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Walking into the lounge to give everyone their coffees, I can see he looks broken, he looks like he hasn't slept and that happy content look he had on his face when we left him last night has long gone. He looks like a shell of his former self and I have to say I do not like it. He does not seem himself, he does not seem whole and that scares me a little. He seems empty inside.

"Hey Lola" Knox greets Lola as she walks into the room with Lilah, despite the fact he had just seen her in the hallway.

She smiles in return.

"Are you ok Gabe?" Lola asks him quietly.

Gabe looks to her, an empty and vacant, expression on his face "Oh yeah great." He mutters.

Bro quit it, she is here to try to help. I warn him.

He looks to me and nods.

“Sorry Lola, not sure what I am feeling right now. Not even had an explanation from your cousin to be honest” Gabe says with a shrug.

Lola nods. “Ok, let me try to explain a little. All was good last night ok Gabe?” she is suddenly knelt in front of him, holding his hands. Rey is howling in my mind at the attention his mate is showing to another male. But I push him back, as I know she is trying to reassure him. “She was linking me so much at the club saying how amazing you were, how handsome you were, how perfect you were. How the moon goddess had done perfectly for her, other than you both being giants of course” she smiles across at me. Gabe snorts “Oh yeah so good, that’s why she ran” I glare to him and he nods once more.

“I know, it makes no sense right now, but I want you to know that she was happy with you Gabe, she was excited to find you were her fated mate. Yes, she panicked initially when she realised because our pack is different and having your mate changes things, but I will explain that a little more in a minute, and she was scared she would have to give everything up she had fought so hard to be allowed. But you spoke about that and she saw that she could still be allowed all that, and have her perfect, handsome mate. She was loving how her fate had turned out. She was

having fun with you all, thinking this is where she belonged. She could not wait to get you home, wow you were in for a fun night! She had messaged her Mami to let her know she had found you, she was that excited....” I see Lola pause, chewing her lip nervously.

So all that sounds like Esme had been happy with Gabe, how can things have gone so wrong?!

She sounded like she wanted him....

“Her Mami must have replied. All I know is that I got a mindlink from her saying she hoped I could hear her. Saying I could not let Manuel mark me. That she messaged her Mami, about finding her mate. That she was not happy. Told her under no circumstances was she to let him mark her. That she needed to stick to the arrangement of pack for her course. Plus she told me that

Alpha needs to agree to letting someone out of our own pack mark us. She did not mention running. “ Lola sighs. I see a look of shock on the faces of all our friends.

What shit is going down at their pack?!

“I will be honest I thought knowing Esme the way I do she would have thought fuck it and marked you anyway, that is generally what she is like. Though she is maybe scared her degree is

at risk. Pack are paying for that, they had to fight to let her do that. Women aren't allowed to do further training past high school usually" she says looking uncomfortable.

"You think she panicked?" Lilah asks.

"Maybe. Our Alpha is an evil bastard. Our pack is twisted I guess you'd say. Very old fashioned.

No women's rights. We don't normally mix with the other packs. It is complicated. The women in pack are there for cleaning, cooking, looking after the men and the children, running the homes and having children. Oh and pleasing their men of course" she says with a sad smile.

Rey growls from deep inside of me. I swear I find anyone laid a hand on my mate and I will kill them.....

"It is ok Guapo, nothing like that went on. All within couples. Though not always consensual from what I heard, as I said it was the woman's role to please her man, as and when he demanded.

There were many arranged chosen mates within our pack so that pack members did not leave.

There were the occasional fated mate within pack, they were the ones that seemed genuinely happy. The others I am not so sure."

"That sounds fucked up hunni." Jake says "How has the werewolf council not had the pack taken over or closed down?!"

“They avoid the council at all costs. Another reason they don’t mix with other packs. Another reason they don’t like pack members to go and meet their fated mates” Lola says.

“What did you do on pack baby doll? You got to be what 21? 22? So you finished school a while ago” Indie asks curiously.

“Oh, 22 yeah, I just helped in the daycare centre for the pups. Did additional training while there on the job to help” Lola smiles.

I feel proud of my mate.

“Have you heard from Esme?” Knox asks “Since she linked last night I mean”

Lola looks down at her hands, still holding Gabe’s hands. And slowly shakes her head.

“I messaged her earlier. She didn’t reply. I tried to link her but had no reply, though the link may be stretched as her university accommodation is in town” she explains.

“Ok. Gabe, what do you want to do?” Knox asks

“Now you know she does want you, she just feels stuck by circumstance and was scared and panicked”

Gabe stands up “Nothing. What is the point? I obviously wasn’t worth fighting for, was I?” he walks from the room and straight out of the house. I hear a pained howl soon after, I assume as he has shifted to Aspen. Maybe going for a run to

take out his frustration with a run. Pushing himself to pain in the hopes of making himself feel better.

I see Lola sat looking shocked. Shit.

I know he is hurting, and I totally get that, but why did I have to have such a stubborn cousin?

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“It is ok, I am sorry for shouting. I was upset. I don’t normally do that, that is normally Esme like that” I tell him.

I feel him laugh, his chest vibrating against me. “It is fine, I am from a big family full of fiery women, it is nothing I am not used to. It made me laugh. Lilah told me you knew all the bad words”

I move back from him, to look at him, puzzled.

He sits down on the recliner and pulls me to his lap.

“Lilah when me and her first met liked that Gabe and I would use the occasional Spanish word in our conversation. So Knox trying to impress her thought he would try it. He fails miserably, his accent is terrible, but she laughs at him and loves him for trying. It was an ongoing joke with Knox when I found my mate I could woo her with my Spanish words. Imagine their surprise when my mate turned out to speak Spanish! Lilah heard you cursing in the toilets when you were cleaning yourself up. She said the air was blue, said you knew more bad words than Gabe and he is appalling!” Manuel explains with a grin. I laugh. “Oh no, that makes me look terrible!” “Nah they thought it was funny” he kisses my head again.

“”What are we going to do Guapo?” I ask.

He looks at me, confusion on his face.

“What do you mean?” he asks. “I don’t want to jump to conclusions and have Demon Lola come back out” he winks.

I smile, “I don’t want to put you and your pack at risk over me, Guapo. But I want you. What can we do?”

“Why don’t we call your parents?” he suggests.

“They allow you to come here to visit your cousin, so they may be ok with this too”

That may be ok.... he may have a point...

I get my phone. Finding the number for my Mami.
“Hola” she answers.

“Mami?”

I put the phone onto loud speaker so Manuel can hear.

“Ah Lola. How are you sweetheart?” she asks

“Having fun with Esme?”

“Look Mami, I will get straight to the point ok? I met my mate while I was here”

“Oh my goddess, really?! Let me get your Papi!

Eduardo!!!” I hear her screaming for my Dad.

Could have put herself on mute for that, I don’t think my ears will ever recover....

I hear them muttering between themselves in Spanish before Mami is suddenly talking again.

“Sorry Lola, so what happened? Alpha will not be happy” she says.

I look to Manuel with a sad smile. He looks at me, the same sad smile across his face.

“I know. But I don’t want to leave him Mami. He is the one the moon goddess chose for me, what should I do?” I ask.

“Then you stay” I hear my Papi speak.

I feel a shock hearing him say that. “What?”

“You stay then Lola. Is he a good man? What pack is he from?” My Papi asks

“He is perfect, Papi. He is here with me, he suggested I call you actually. As I was scared, I didn’t

know what to do. I didn’t know if I should be with him. He said to speak to you, ask for your guidance. His Alpha has said they will help against our Alpha if needed. He is from Midnight Forest Pack. A Senior Warrior there, one of the Alpha’s closest friends too” I explain.

“Ahh a warrior like your Papi” I hear my Mami say.

“You say he is there with you Lola?” my Papi speaks now.

“Yes” I say, nudging Manuel.

He smiles “Hi Mr and Mrs Castillo.”

“Hey there. You must be good for my daughter if the moon goddess picked you out. Please take care of her. Make her yours, treasure her. She is better with you than she ever could be here. We will deal with the Alpha. Do not worry.” My Papi speaks.

“Thank you. But we would like to follow the correct protocol and go to the Alpha and explain Lola will be coming to live here to be with her fated mate” Manuel says.

“Ok that is fine. We get to see you both together then too. Be marked and mated then though, he can’t really disagree then I wouldn’t think” My Papi states bluntly.

“Right Papi, we are going to go as we need to go and speak to the Alpha here ok? But I will call again soon ok?” I say wanting to get them off the phone.

Not wanting to discuss marking and mating with my parents....

We quickly say goodbye.

“Carino, do not worry, there is no rush for the marking, I know you said you do not want to rush, and I respect that ok?” Manuel kisses my head. “Are you glad you called them though?”

“Are you crazy?!” I look to him,

“Jeez, what did I do now?!” he chuckles.

“Yes I am glad I called them as it confirmed that being together is the right thing. But are you crazy, because I told you earlier I wanted you to mark me last night. I would have you mark me right now given a chance you silly fool” I grin “see I was nice then I didn’t use the naughty words!”

I feel him shaking as he laughs “Well if you would have me mark you right now, then let’s get you upstairs my fierce little fire cracker!” he says, swooping me up in his arms as he stands and running up the stairs with me in his arms.....

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Chapter 144 Esme

I sat in the flat my heart feeling like it was breaking, I should be back at the Midnight Forest Pack, at Gabriel's home, getting to know my fated mate, yet instead I am having to accept the fact I have had to flee from my own fated mate when in truth I wanted nothing more than to be with him. All because of the messed up Alpha and pack we came from. I had never hated him more than I did right this moment. We had never got on, my Alpha and me, forever clashing, but right now I wished him dead, wished pain on him, wanted him to suffer. Because of him I had to leave my fated mate, the one I truly wanted to be with. My wolf Kya had withdrawn into the nether areas of my mind now having thrown a serious tantrum at me earlier and was not happy with me for leaving our fated mate, but I had to follow pack orders, and had to do what I did. I could not stay with him, no matter how much I wanted to. It was not safe. I had too much to lose. There was too much at risk. I just hope that Lola had not allowed her mate to mark her either, she was not strong enough to cope with our Alpha and the

consequences of going against his wishes. She could be putting herself in danger and that worries me.

But ultimately that was not my concern, as much as I want to protect my cousin, she was an adult and she had to make her own choices, I had warned her, and then I had done what I needed to do, I had stuck to the agreements I had made with the pack in order for me to be allowed to come to University. They can't withdraw me now surely? I need this, this is my reason for living. This is my sole purpose in life. The thing that keeps me going.

I will message Lola and see what she is doing, as she is travelling home later this weekend, or she should be doing. She never came back to the flat last night so I can only assume she spent the night with her mate. That cannot be a good thing... I hope she has spoken things through with her parents at least..... Our pack is not a normal one....

Lolly,

Please tell me you did not let him mark you? You know Alpha will not allow that without his permission. Are you coming back to the flat today to travel home as planned tomorrow? What is the plan?

Esme

I had never felt so empty or alone. It is a horrible feeling. One I do not want to keep feeling, but one I have a sinking feeling I should get used to. I hadn't even thought about wanting a mate, I had been focused on my career, so why now, having met Gabe had that changed? Meeting him had thrown my emotions and feelings into turmoil. Making me feel things I did not realise I felt and it scared me. Especially when there was now so much at risk because of it all. I had wanted to be a Dr, and not have a mate, but now I think I want both, but only if the mate is him... I don't want a mate if the mate is a mate the Alpha arranges like he so often does in our pack. I want my mate. The mate the moon goddess selected for me. The one fated for me. He seemed a perfect pick for me. I don't know if I am strong enough to let him go. Yet I don't think I will have a choice.

My phone buzzed

Esme

No I didn't let him mark me but I plan to, having spoken to Mum and Dad. Manuel knows everything as do his Alpha and the team. Why did you run cuz? Gabriel was heartbroken. Surely there is a way to fix this. Alpha Knox says he will help.

Lolly

How can he help? I made an arrangement with the pack, for me to be able to go to university, for them to allow me to go, and for them to fund it, then I would have to return to pack as a Dr, so there is no way I can stay here to be with Gabe. I cannot see a way around it. I am glad at least she has spoken to her parents and has their support. She can be with her fated mate and they will back her up. That is something. I don't know how it will work, our alpha does not allow fated mates to happen without his permission, so that could be interesting if Lola turns up already marked and mated.

I can't believe she told them everything about the pack, I dread to think what they must be thinking now. Perhaps Alpha Knox could go and sort out our Alpha, show him how to run a pack properly because our Alpha is clearly clueless..... I hate hearing Gabriel was heartbroken, he seemed such a confident, and cocky, guy with such a ballsy sense of humour so knowing I had hurt him breaks my heart. I don't like to think of the tough warrior that he was as being someone who can be broken....

He would easily get over me right? I am nothing special and we didn't get to know each other that well. The main connection there was the mate bond, that could be easily rejected couldn't it? Oh

who am I kidding? I didn't want to reject him.... I wanted the guy I had been fated.... I just wasn't going to be allowed him.....

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I was shaking in nerves as I carried Lola up to the bedroom knowing I may finally get to mark my mate now.

“Manny you ok?” Lola whispers into my ear

“Uh-huh” I respond, unsure I could reply much more than that right now, as I gently place her on the bed. I hear her phone buzz from her pocket as I do. She grabs the phone to look.

“It’s Esme. Saying she hopes I didn’t let you mark me. And asking if I am going back to her flat to travel home as planned” she explains.

“Oh that’s nice of her. Anyone would think she wants you to leave me like she left Gabe.” I find myself saying, a little spitefully. I have to say I am pissed off with Esme for how she has treated

Gabe, as I know he likes to act all tough and like nothing bothers him, but I know he will be massively hurt by this. I could see last night just how much he liked his fated mate, and I know he was already planning a future with her..... like you do when you meet your fated mate.

So for her to flee the way she did had to have broken his heart, it would have done mine, though I guess I am a big softy.... I know he was hurting, I could tell that from his face, his body language....

"I have asked her why she ran. Told her how much she hurt Gabe don't worry Guapo, I am annoyed with her as much as you are. I still need to find out what has gone on" Lola explains.

"She is going to try to convince you to not let me mark you isn't she?" I say anxiously.

"Hey, it will already be done by then Guapo" she winks at me as she gently reaches up to stroke my face.

"Really?" I mutter.

She is suddenly stood on the bed in front of me, raising her eyebrows at me. My little firecracker of a mate....

"I thought that is what we came upstairs for Guapo, no?" she smiles seductively at me. I can already feel my heart beginning to race. I think my mate may have me hooked already and I have

known her less than 24 hours.... Is that bad? I am such a sap....

I am clueless with women, but this one seems pretty perfect to me.... I know I want to make her mine...I grip her waist with my hands and lift her up to pull her to me. She lets out a little giggle as I do.

“Are you sure about this Lola?” I whisper into her ear.

“I don’t think I have ever been more sure of anything so get them pants off” she giggles again, a sound I swear I will never tire of...

I start laughing too, and pull her down to the bed, letting my hands explore her curves once more.

Her lips are tenderly kissing mine, her tongue teasing mine, or alternating between nipping at my lower lip which gives me shivers.

Lola is slipping off her clothes so she is now laid in front of me in nothing but panties. The curves of my mate’s body are pure perfection to me.... I think I could quite happily lay and admire her body.... No maybe that was a little weird....

I need to make sure I keep these thoughts to myself... my lack of experience with women is definitely shining through....

Lola suddenly flips herself on top of me, I am a strong warrior so needless to say I am easily

allowing her to flip me right about now, though what man in their right mind wouldn't?! I now have my half naked mate straddling me, with a very seductive smirk on her face, smiling down at me.

"Hey Guapo, come give me some sugar" Lola almost purrs at me, hooking her hands through my hair, lowering her face to mine. Our lips meeting in an intense kiss.

I reach to push my hands through her the waves of her red hair, our tongues twisting and colliding with each other as we kiss. Our breathing racing, as I feel Lola moan against my lips.

My hands are exploring the softness of her skin once more, hearing her gasp in pleasure as I do, learning what she likes, what makes her moan and gasp.

Suddenly we are both naked again, her hands roughly tugging at my hair as she kisses me, nipping my lower lip as I push myself gently inside, allowing her to adjust. The sensation of being with my mate again like nothing else I can describe.... Lola kisses me deeply as we crave one another's touch, the touch of her sending me to places I had only imagined.....

I thrust deeper, and faster, making her moan and as I feel her body shudder I feel my own release

and surge of pleasure, my fangs elongate and I lower my mouth to the joint of her neck and collar bone, teasing it gently with my tongue.....

Lola giggles in pleasure before I puncture the skin with my teeth.... I feel a shiver of pleasure as I bite my mate, as I mark her. My vision blurs slightly as I taste the blood and lick it away, I can sense her I am sure of it.....

Suddenly she is biting into my neck.... Ooohhhh that feels good! Painful but nice..... my vision blurs again, a lot this time.... I can barely see..... it's like being drunk almost....

Mmmmm she licks away the blood having marked me.... I can definitely feel a connection there now with her.....

Hey Guapo she suddenly mindlinked, we did it, we marked each other!

Wow Carino, we did.... And it felt fucking amazing! I tell her.

Wow... I have a mate! I have a fucking mate..... I finally have a mate!!!

And I have marked her and she has marked me!!

Can I go and scream it from the fucking rooftops?!

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