

Call Me By My Name

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Kaden was leading me by the hand deep into the forest, a part I have not thought of venturing into myself, I don't know much about the pack grounds since I have only spent my time in the pack house, Kaden's house, the pack clinic and the dining halls.

I could hear the howls of the pack members from several directions, the full moon was almost approaching and they all could feel it coming.

The sparks of the bond between us are heightened in me and I feel it strongly, my wolf is already scratching at the surface, I feel her closer to me, the moon has brought her closer to me.

Kaden stops abruptly and I stop as well.

"The pack members would not intrude on us here" he says, he lets go of my hand and I take in the surroundings before me, there was a small lake a couple of feet from us and fireflies surrounded the water dancing in the moonlight, there were scrubs everywhere and I finally understand that this was a meadow, I had not expected a place like this in the pack, there was nothing like this in my former pack.

The meadow was completely and irrevocably beautiful or rather breathtaking against the moon light and it was the perfect setting of a romantic scene like the ones in those human romantic movies, —this was the perfect spot for lovers but to me this would be where I will be screaming in agony while my bones break until I am in my wolf form, a rather painful memory to bear, but it is what it is.

Kaden turns me around until I am facing him and our eyes are meeting "I need you to relax" his voice was surprisingly calm and soothing as that of a lover, it sounded strange to me. I had never imagined him in that tone, every time he had spoke to me, his tongue has always been laced with grudges and anger.

"I am scared" I truthfully confessed, I know I was showing vulnerability

before this Alpha that probably could care less but I was indeed frightened, I was scared of the pain that is to come and the pain that he would feel just because of me "I do not want to hurt you"

"I will be fine, we are both in this together" he rests his forehead on mine, despite the situation at hand, Kaden's words were making me feel drawn to him.

I don't know when but strangely I have started to develop feelings for this Alpha and this was not just the bond igniting it, truthfully the bond was making it worse for me, I wonder if I will be able to control my emotions, from today on because I am attracted to a man that will never fully accept me.

I inhale deeply as I feel the power of the moon enter into my bones and right then, there was the first crack "Alpha!" I cried out in pain as I fell to the ground, it was just as excruciating as the time in the dining hall.

"I am here with you, call me by my name" he said soothingly, he had lowered himself on the ground, through the pain I feel, I still search his eyes for doubts, was this his wolf? or was this him—I feel the wall in his mind drop and I feel his power resonate through me, was this how he was going to take my pain, by giving me some of his power.

The second crack comes "Kaden!" I cry out this time in his name as he has given me the permission to, the pain of the second crack is not as excruciating as the first and I know that whatever Kaden is doing to help me is working.

Kaden growls and I feel more energy seep through me as the moon has finally become full, the howls of the wolves are louder and more around the surrounding trees.

I know Kaden was in pain, I could feel it but he was holding himself back, on normal circumstances he should be shifting just like the other wolves but he was forcing himself to stay human as well as give me his power at the same time, he was truly strong, my heart swelled with pride.

The third crack came, this time in my right leg and the bone appeared disfigured before setting itself back almost immediately as it had broken "it hurts" I moaned in pain, Kaden seeps more power through the bond that I don't have to scream this time, the pain was there but somehow it was now slightly bearable,—I worry for him though, his eyes color were

flicking back and forth between red and his normal black and I know he is struggling to stay in control.

I held his hand as my own way of comfort, skin to skin always worked on mate, he surprises me by pulling me closer to himself so I am against his body.

His body against mine brings more comfort, the pain has subsided and I was now breathing heavily. Kaden places a kiss on my temple—whether it was his choice or that of his wolf I was still grateful that I am not alone in this.

When my breathing calms, he helped me take off my dress—I do not protest, it would not be the first time he was seeing my body and werewolves had a pretty good relationship with nudity.

It is better this way, the dress would survive when my wolf comes out it would not be reaped to shreds in the in-between. Kaden helps me with my undergarments as well and now I am completely bare before him.

The fourth crack comes and I simply moan in pain, this was bearable, Kaden was really pushing through for me, I feel him trying to take all my pain but he did not have too, I was not that weak and I did not feel worthy of his sacrifice.

We might have our own complicated issues but Kaden was really here and he was going to stay here until I am through. I feel my claws and teeth pushing out and I know that it is only a matter of time before I am fully transformed.

By the eighth crack and deformity of my bones, I fully emerged, my brown wolf bounced to life, Kaden steps away from me so I have space to re-acustom myself to my new body.

I feel my wolf completely and it was like a breath of fresh air had been poured into my soul, I wondered how I was able to survive so long with my wolf so far away, now that she was back I would do anything to keep her close to me.

"Easy" Kaden rubs my fur as I leveled myself on the ground properly "You have done well" he praised, I blush internally and I let my joy seep through our bond, You are magnificent, he complimented again this time through the link and he smiled at me, Kaden was a really attractive man but now he looked breathtaking to me

Thank you, I responded back in the link as this would be the only means of communication between us as I am in my wolf form.

Kaden smiles at me and he steps back, he takes off his shirt and trousers alongside his underwear, he was to shift as well and he does that in no time, no pain, no struggle like how it is meant to be when we get accustomed to the shift.

After today, if I decide to shift again it will be slightly painful but it would be nothing compared to this, until I have gotten used to shifting again before I will stop feeling the pain completely

Kaden howls, and just like that he had triggered the entire pack to howl back with him. They are now aware that their Alpha has shifted and now they will run together

Let's run, he said before taking off, I joined him—Kaden is faster, his black wolf is quicker and faster than any wolf in the pack that is one of the reason he was Alpha, his pack knows that he is strong enough to defend them. I struggle to keep up to him, as this is my first run in a long while, my limbs were weaker and slower, Kaden soon noticed it and he slows down for me to catch up to him, he doesn't run his regular speed again rather he jogged around me until the run is over.

We get back to the meadow were I had shifted and we stop to rest there, Kaden's wolf is acting like a realmate, he rubs and he clicks my fur, his way of saying that he sees me as his mate, I know this is just his wolf, the human side of Kaden had no opinion on where we stood, he would not accept me neither would he reject me.

He shifts back first before I followed suit. We put our clothes back on in silence and I know this night is over, he had done his duty, now we will return as we were. I was already about to leave the place as I know how to find my way back to the pack house, when he held my hand stopping me.

He releases me and I turn to look at him in confusion, was there something else that he wanted or did he want to tell me something.

"I want to try" He said

"What?" I was utterly confused

"I want us to try to make this work" he confessed and my heart races immediately, was this his wolf or was this him, his eyes were the usual

black color but so it was when he yelled in the pack halls that it was his wolf that needed me. "This is not about my wolf, this is me truly" he clarifies as if he knows what is in my thoughts, he held my hands as my eyes glistened with tears, could this be a dream?, Kaden was now willing to look pass my past and allow us to be true mates.

"Do you really want this Alpha?" I ask, I needed confirmation again to be sure that I was not making all this up in my head, I had not gotten that mad, have I? And that this was not his wolf but himself completely

"You don't have call me Alpha anymore, like I said before, you can call me by my name". He sighs before continuing "This is what I want but I will be lying if I say it would be easy, Freya still lives in my heart. I am sorry for what I had made you go through from the car ride till now" I do not expect him to forget Freya, I know Freya would forever live in his heart and would forever be a part of him.

"Okay" I mumbled in acceptance, what do I have to lose again in this life , he bends forward and place a kiss on my lips and I respond back just as soon as his lips touched mine. The kiss was brief but it meant everything to me and I did not wish it to end.

I know an apology does not totally fix the things between us but we are both willing to try, I feel things would get better, we are in fact stuck with each other until one of us dies, we could spend our time hating each other or we could spend the time forgiving each other, getting to know each other and build a relationship and maybe in the future we could love each other, only the future would tell but what we decide now in the present shapes the future.

Diana might be right, maybe I was still destined for happiness in this world, all I have to do was let the happiness find me.

Kaden enclosed my hand in his as he led me out of the meadow, I only wondered what was to come tomorrow.