

Chapter 226

Leila patiently waits at home for hours, hoping to hear something from Tatum concerning Kelvin's whereabouts or to just hear anything from him at all.

She did not know that he was also close to Tatiana, they certainly seemed close from the way he had his hands over her shoulders, their bodies close together from the time they left the courtroom to Tatum's car outside, he even held the car door open for her.

She scoffs internally.

She's not jealous, it's just that Kelvin loves Tatiana deeply and it would crush his heart if Tatiana is somehow playing games with him and why did it never even occur to her to ask Tatiana of Kelvin's whereabouts?

She just assumed they would be together but apparently they are not, Tatiana is with another man.

She should pay Tatiana a visit and find out what she knows about Kelvin's whereabouts if that is the case.

Tatum's smell hangs heavy in the air as Leila walks through the corridor of doors to find Tatiana's apartment from the address Bass gave to her and it discomforts Leila.

There are a dozen other smells of things and other people in the air but she could lose her sense of smell right now and she would still be able to smell Tatum's scent with ease, she is more than used to it.

Is he here? This late in the night? It is almost 10 pm.



The smell gets even stronger as she knocks on Tatiana's door which creaks open almost immediately.

Tatiana opens the door halfway when she sees it is Leila, standing in the opening.

"You're the last person I was expecting to see," Tatiana says in a robotic voice, neither hostile nor friendly, her face looking grim.

"Aren't you at least going to invite me inside?" Leila replies in a similar voice, arching her neck to see past Tatiana, a sour feeling growing in her chest.

She is surprisingly more concerned to know if Tatum is here than finding out Kelvin's whereabouts which is originally what she came here for.

"I would but uh...now's not really a good time, I have another guest inside," Tatiana replies in a placid tone, "maybe some other time?"

Leila's gut churns as Tatiana confirms her suspicions, Tatum is really here but why the hell does she find it so upsetting?

"Okay. I just wanted to know if Kev has been in touch with you lately, I haven't heard from him in a while and he was missing in court today."

"We broke up after a huge fight, he's the last person I want to see or talk about right now," Tatiana says in a cold dismissive voice.

Leila's heartbeat spikes, her shock clear in her eyes, guilt slowly making home in her heart.



Could she be the cause of their fight? Did Kelvin confront Tatiana over what she said, could that be the reason he's staying away from her, does he blame her for it?

Kelvin has been the happiest since Tatiana came into his life, she doesn't want him heartbroken and without a partner again, she should try to find out what really happened.

"Tatiana I—"

"What's taking you so long at the door?" Tatum's voice comes from inside the house as he appears behind Tatiana and his eyes and Leila's eyes meet.

"Oh, Leila, let her in," Tatum says in a calm voice and Tatiana steps out of the way to reveal Tatum's entire frame and Leila is beyond shocked to see Tatum's hair wet and his body shirtless, like he just stepped out of the shower or something.

"What are you doing here?"

The words fly out Leila's mouth before she can bridle her tongue.

Tatum gives her a nonchalant and puzzled look before his gaze shifts to Tatiana and he smiles broadly, taking Tatiana's hand in his.

"What does it look like?"

The bitterness that fills Leila is wanton and unexpected and she is unable to hide the sorrow on her face as she looks at the two of them. Her wolf also feels agitated and whimpers softly in Leila's head.

She doesn't want Tatum anymore and the matebond between their



wolves is gone so why the hell does she feel so bitter? What is this bile rising up her throat?

Did Tatiana even love Kelvin at all? She is moving on with another man so quickly. Is it Tatum's handsome sexiness that has lured her so easily or the fact that he is the Alpha?

And what about Tatum, wasn't he just talking about a new beginning for the both of them if he found Kelvin?

"So...does this mean I'll be exiled again?"

"You can leave if you want but this pack will always be your home, anytime, any day," Tatum replies, his tone cold and carefree.



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