

Broken by one, claimed by three novel

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CORA Mine . +25 Bonus My hold on Cora tightened as I snarled at him . She didn't belong to him , she was mine . My mate . Only mine . But doubt started to fill me when his head lowered and he rubbed his snout along her cheek A deep purr rumbled from his chest . Cora's low whimper pulled me out of my shock Growling , I gripped him by the scruff of his neck and jerked him off us . He instantly got to his feet and shook out his fur .

My warning growl had him freezing , but not before letting out one of his own . Sitting up , I turned my attention towards Cora . She was pale and shaking slightly . I moved the strands of hair from her face and gripped her chin to turn her attention towards me . Wide jade eyes blinked up at me . She was scared , but she was trying her best not to show it . " K - Keiran ? " " Are you injured ? " I asked her softly . She hesitated too long before she shook her head .

My eyes dropped , darting over her and then lingering on the hand she was favouring . It was the same wrist she had injured the night before . " Idiot ! " I hissed at Ryder . " You hurt her . " He growled and took a step closer . " Don't , " I warned softly . My eyes darted around , taking in the crowd that was staring at us . Lucas appeared behind Ryder , breathless and red in the face . He gave me an apologetic look and then glared at my little brother . " Home , now !

" Ryder sneered , but spun around and surprisingly followed the order . Lucas moved forward , ready to help Cora to her feet . She pressed herself closer to me . With a shake of my head at Lucas , I struggled to my feet with an arm wrapped around Cora's waist . One of her hands clutched my shirt tightly . " I feel sick , " she whispered , I hesitated for only a second before I picked her up . Cora slipped an arm around my neck and rested her head against my shoulder .

Pressing my chin to the top of her head , I purred softly only for her ears . " It's just the adrenaline wearing off , " Lucas told her . " You've been through a lot and your body is still recovering . " He glanced at me . " The doctor told her to stay in bed for that reason , " he growled . I glared at him . But I knew that he was right . I was stupid . Cora looked fine so I just assured that she was . I should have waited a few days before I suggested I show her around .

" What's he doing back ? " I asked Lucas . " His ... " I paused glancing down at Cora . " He said he was going to return next week " " Thomas called to inform me that Ryder left early . I was just heading out there , but he was already at home . Dale said he took off in the direction of town the moment he entered the house . " My frown deepened . Ryder claimed that Cora was his mate . Based on his reaction , there was no doubt about it now .

It was hard to resist the urge to find your mate once you had gotten a whiff of her scent . I knew for a fact that Cora was my mate . I felt it every time we touched . The bond was there , but it felt like something was missing " He's Ryder ? " Cora questioned softly The wolf CORA +25 Bonus I looked down at her . " Yes . He got home sooner than expected

. " Cora slowly tilted her head back to look up at me . "W - what did he mean when he said mine ? " I pursed my lips .

" You don't know what a mate is , sweetheart ? " Lucas questioned . " I do , " Cora answered before I could utter a word . " My mate rejected me . " The colour drained from his face . I growled to silence him . " Go get the doctor , " I ordered . " Tell him to meet us at my house . " " Right away alpha . " He gave Cora one last glance and then hurried away . Cora was silent for the rest of the trip back home .

Ryder was nowhere to be seen when I entered the house , and neither was Mom which I was thankful for . I didn't want to explain things to her that I didn't have any answers to . I carried Cora up to her room and then lowered her down onto the bed . Removing her borrowed shoes , I placed them aside and then took a seat on the edge of the bed . My eyes darted over her . At least she had some more colour in her cheeks , but she was still trembling .

I reached out and gently took hold of her wrist to inspect it closely . Her wrist was swollen and the bruises had darkened . " I'm sorry , " I apologized softly . " I should have allowed you to stay in bed and rest . " She gave me a wobbly smile . " I ... kinda had fun , " she muttered . " It has been a while since I shopped for my own clothes . Thank you . " " You're welcome . " I stood . " The doctor should be here in a few minutes . Get some rest .

" I was halfway to the door when she called me back . " Is he my mate ? Mom never told me anything about having more than one mate . I'm confused . " Cora frowned . " I thought that only werewolves could have mates . Because I'm human , I never ... I don't

know how to explain it to you . He ... Ryder said I'm his . What does it all mean ? " I swallowed , eyes darting over her face . I wish I could give her clear answers but I had no idea what to tell her . Everything was so confusing .

Before we found her , life had been simple and , to be honest , kind of boring . She had only been in my home for a day and things were a mess . " I really don't want to cause you any trouble . " Her words snapped me out of my thoughts . " You're not , " I told her . " As I said before , you're allowed to misbehave Cora . I won't kick you out . As for Ryder ... " I sighed .

" I don't know what's going on , ' her honestly , " but I'm going to try my best to figure things out and then I'll explain it to you , okay ? " She nodded . " Okay . " " I'll be back when the doctor gets here . " I left before she could start asking any more questions . " I told Ryder was waiting in my office for me . I frowned when I spotted him sitting in one of the chairs . He was gripping the arms of the chairs so tightly that the wood was creaking .

" Tell bat - boy to let me go , " he growled when his eyes locked on me . " Axel . " " I'm not letting him go until he calms down , " Axel said from somewhere in the room . " He wants to go after Cora and in the condition he's in , it's best he doesn't . Ryder's heat is not over . " " Shut up ! " Ryder hissed . " He wants to rut her . " I closed the door behind me and calmly walked over to my little brother . Although , I was feeling everything but calm .

He was not only placing Cora in danger but the pack as well . An alpha wolf in heat was more dangerous than a rogue , especially with a newfound mate in such close range . "

Why are you back so early ? " I asked Ryder . " We had an agreement and you always stick to it . What changed ? " Ryder pursed his lips and continued to glare at me . 2/3
CORA +25 Bonus Muttering under my breath , I sunk down on the chair across from him .

It was times like these when I wished that I was just a normal wolf . Then I didn't have to worry about so many people . " Ryder . " " Let me go . " " No , until you calm down , " Axel hissed . " He's right , " I muttered . " I need you calm and level - headed for this conversation . I'll lock you in the basement if I have to . " " She's mine , " he snarled . My wolf rose to the surface but I instantly pushed him down .

The boy sitting across from me was my blood and I wasn't going to kill him just because he was claiming that my mate was also his mate . " Ryder , why did you leave early ? " He glared at me for a few more seconds and then looked away . " He didn't want any of the females that were offered to him . I ... none of them were appealing . " " It's not the first time this has happened , " I muttered .

" No , but it's the first time where he got so restless and tried to kill one of them for touching him . I'm here because something kept urging me to return home . " " Cora , " I paused . " She's Olivia's daughter . " The colour drained from his face . " Before we found her , she was rejected by her mate . I don't understand what's happening , Ryder , " I told him honestly . " I'm looking into it , and trying my best to / figure things out .

" " She's Keiran's mate , " Axel muttered , making me snarl at him . " And there's a possibility that she might be mine . " His words knocked the air from my lungs . All three of us ? Cora was human . How the hell was this even possible ? " Did you talk to the

elders ? " " I went to see Demetrius . " I explained to them what he had told me and then mentioned the Golden wolves he talked about . " You just said that she's human . "

Ryder frowned at me .

My eyes darted behind him when Axel appeared in the darkest corner of the room . It was unusual for him to still be up during daylight . He went to bed as soon as the sun started rising and woke up as soon as it started setting . Axel was a nocturnal person . " When I met her , " he paused , " I sensed something about her . Cora is human , she appears so , but I don't think that she is . "