



Chapter 227

Why the sudden change in attitude?

It's like Tatum doesn't even care about her anymore. The last time she saw him this cold and nonchalant towards her was that day on the cliff? [1](#)

Is the monster back?

Since she returned, all he has spoken about is earning her forgiveness, getting a second chance and for them to get back together but he openly flirts with another woman in front of her and acts this cold?

She can't deny it feels weird to be treated this way by him again.

She thought she was completely over him or is she not? She can no longer find the raging and bitter anger she has been holding onto against him.

Why?

Could it be because she believes that he never truly meant to hurt her and that he was only protecting her?

Before this very moment, his words have been consistent with his actions so far, perhaps that is why she finds this interaction too off putting and upsetting.

He did not interfere with her mother's case as he promised, he did not intervene to save Carmela's father from being charged to court, even when she kept pushing him away, he remained consistent and



stubborn with getting back into her life.

He called off his engagement with Carmela and severed any last ties that he has with her, he openly took her side over Carmela's and even shunned the pack members for her sake. He plotted to make sure Carmela would not escape punishment for everything she did and he urged her multiple times to go after Carmela, giving her his full support.

Wasn't all of that for a reason, to show her that he really wants to do right by her, so why suddenly this?

She purses her lip, fighting back any feelings of sadness, not wanting him to see how upset she is.

"Noted," she replies in a calm voice, "I'll take my leave now. I already got what I came here for," she glances at Tatiana but doesn't spare Tatum another look before she turns on her heels and walks out of the house, slamming the doors behind her.

What is wrong with her?

Why does she feel this way?

She swore to never let anything he says or does affect her in any way.

He can be with whoever he wants to be with, they have nothing holding them together, just the formality of the divorce papers yet to be signed.

There are other ways he could have let her know he was moving on from her, that he didn't care for a second chance anymore, any way but this cold and brash manner.



She heaves a frustrated sigh and jams her head against her steering wheel as she gets into her car.

There is something off about this, Tatum is never this cold to her, never.

Even in the past when he would treat her coldly, it was always because Carmela was manipulating and emotionally blackmailing him and even then, afterwards, he would try to make it up to her.

She is used to him always doting and being nice to her, it's the sudden shifts like today and that day on the cliff that completely throw her off, hurt and confuse her.

There was more to what happened on the cliff that day or so he says, she wonders if there is more to what he is doing right now as well or is this her only trying to hope.

Why is she trying to hope? What for?

What if the only reason Tatum was nice to her in the past was because he could feel the matebond faintly with her lost wolf?

What if that has always been the basis of his attraction and he didn't know it?

The cliff event happened after Carmela hijacked the matebond and perhaps, now that the mate bond is no longer there, there is no attraction, therefore nor reason for him to care or be nice to her.

She honestly didn't think Tatum could make her this sad again but him being like this towards her again apparently does.



When she gets home, stepping out of the car, a strong scent of cinnamon and cheddar fill her nostrils, intoxicating her and washing away every feeling of sadness that she is feeling and her wolf utter the words 'mate' as Antonio steps into view from behind her.

"Hello Kitten," he smiles at her and Leila stares at him wide eyed, her heart pounding. There was a part of her that didn't believe his tale but now she does.

"Hi," she mutters, scratching her nape, feeling extremely nervous.

"My wolf howls in joy, finally claiming you as our mate. It can only mean that you did the right thing. Let me take you on a date to celebrate," Antonio says with a sexy smirk on his lips.



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