

Chapter 4:

Nadia's pov ...

Usually, the forest is one of my favorite spot, to spend time in, but not tonight.

Tonight, the scent of fresh leaves, tree sap, the sound of crunching leaves under my feet did nothing to appease my soul.

My phone wouldn't stop buzzing. It was Mona again for the eleventh time. She had tried mindlinking me, so did my brother, but I just blocked them out.

I didn't want to see anyone or hear from anyone. I just wanted to be alone, afterall this was my fate now that my mate had outrightly rejected me.

I had better start practicing solitude as I still have a few hundred years more. I thought miserably to myself as I cried and howled into the forest, causing the trees to shake slightly.

I was trying my best to contain my Lycan, she wanted to be let out to roam freely and express her pain but I just couldn't let her out, not here in the human world.

If I thought I was in pain, Yara was feeling three times what I was feeling and I don't want her going into the streets in a bid to nd Kalen. Such mistakes must never happen.

I cried even harder when I replayed the scene of another woman kissing my mate. I was lled with a deadly rage again and I growled out again in pain as I realized there was nothing I could do. Atleast not here.

I was so caught up in my thoughts that I didn't notice a shadow in the woods. And when I did, it was too late to runaway. It was Nate, my brother.

"Mona has been worried sick, why aren't you picking her calls? Then you shut us out!! Really!!" He said, slowly walking towards me.

I was already thinking of what lie to tell him when he quickly raced forward, tilting my head upwards to meet his eyes.

"Have you been crying?

What's wrong little pea.

Is it the party? You didn't like it?" He asked squatting to speak to me, fussing over me just as a parent would fuss over a little child.

"It's nothing. Just the hormones you know, aging and all that" I said.

"Hey now, don't give me that BS, you're just twenty- one pea. What's wrong? Tell me" He asked again, his sea blue eyes peering into mine. "Please little pea."

And that was all it took.

I broke down again, crying intensely and he immediately pulled me into his body and held me as I cried .

" Hey Pea, i don't know what's going on with you, but whatever it is, it's going to be ne. Trust me." He said as he patted my back.

"C-an can I not talk about it n-ow, like right now?" I asked amidst hiccups.

"You don't have to say anything If you don't want to pea, we can talk when you're ready.

Now, you need to get yourself together okay, we need to go. Mona's waiting for you at the hotel." He nished as he literally pulled me up to a standing position and led me out of the forest to his car in silence.

It was a quiet ride back to the hotel as he often glanced at me, worry etched deeply on his face.

"You know I don't like seeing you sad.

Whatever is bothering you, you can tell me. I'll take care of it." He said trying to make me talk, as we used the elevator to my room on the fourteenth oor. But I shook my head no and said nothing.

Immediately the elevator door opened and we stepped out, Mona's blonde hair was the rst thing I saw.

"Nadiaaa." She called out as she threw her arms around me tightly.

" You take care of her okay. I'll see you both later." Nate said, kissed me on my forehead and got back in the elevator.

Once we got into my room, Mona ran me a warm bath and ordered some food for me to eat but I wasn't hungry. I just got out of the tub, dried up, got in a set of uffy blue and white pajamas which I love and went straight to bed.

But I couldn't sleep no matter how hard I tried. Mona who had been walking on eggshells around me for the past forty minutes, she came to my side of the bed with some yoghurt and pizza.

" I know you're not hungry but you can't say no to your favorite." She said smiling.

Goddess,this woman knows the way to heart.

We ate in silence but I knew she was dying to ask me what was wrong. It was all over her, I could tell from her gestures.

Infact, her eyes had already asked like ten times. Just that she didn't want to make me feel bad again by asking.

I knew Mona like the back of my palm.

"I found my mate" I nally blurted out and she screamed so loud, my spoon fell out of my hands and clanged loudly to the oor.

"Monaaa" I scolded

"I'm sorry, I'm sorry. I really just can't believe it she said jumping to her feet as she danced in joy.

After a minute of celebration and realizing I hadn't joined in her excitement she nally asked.

"But if you found your mate, why are you sad?"

" It's Kalen." Her widened to saucers

"Yes Kalen Vaulken, and he said no.

He freaking said no.

He doesn't want me Mona" I said breaking down into another round of tears.

She immediately rushed to me and held me in her arms, as I bawled my eyes out.

She cradled me till I calmed down and began to snie, before she spoke.

" I'm so sorry Nadia. I'm sure there's something we can do. Everyone needs their mate, much less a king. It's impossible for him to do that, he might not be as experienced in these things and maybe he didn't mean what he said okay?

Don't worry, we'll nd a way. He's your mate and there's nothing he can do about it. Don't cry anymore okay, you're stronger than this... I know yo- " those were the last words I heard from Mona before I drifted to sleep, eyes swollen and heavy. And I was tired of crying.

I hadn't slept for up to thirty minutes when a sharp pain in my chest woke me up.
