Chapter 11: True Love vs. Mate Bond

Lorcan couldn't understand how his wolf could completely forget about Celia and be completely obsessed with Raven just because of the mate bond.

Lorcan knows that the mate bond is strong. He could also feel whatever the mate bond is trying to make Caius feel.

He knows exactly how the mate bond stirs up unwanted emotions in him. The mate bond is strong and powerful, capable of stirring his emotions, feel empathetic and attracted towards his mate, and even have a connection with her.

However, even with how powerful it is, it's not capable of changing a man's heart.

Yes, Raven is Lorcan's mate and he is attracted to her because of it, but at the same time he still loves Celia the same way that he did before he had realized who his mate was.

He couldn't understand how Caius had instantly moved on from Celia as if he hadn't also never loved her before.

Back when Lorcan and Celia were dating and they had no idea who their mates were going to be, Caius had always felt a strong connection with Nyla, Celia's wolf and had always bonded with her.

Lorcan didn't just love Celia, but his wolf, Caius, also loved Nyla too.

At that time, they both thought that they are going to end up as mates just like how the whole pack thought they would be.

Lorcan always believed that there must be a reason why he got along with Celia so well and even fell in love with her. He thought that was a sure sign that they are going to become mates.

Who would have thought that his real mate was actually Celia's best friend, the timid and invisible girl who always hid behind Celia's back.

"How can you forsake Nyla and forget about her just because you found out who your mate is? Didn't you love Nyla too? Didn't you also liked Celia?" Lorcan shot back at him knowing that he wasn't the only one who fell in love with Celia, but he also fell in love with her wolf too.

Caius was so convinced that Nyla would be his mate just like how Lorcan did. Nonetheless, despite what the circumstances are Caius also fell in love with Nyla and he knows that Nyla loves him back too. How could he just turn her back on her?

"That was when I thought she will become our mate. Since she did not turn out to be our mate, you should finally move on," Caius answered back, making Lorcan fume in anger.

"How can you be so heartless?" Lorcan asked him in disbelief. He couldn't believe how selfish he sounded. "Don't you know what pain Celia and Nyla is going through right now? They just found out that the person they loved, the person they dreamed their future with is not their mate.

This is the time when they needed us the most, how can you ask me to move on and forget about them? How can you just abandon them because you already found out who your mate is?"

"Someday, Celia will find her mate that was meant for her. When that time comes, I'm sure she will move on and finally forget about us," Caius answered, not even feeling bad for replacing Celia with his mate.

"Did you really ever love, Celia?" Lorcan asked Caius, appalled by his lack of remorse. "If you had even a little bit of love for her, you would at least feel bad for her."

"Celia, Celia, Celia. I'm SICK of hearing her name!" Caius growled. " She is not our mate! RAVEN is our mate. When are you going to realize that?!"

Lorcan's throat constricted at Caius's words. "You let Nyla down," Lorcan spoke in a whisper.

"You said you loved her, but you clearly didn't. If you really loved Celia, then you would feel the same way that I do.

Raven might be our mate, but I will never abandon Celia. I will never forget the promises I made to her.

I won't be like you who would choose to forget just because it is no longer convenient for us."

Caius growled angrily, not liking Lorcan's reply. "If you hurt our mate once again, It's either I'll kill you or I'll leave you."

Lorcan felt the heaviness of Caius's threat and he knew how much he meant it. When an Alpha loses his wolf, he is forced to abdicate his position since it is important for an Alpha to have his wolf.

If his wolf fought control over his body and successfully pushed him

away from his consciousness, then Lorcan will be gone forever and Caius would be the only one left in their body.

Although a werewolf have two bodies, the wolf form and the human form, they both share one consciousness.

"Do whatever you want, Caius. Just like what I had told everybody else, I'll rather go rogue if it means being together with Celia and the same way goes with you too. If the only way for me to be with Celia is to get rid of you, then I will willingly do so."

Caius's eyes went wide at Lorcan's reply. "You are choosing to be with Celia than to keep me?"

Lorcan felt how Caius was hurt by his words. Caius and Lorcan has been together since Lorcan shifted at sixteen. They have a deep connection with each other, they share one consciousness with each other.

No werewolf would ever choose to get rid of their wolves, but Lorcan just did because of Celia.

"So don't make me choose, Caius. If you did, you now know who I'd be choosing," Lorcan replied before shutting of his wolf to the back of his head, not letting Caius give his reply.

****

Raven wakes up, her body felt like she was buried deep inside a rubble. She had no strength left in her body, it was even difficult for her to lift up her heavy eyelids.

"Raven, are you finally awake?" As soon as Raven heard the soft soothing voice, she immediately recognized it as Luna Savina.

Luna Savina has the most gentle voice, that Raven had ever heard. Aside from that, Luna Savina has the most gentle personality too.

In all the days that Raven has been living here, Luna Savina was the one who looked after her and took care of her, making sure that she is living well in the packhouse. She is like a mother that she never had.

"L-Luna," Raven's voice came out raspy. She tried to sit up from her bed, to give Luna Savina some respect, but she couldn't found strength to do so.

"Don't try to move," Luna Savina stops her as she gazes at Raven worriedly.

Raven stills and stares at the concerned look that Luna Savina had on her face. She had never seen anyone looking that concerned of her.

Luna Savina stands up and helps Raven sit up, carefully supporting her back as she helps her lean at her bed rest.

Raven felt shy that the Luna is personally assisting her, but she had no choice because she is too weak to sit up by herself. Instead, she helped a bit by trying to carry most of her weight.

Once Raven is fully sitting up, she finally had a good look in her room. She realized that Luna Savina did not came alone, but she also brought two of her trusted omega attendants with her to take care of her.

Raven stared outside through her bedroom window to see what time it was, she was surprised that the day was gone already. As far as

she could remember, it was around the time she just finished breakfast when Lorcan pulled her out and rejected her, making her fall unconscious.

She didn't know that she had passed out a long time. How long did Luna Savina watched over her, waiting for her to wake up?

Raven's attention was pulled back from the situation at hand when Luna Savina handed her a glass of water, not trusting her weak strength, she gulped thirstily at the glass of water as Luna Savina held it close to her mouth.

After drinking, Raven was surprised when Luna Savina dabbed a napkin on her mouth to wipe the drops of water that fell out of the glass.

"Th-thank you," Raven muttered, wishing she could give something more than "thank you"

Luna Savina smiled at her as she handed back the napkin to the omega who assisted her. Raven watched as Luna Savina slowly sat back on the empty space beside her.

"How are you feeling?" Luna Savina asks.

"I'm good. I jut feel like my muscles are not working," Raven answered meekly.

Raven did not want her to worry about her, but she couldn't also lie because the Luna knows that she is far from fine.

"What happened, Raven? We were worried sick about you. Why did you suddenly fell sick?