



Chapter 229

Antonio can feel Leila's apprehension and fear whenever she is around him and he normally wants people to fear him, it is why he has built the reputation that he has, because his magic feeds off the fear of people, allowing him to take control of their minds and bend their thoughts to his will but for this kitten, it is different, for some reason, he doesn't want her to fear him.

He tries to take that fear away when they are together and he reins in his true dark aura to the minimum so she can be more comfortable in his presence.

Strange it is to him and intriguing still.

It is not the matebond, he knows because he did not feel this way about his original mate.

He sees her hesitation when he asks to have tea with her to wrap up the night they have and he eagerly waits for her to answer, maybe he can get a taste of the kitten just before he disposes of her.

"Sorry but uh...I'm not used to this, it's new to me, maybe some other time," Leila replies calmly with her ethereal smile.

Is there anything about her that is not perfect? Well it's all for the better because he likes to ruin perfect.

Moments, people, things, doesn't matter.

He smiles at her, quite intrigued that she can resist him even with the matebond, this kitten seems quite innocent, different from the other women he is used to. He is not used to being rejected and he can



feel the rage of his wolf, but he keeps it at bay and keeps his smile on his face.

"Maybe on our next date then, do you love the beach? We could bring your daughter with us," he says in a sweet low voice and he sees the shock in Leila's eyes.

Fawning over a single woman's kid will always work on them, he really must keep this game going to see what makes Leila tick.

Everything else went perfect tonight aside from her rejection which he did not expect. He spent the whole night flattering her and making himself look very attractive and for the other women he has had and even with his fated mate, he never tried half as hard before their arousal starts to fill his nostrils in want of him but it is this kitten who has him aroused.

He slaughtered his first mate's entire village in a fit of rage the night he found her and despite that, by the morning of the next day, all she wanted to do was please and pleasure him but this second chance mate is quite a thrill.

She presents a challenge and he never backs down from one, in fact he welcomes it and looks forward to conquering her.

He'll have her and then get rid of her.

"I'll think about it?" Leila replies.

"Very well, love, I'll take my leave then," he says in a calm voice, flashing her a smile.

"Thanks again for tonight," Leila says, turning her doorknob when



Antonio holds her hand.

"If you won't let me in, at least give me a goodnight kiss, send me to bed with a pleasant smile on my face and more kisses to look forward to."

Leila's eyes widen in shock and Antonio chuckles.

"You should see your face right now," he says, pointing to his cheek with a smirk, "on the cheeks, please?"

Who would have thought a king would beg for a kiss? He almost laughs himself but these are the things he has to do to keep that image of a sweet charming gentleman helplessly in love with his mate that Leila sees him.

Leila hesitantly stands on her toes and he can hear the quick thudding of her heart as she leans closer and plants a soft kiss on his cheek, her touch surprisingly feeling him with a type of pleasure he did not expect from a mere peck on the cheek.

"Goodnight," Leila mutters and disappears into the house.

She heaves a deep breath and watches from the window as Antonio walks to his car and drives off.

It was her wolf who gave him that kiss, somehow the fear she had for Antonio is bleeding away, replaced by curiosity to get to know her new mate. Perhaps he proved himself tonight by respecting her wishes and not rushing her?

It is not a yearning like it was for Tatum but her wolf took over her body to kiss Antonio and that scares her because the attraction will



only grow stronger from now and her wolf does not seem to care about his dangerous reputation.

Maybe she shouldn't either, maybe she should consider him, he hasn't done anything out of line so far.

Who knows? She may find love again with him.



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