

Chapter 11

Bonnie

He ran, my mate saw me and ran, and the worst part of it all was that a small part of me felt shocked. Stupid girl! Growing up every wolf hears the stories of how mates meet, of how they have an instant love, instant connection and are immediately glued at the hip and yet my mate saw me and ran away from me like his ass was on fire and I allowed myself to be disappointed with that, why? Why did I do that to myself when let's be honest, both my wolf and I already knew that our mate wouldn't be interested in us so what just happened shouldn't be a surprise.

"Hmm, no way missy. You're the only one who thinks that, so don't drag me into your negative thoughts." Lexi practically growls causing my head to thump. Ok, so maybe she is right about that but so am I, because he did exactly what I knew he would, exactly what my family has always told me would happen. "Maybe it was just a shock and he needed a moment to gather his thoughts. Maybe he wasn't expecting to meet his mate tonight and got spooked." Lexi tries to reassure me but it doesn't help even knowing that he wouldn't want me, to have it happen still hurts.

"Where's he going? I wanted to talk to him!" Blues whiny voice pulls me out of my thoughts as she comes to a stop next to me and stomps her foot. "What, who?" I turn to face her and swear she looks ready to explode. "Alpha Nicholas! he's my mate, I know he is and now that I'm 18 I can finally talk to him and allow him to find out for himself!"

I almost burst out laughing at her words, but thank the Moon Goddess I

manage to hold it in. I'm not up for any more beatings tonight. "Who's Alpha Nicholas? I've never met him." Whoever the guy is I hope he keeps on walking because no one deserves to be saddled with her bitchy self. "Right there!"

She points across to the outside of the ball area while once again stamping her feet. I follow her finger and soon feel sick when I notice that the only person leaving that way right now is the man who ran from me, my mate. Wait... my mate is Alpha Nicholas, that can't be right. "It sure is, baby girl." Lexi purrs and I swear I feel my blood leave my body. Oh, fuck! Why didn't she tell me?

My mate is an Alpha? Finding my mate was bad enough but the fact that he's an Alpha... Fuck im dead! My father will kill me for being such a huge disappointment. He'll blame me for the poor Alpha being mated to me and beat me, then he'll beat me again for the shame of an Alpha rejecting me and if im lucky enough to survive that, Blue will no doubt have her turn at beating me because clearly, she wants the man that's already got a mate, and of course, that will be my fault too.

I need to get out of here and fast. Lily and I agreed to leave once the ball was over or at least almost over but I can't risk it. The Alpha doesn't want me and that's fine, because I wouldn't wish myself or my family on him which will make leaving easier but we need to leave sooner than planned before anyone could find out what happened, especially my family.

"I'm sure he'll be back soon, darling girl." My dad's voice is soft and caring when he speaks to Blue but I don't ever remember hearing him talk to me like that. Of course, over the years I've gotten used to it and



accepted it but even now after all this time, I still have moments where I find myself wishing for him to speak to me like that. I shake my head reminding myself why wanting that is a big mistake.

Do I really want a man like him to be my hero? A man who can abuse his daughter, can allow his other children to also abuse her? No, I wouldn't and I don't. I guess finding my mate and then him running from me has stirred up some emotions in me that I don't need right now. My dad continues to stroke my sister's ego keeping them distracted enough that I could make a quick exit and search for Lilly. I haven't seen her yet, but I know she's already down here as she linked me when she left her room to let me know.



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