



Chapter 224

Riding in Tatum's car back to her house, Leila steals a glance at Tatum who has his eyes fixed on the road. It's a big risk trusting him, considering the past but something deep inside her tells her it's okay to trust him.

His testimony as the Alpha of the pack will hold weight and could easily sway the judge to favour them even if it cannot be proven, that is the real advantage he provides but she will feel much better if Kelvin was also here to help.

She should never have said those words to him. What got into her? He only just found love after so many years and she unintentionally tried to sow doubt in his heart about his lover, she probably deserves this treatment he is giving to her.

She takes out her phone to call, he doesn't take his calls, she tries to mindlink him but he cannot be reached.

She sighs defeatedly, becoming worried about the midlink unable to reach him, he was previously only blocking her.

Did he leave the pack again?

"Alright," Tatum says, pulling the car to the side of the road, "I know I'm not your favourite car partner but that's not why you have that look on your face. What is it?"

"Nothing, just take me home," Leila replies lazily, unable to find the strength to be cold.

Kelvin is the one person she could always rely on in the midst of all the madness and now he's probably left her over something she did not



mean to say in a harmful way.

"Is it Costner? I noticed he was missing today," Tatum says, watching her eyes carefully. "I want to help if I can, stop shutting me out."

"Well you can't, just take me home Tatum," Leila replies coldly, half sneering at him.

What can he possibly do? What could he possibly say to Kelvin for her that she has not already said to him in her texts?

Tatum just finds it hard to accept that the only relationship between them now is one of an Alpha and his pack member, her personal life is her personal life and none of his business.

"I never said thanks to you for visiting dad, the doctor's said his body is fighting back the disease better than it has been in years, maybe the phoenix Luna has some healing powers," Tatum keeps his tone light, giving her a small smile as he restarts the car.

"Why did you do it?" Leila asks, remembering what he did to stop himself that day. "That day, you stabbed yourself."

"Because I prefer when you beg me to fuck you?" Tatum flicks his brows at her, a coy look on his face."

Leila hisses. "When did I ever?"

"Really?" Tatum makes a face at her.

"Just drive," Leila replies lazily, looking out the window.

"Seriously Leila, just tell me what's going on, even if I can't help, I could just be a listening ear."

Leila sighs. "I can't reach Kev, he won't take my calls or reply my texts and now I can't even mindlink him. We had a little fight."

"You want me to find him for you?"

"No, I can't ask you to do that."

He's already offering to take the stands as her witness, something that makes her feel indebted, asking him to find Kelvin will only add to that but she is worried, what if Kelvin is not ignoring her but something bad has happened to him?

"I remember my wife going crazy the last time her friend went missing, who's this woman?" Tatum chuckles, nudging her slightly.

Leila frowns, remembering how guilty she felt that day. "Seriously Tatum, don't."

"I'll find him for you, he's also a member of my pack, his safety matters to me," Tatum replies in a finite tone, finally driving the car ahead.

Leila remembers how he has always put his people first, he is a good Alpha at heart, it's just sad that their story was meant to end the way it did.

"The trial is the day after tomorrow, what if you're not back in time?" She asks after a while.

"Whether I find him by then or not, I will make it back for the trial but I want to ask Leila, if I find him, will you go on a date with me? I won your heart once, when we were kids, before the prophecy and everything, give me a chance to do it as adults, a new slate? A new beginning?"