

# Denied by Destiny: Trapped in the Shadows of the Mate Bond

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Kaia POV

Daylight was fading and the soft rays of remaining sunlight shone in on the hospital room with the artistic mixed colours of the sunset. The sun wasn't as hot now, the rays were providing an orange glow, rather than the strength of its day time yellow. I had remained with Rosa all afternoon, she had slept the entire time.

I was panicking slightly that I might have done some wrong, that I took too much energy off her. My wolf kept reassuring me, telling me it had worked perfectly, yet I wouldn't leave her alone, just in case.

Her breathing was steady and I asked a doctor to check her repeatedly, who assured me that she really was just asleep.

Rosa's Father rushes through the door head hung low and his shoulders sagged, clearly he hadn't been told until a few moments ago who exactly was with Rosa while his mate slept.

"Sorry Luna." His eyes were bloodshot and looked sore to open, they had been through a lot.

"It's fine, she's been asleep the entire time.."

"She has?"

"Yes. I can stay if you want to get more rest." He clearly needed it, had he even managed to sleep.

"No, thank you Luna, I will sit with her. How did you get her to sleep?"

"I...I hummed to her." I miss out the part where I have an ability to take and give another's energy...I am in the mental health ward after all...they may well want to keep me in here. "You hummed to her?" He moves towards her, stroking the top of her hair.

"Can you get word to me when she's awake?"

""Yes Luna."

As I open the door I find the two guards outside that Hector had sent to watch me. They stand as I exit, my eyes rolling at them. I didn't need to be chaperoned.

I turn back to her father, who is now sitting in the chair.

"What happened to her? I can't remember."

His eyes flash to that of his wolf, a deep routed sadness washing over his face.

"Her mate took advantage of her...took..." His hands go to cover his face as he lets out a deep anguished sigh.

He didn't need to finish the sentence, I understood. I had known, I know I had...I just didn't want to think something so cruel could be true.

That the demons that haunt her...I can take her energy but I can't turn back time...I can't ever stop that from happening to her.

Oh Rosa, such a sweet girl.

"I'm going back to the alpha house. You can return to your normal stations." I bark out as I walk start to walk down the corridor. "Alpha commanded that we walk you back."

"Well I'm uncommanding you." I snap, not giving them a chance to protest as I yet again throw the weight of my aura behind my order continuing to march down the corridor.

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My body is dragging more than usual, a pain growing not only in my head but also in my lower abdomen. Each footstep is a struggle and as I finally see the alpha house in site, I finally feel relieved. I needed to rest. However, as soon as I open the front door, I hear raised male voices coming from the office.

I curse under my breath as I close the door quietly, they were still here. I had no intention of entering the office, of any of them knowing I was back...I just wanted to be alone, I just needed some space.

I also wanted to take a long hot shower and wash the hospital smell off me. That clinical aroma had lingered on me as I spent longer than expected by Rosa's side.

I tiptoe towards the stairs being careful not to make any noise and manage to take a few steps up before Hector pulls open the office door. I hope he doesn't expect me to rejoin him, I've had enough of putting on that Luna face for the day. I was battling exhaustion and even climbing the stairs seemed like too much of an effort right now.

"They haven't left?" I moan through gritted teeth.

"They will shortly." Hector responds before pausing and continuing...a sign of whatever is coming next I'm already not going to like.

"Than has offered to extend his men at the Nightshade Reformed pack?" He closes the door behind him, taking a step closer to me.

"No..." I place my hand out. Absolutely not, certainly not after what I had learnt earlier.

"Kaia..."

"No Hector. I want them gone. The council men are leaving, as are his. I refuse to trust him..." I say with determination, choosing not to keep my conversation in hushed tones.

I didn't care if he overheard, I was too tired to feign politeness.

I turn, readying to reascend the mountain of the stairs, when his hand grips at my elbow stopping me.

"Okay, they go."

"Really?" My eyes narrow at him, I thought I would have to fight him more on this.

"Yes, really. You don't want them there, I won't fight you. It's your pack. I hate Than being here as much as you."

He takes the bottom step up towards me, my body automatically trying to pull into his...like two magnets that belong with one another.

I was too tired to fight this universal shattering pull to him, the promise that it will blow my mind, body and soul for the rest of my life.

Too tired to think about how to fight it that I let my body lean into him...the warmth of his closeness making my wolf purr out unashamedly. "You look pale..." His hand touches the back of my neck before running up to my forehead, then resting on my flushed cheek.

"I'm just tired." I try to fight that call to rest on him, to let him take care of me...it was getting more difficult the heavier my eyes became. "What did you do?" He lowly growls, as his grip on me tightens slightly...I think he could sense my struggle to stay standing. "She needed my help.." I murmur out as my nose trails along his neck line, inhaling his intoxicating scent.

"No Kaia...shit...you need to be more careful."

"It's fine...I could help her so I did." I almost lick across his neck when he pulls me back, his hands firmly on my upper arms.

"Not like this, we don't know the long-term effects..." His grip is tight as he emphasises his demand.

"Hector..." I try to hush him, to calm him as I draw little lines across the developing scars upon his arms. The silver chain's everlasting kiss forever imprinted on to his skin.

Guilt clouds me before he takes my chin in between his thumb and finger, lifting my head up...forcing me to look him directly in the eyes.

"I'd do it all over again. Never doubt that."

"We are leaving." The office door jolts open, both Orpheus and Than exiting. They find me clinging to Hector on the stairs, his strength holding me up. Yet as soon as I see him, a bolt of energy blasts through me.

My eyes glare at Than as his eyes flash at the sight of Hector and I.

Hector's back was turned to them for a mere second, prolonging our closeness. A deep threatening growl rumbles in my chest from the way Than looks at Hector's back, if he dared to lunge for him I would kill him where he stood. My sister's mate or not. "Get out!" I growl at him. I know his men helped with the raid on the Shadow Rock pack but after what put me through, what he was going to do to me, I find it very difficult to be civil to him right now.

"Kaia...until next time." Orpheus walks towards Hector, before shaking his hand. His eyes full upon me, before he smells the air around me.

"Hmm you smell..."

"Like a hospital." I turn to walk up the stairs, I was done with pleasantries for the day.

"No, like something really sweet...like cotton candy."

"Cotton candy, what is that?" I ask, as I stop on the stairs, my hand gripping to the railing as I can still feel Than watching me.

"Like the pink floss stuff that you get on a stick...you know what, never mind." He goes to move backwards before his wolf pushes forward, his eyes changing colour and he knocks me over...my body under his as I lay up the stairs. What the...

My legs kick out, jabbing him in the gut which momentarily pushes him back off me before he takes another lunge for me, but this time Hector gets in between us.

"What the fuck are you doing!" Hector pushes Orpheus down the stairs, as his body lands with a oomph at the bottom. I watch the change in Orpheus's demeanour as he seems to battle with his wolf, his body becoming rigid. "Who were you with?" He growls out.

"I was with a pack member in the hospital...why?" I growl back out, as I stand myself up and walk down the stairs to square up to him but Hector pulls me back.

"Take me.." He demands.

"What?"

"To the hospital, take me now."