickeys. Dad looks over my shoulder. "We'll be right back, Cody. I need to have a few words with my daughter."

Daddy leads me far enough away that even Holt won't be able to hear us. "Daddy, what's going on?"

"I think it would be best if you came back tonight, marked."

I'm stunned. "Dad, I..."

He looks pointedly at me. "The two of you have been together almost three weeks, what's taking so long? Why the wait?"

"Well, at first it was because he didn't know about our kind and he wanted to get Willow's approval. We were staying at Jared and Naomi's,

which would've been pretty awkward knowing they would hear everything. They're the parents of Cody's late wife. Also, we've been busy training and moving." I explain, but even to me those sound like lame reasons.

"We're wolves. We meet our mates and don't waste time. Why don't you show Cody the waterfall? I can look after the little one for a few hours." He's right, mates don't usually wait so long unless they're underage, but now that he's giving me the time, it seems so forced.

I nibble my lips. "Is there a reason I need to do it right now?"

"Now Tessie, don't think too much on it. It is important for our plan to get him accepted as part of our pack, but I want you to be happy, kiddo. You've been waiting for him your whole life. I know you're nervous, but he's your mate. You know him, you trust him, and I assume you love him. Just take your time and let nature take its course. You'll be fine." I nod and he kisses my forehead. "Now where is my new granddaughter?"

We turn back toward the cabin. Cody and Holt are unloading a few bags, but stop when we approach. Willow rushes out of the truck to greet us and stands before Cody. He rests his hands on her shoulders. "Dad this is Willow. Willow, this is my dad, Alpha Micco Denton." Holt steps up beside Cody. "And dad, this is our friend Holt Lancaster. He and Cody served together in the military. He's here to help train Cody and show his support." Dad shakes Holt's hand. "Uriah's boy, right?"

"No, sir. That's my granddad. I'm Neil's son." Holt corrects.

"Ah, that's right, please excuse an old man. I haven't been to Colorado in quite a while. Since you're a friend of Tessie's, I'll set you up in our guest room."

Holt nods. "I'm much obliged."

Dad looks at Willow. Her dark brown hair is in a soft braid down her back and her eyes are huge and full of wonder. "Well, you certainly are a

beauty. How would you like to hang out with your new Grampy for a little while? Daddy and Mommy are going to explore the area. I can make you grilled cheese sandwiches. Then you, me, and Holt can play some go fish."

Cody looks at me with eyes full of life and desire. My body begins to warm up then he takes my hand. "Lead the way, Darlin'." I nibble my lip then lead him away into the woods, away from the cabin and the pack. "So, what is your dad's plan? I can see that you're nervous, which isn't like you, Tess." Cody tells me after walking for a while.

"I'm nervous because he wants us to take this opportunity to mate," I tell him just before reaching the small waterfall.

The area is serene and peaceful. The birds are chirping and the mellow churning of the water as it hits the pool below provides a comforting, yet exciting effect. It's beautiful. We stop just along the edge of the pool. Cody takes my hand then kisses my fingers. "I like his plan. Every time I touch you, I never want to stop. We belong together, Tessalee. You are mine and I want the world to know it."

My cheeks warm up and I look into his eyes. "You sound like an Alpha male wolf. Are you sure you're human?"

Cody chuckles. "I'm pretty sure." His hand glides up my arm to hold my cheek. "More importantly, I'm sure about us. Now tell me, what do I have to do?"

I melt into his embrace and explain. "Well, we consummate our relationship then at the climax, you bite my neck, but the bite has to be deep because you have to pierce my jugular." Cody's finger lightly traces the space where my vein is located and I shudder. "Am I going to hurt you?" He asks with his cheek against my head, his hands caressing my arms and back.

I slightly shake my head. "No. There might be an initial sting, but I'm told it feels erotic."

"I'm glad to know that." He whispers before pressing his lips to mine. I return the pressure of his kiss then begin to relax into him. He pulls my top up and over my head then drops the cloth to the rock below us. He takes his time feeling my skin with just the tips of his fingers. My skin prickles into goosebumps and I shiver in delight.

Cody kisses down my neck and I hum when he hits that spot, the spot he will be marking soon. "Cody," I say his name breathlessly. My fingers tangle into his hair and my other hand grips his thick, strong shoulder.

"Don't be scared, Tess. I'll take care of you." I relax and pull his shirt up. He pulls back to remove the garment. He unbuttons his jeans and slips them down leaving him in only a pair of boxer briefs, which I find incredibly sexy. My panties moisten in anticipation. I'm not a stranger to sexual activity, but this will be my first time. It would be a lie for me to claim I'm not nervous, I'm terrified, but I trust Cody. I love him with everything within me. He's my perfect match and we belong together.

I remove my bra then slip my shorts down. "I trust you, Cody."

Cody takes a moment to appreciate my naked body. "So beautiful, so perfect." He holds my hips then glides my panties down as he kneels before me. "I can smell how turned on you are, It's intoxicating." The very tip of his nose dips to my slit. I grip his hair just before his tongue flicks out, tasting my fluids. He hums then parts my legs giving himself better access.

My head falls back as he continues his ministrations until I can no longer hold still. He guides me to the ground then spreads my legs gently, opening me to him. He has an amazing tongue and I feel like I'm in paradise until he adds his fingers and I burst around him.

Cody works some magic with a combination of his tongue and fingers. Pretty quickly I orgasm a second, then a third time. I'm breathless and needy when he begins to move up my body kissing and blowing as he goes. His light touches ignite a fire within me and I writhe beneath him. "So responsive, Tess." He takes my nipple into his mouth and massages the mound with delicate precision. Once he's satisfied, he moves to my other breast, giving this sister her turn for attention. I jump in surprise as Cody reaches down to touch my sex. "Shh, it's okay, love." He shushes me, but my body wants his touch so I raise up to fill his hand. He softly chuckles, my nipple still between his teeth. His eyes blaze into mine and I practically burn with desire for him. Cody moves his hand away, only for a moment, then I feel the head of his cock at my entrance and he rests his other arm beneath my head. I bite my lip. "Do you want me to stop?" I shake my head. "No, please. Keep going. I'm just a little nervous."

His hand strokes my cheek comfortingly, and I close my eyes, waiting for the pressure. "Open your eyes, Tess." I open my eyes and his are like laser beams locked to mine. "That's it. I'm going to go slow. Are you ready?" I lick my lips then nod. He moves his hand out of my sight and I feel the tip of his cock press against my wet opening. I hold tight to his shoulders. He watches my eyes, gauging my reaction as he inches inside of me a little at a time. I'm soon filled up entirely without the slightest twinge of pain. Having him inside of me is everything I never knew I needed. Our bodies are connected on a primal, yet ethereal level and it is divine.

He begins to move, slowly at first, but my moisture is sufficient for him to build up speed. The arm beneath my head switches to just his hand and his fingers slightly dig into the back of my head. His breath is heavy against my neck. "Are you alright?" He whispers with concern in his voice. I nod so he moves to look me in the eyes. "Tess. Words."

"I feel amazing, Cody." He smiles and strokes my cheek before pressing his lips to mine. In this position, my nipples rub against the hair on his chest creating the perfect amount of friction. My nails dig into his skin and he moves faster. He reaches down to pull my leg over his hip. "Oh, fuck!" I cry out. He's hitting the perfect spot. I feel my climax nearing. Any second now, my body is going to explode.

My mouth begins to salivate. I hold his face away so I can reach the junction between his neck and shoulder. I let my mouth fall to the spot, my teeth tantalizing his skin. He adds pressure to the back of my head. Any second. Not yet, not yet. Almost, oh goddess almost! My toes curl and my vision goes black. With a growl, I clamp my teeth down into his neck, drawing blood. The metallic taste coats my tongue, prolonging my orgasm. Cody's hand holds me in place until he grunts and pulls me away. "Now, Tess. Move!" I let go just in time for him to sink his teeth into my neck as he releases inside of me. I cry out at the sting that quickly dissolves into pleasure, pushing me into another orgasm that continues until Cody still deep inside of me.

Cody and I are both breathing heavily. He releases his grip on my neck and follows up with soft kisses up my jaw and to my lips. He rests his forehead on mine. "I love you, Tess. Now the world will know it." He tells me then inspects my neck. His finger caresses the wound that is already healing into my mate mark.

I inspect his mark, it's still bleeding. "Oh no. Cody, you're bleeding a lot."

He touches his neck then inspects his fingers covered in blood. "I am human, Tess. I don't heal the same." My jaw quivers and I'm scared that I may have caused some serious damage. He reaches out to clean off his fingers in the water, then he holds my face to calm me down. "Shh. We just need to stop the bleeding." He reminds me. I nod but look at his neck as he reaches for his t-shirt.

While he's stretched out, my gut feelings kick in and I lick his neck. I lick it again and again. Cody holds my body to him and I feel the blood begin to dissipate. I pull back to inspect his neck and the bleeding has stopped and healing has begun. "What the actual fuck?"

"I'm not bleeding anymore," Cody states the obvious with a look of wonder on his face. "Did... did you heal me... with your tongue?" Feeling his neck just to be sure, I nod. "I think so?" Cody begins to chuckle. I smack at his chest. "It's not funny. I was really scared." "So was I. But we just learned that you have a magic tongue."

I roll my eyes with a chuckle. "You have a magic tongue. I have never had so many orgasms." Cody growls and I feel him growing inside of me.