

## Chapter 126 Gabriel

I chase Esme out of the bar, nearly tripping myself down the stairs as I go. She is sat at the edge of a flower bed watching me with a slow sexy smile on her face....she is gorgeous....

“You want to go do that again you made me laugh?” She raised her eyebrow as she spoke, her hazel eyes twinkling with sarcasm as she spoke.

Ok seems I got myself a little firecracker for a mate....

“If it means I get to find out what happened then sure...” I smile sadly.

She sighs, twisting her curly black hair round her finger “Best come sit down then Guapo” I smile at her calling me handsome but have a feeling this isn’t going to be good.... I go and join her on the edge of the flower bed, her eyes watching me as I move.

“I’m sorry I ran Gabe. I panicked. I did not expect that.... This.... You...” she runs her hand through her hair in a panicked movement. I gently take her hand.

“Hey, calm down, why are you scared Chica?” I don’t know why, but I take her hand, and move her so she is standing, and bring her so she is stood between my legs, she is only petite so even with me sat down she is now level with my eyes, her big hazel eyes looking into mine.... “Now, let’s talk this through.. you don’t need to be scared” I gently stroke her cheek, loving the sensation I get from touching her...

“Don’t I?!” She yells.

Okayyy! I wasn’t expecting that!! What did I do?? Looks like my mate doesn’t want me....

“I don’t think so Mi Amor, tell me why you’re scared and I will see if I can help... that is my job now, no?” I say with a sad smile.

I don’t think she wants me, my mate doesn’t want me....

“What’s your job? I don’t need looking after!” She frowned.

Shit! I’m messing this up, good and proper....

“Sorry. I’ll go if you want.” I say with a sigh, maybe I wouldn’t be having my fated mate after all....

“What?!” She looked upset. I don’t get this girl...

“Well let me kinda explain how this is coming across Chica, we touch up there in the club, realise we are mates you run away...not the greatest sign.... I come to find you...then I try to talk, you yell at me and say you don’t need looking after... I’m sort of left feeling like you don’t want me Mi Amor, I know I’m not the most handsome guy in the world, nor am I an Alpha but I could be a good mate... but I understand...” I smile sadly.

Her face drops. “Oh Guapo” she ruffles my dark hair almost affectionately “ this is complicated”.

What?! Did she have someone?! I could feel Aspen growl inside my head at that thought. I raise my eyebrows at her hoping she would continue and she does “ Do you know much of our pack?” She asks.

“Crimson Night? Not much sorry, I’m only a warrior Chica, not an all important Alpha or even a Beta...plus they are quite a way from here so don’t have many run ins with them unless is a big meet” I say, wondering where this is going.

“Ok. They are strict Gabe, Women are there to raise families, run the homes, nothing more, support their mate and bring their children up. We complete school then straight away we are running homes, the pack house doing chores to ease life for the men in pack. “

What the hell.... This pack sounded like something out of the dark ages...but I nod to show I’m listening, she continues “I had to really fight to get my Papi to allow me to go to University, My teacher at school even spoke up for me saying it would be a waste for me not to go... saying I could perhaps go on to be a Dr in pack... they finally relented...and I earned my place at university...I don’t want to lose that...” she looks down, tears in her beautiful eyes....

My hands go to her hips to pull her close to me as I speak “What and you thought I would stop you? You thought finding your mate meant you would be expected to stop your studying and be running a home?”

She didn’t seem to want to make eye contact with me but I could feel her body trembling.... My mate was scared....no... I don’t want her to be scared.... I stood up, and took her into my arms....holding her close to me relishing the shocks of electricity from our mate bond....

Then I pulled her back slightly, using my finger to lift her chin so she was made to look at me “Carino, I would never stop you studying, you sound like you have worked so hard to get to where you are, you would never be forced to do anything. Our pack is different to yours.... You can finish your studying... do the job you want to do... we have our own businesses you can be part of if you like.. or if you want to be a Dr we have our own small pack hospital.... Anything you want my angel.... But that’s only if you want me.... If the reason you ran was because you didn’t want me then all of that I said is irrelevant...” I say with a sigh as I realise the ending.

“Really?!” She suddenly sounds excited. Flinging her arms around my neck, I have to lift her so she isn’t hanging as she isn’t tall enough bless her.... She wraps her legs around my waist, it’s a good job she had trousers on..... her face is now level with mine.

“Really Mi Amor, you can have whatever you want” I smile at her.

“Then I want my mate” she says with a little growl..... before kissing me.... Nipping my bottom lip with her teeth as she does... running her hand roughly through my hair.... She whispers some Spanish naughty words into my ear before kissing me again.....

Mmmm seems I have definitely got myself a little firecracker for a mate.....