## Selfish

Derek

"My sister already found her mate!"

At first it felt as if I didn't hear him right. Did he just say that Melody found her mate?

Shouldn't that be me? I mean, I know I rejected her a long time ago, but she still hasn't accepted the rejection which means our bond is still there. I'm still connected to her, so who is this new mate she's found?

"She's found her mate?" I repeated like it was the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard.

Well honestly, it is. How can she find her mate when I am standing right here and she hasn't found me?

"Yes, he is an Alpha from across the sea." Malcolm replied with pride. He was so proud of the fact that Melody was getting married to this alpha.

What's so special about getting married to an alpha, huh?

'Her real mate is a king dude, why are you so enthralled by the fact that she is engaged to a mere alpha?' I wanted to shout out loud, but it will only make me sound crazy. Especially after I had rejected her.

"Oh, I see." I muttered instead.

My head was a mess. I don't know what is going on in there anymore. I have no control over my own thoughts anymore. It feels as if everything in me was being controlled by someone else.

"I'm so happy for Melody and that is why I won't keep her here long. She has to go prepare for her wedding too, you know," I watched Malcom rant.

I couldn't make out all he was saying as I was already lost in thoughts.

"I wish I could invite you to her wedding, but I know it isn't possible. You know, with all your duties as...."

"I'll come!" I replied firmly. Almost screaming.

"You'll leave the kingdom just to attend Melody's wedding?" Malcolm's brow creased as he turned to catch a good glimpse of my face.

"No. I didn't say I will come with you across the sea," I lied and immediately thought of a way to counter my words. "What I meant was that I will come if the wedding happens over here in Mallory."

"Oh," Malcolm nodded and I sighed in relief. At least he bought that. "I don't know if Melody will agree to that, but It's what mother also wants."

"What?" I didn't hear what he said again. I was gone. Far away in my thoughts.

"My mother also wants Melody's wedding to take place here in Mallory. She wants to show everyone who thought Melody was useless because she didn't have a wolf that my sister could still get the best man with or without a wolf."

My eyes twitched and I felt a itch In my throat at those words. I happen to fall in that category. Sometimes I wonder what Malcolm will do if he finds out that I rejected his sister.

"Then make it happen," I said, suggestively.

"But, Melody..." Malcolm was going to refuse, but I won't allow that.

"I won't have my best men out of the kingdom, across the sea. Leaving the kingdom vulnerable!" I stated authoritatively. "It's either the wedding happens here or you won't attend! No one in the Wayne family will!"

I know I sound so cruel and stupidly selfish right

now, but I can't help it. They won't want to miss Melody's wedding, so I'm sure they'll convince her to come have her wedding here in Mallory.

I would like to meet that man whom she chose over me or should I say who she chose after me.

"Calm down, Man. Why are you getting so angry?"
Malcolm was surprised. "It's not like we're the only
ones who can protect the kingdom, is it? Besides,
Melody is my sister and she has been through a lot.
She deserves this happiness and I won't ruin it."

"I don't care what you say!" My crown was now back on my head. I needed my authority. Not as Derek anymore, but as king.

I know I'm being ridiculous right now, but I don't care.

I know that this act of mine can cost me my life long friendship with Malcolm, but I don't care.

I know that Malcolm would give his life for Melody if the need arises, but I don't care. I just do not want Melody to leave!

Not just yet!

She mustn't leave until I have found out the reason why I feel this way.

"Convince Melody to have her wedding here in Mallory, to fulfill your mother's wish." I added to sound less selfish.

Before Malcolm could speak further, I walked away. I didn't want to hurt him further and I know that is what my words and order has done to him. I have hurt my best friend.

I don't know why I'm getting hyper about all this, but I really can't stand by and listen to all these anymore.

How dare Melody!

She dared to have another man even though she is still my mate? She dared to put on another man's ring even though she is still bound to me?

I know this doesn't sound right coming from me, the same person who broke the bond in the first place. I was the one who slept with a strange woman right under my supposed mate's nose. I got engaged to Miranda without giving a care how Melody felt.

It all felt natural. I didn't want Melody as my mate. I didn't choose her. It's the moon goddess's problem. I mean why would she choose someone like Melody for me?

'And here you are getting pissed when that woman

whom you give no sh\*t about has another man's ring sitting on her finger!' A strange voice spoke into my head.

I felt the need to bang my head against the wall. Though I know that the voice was right, I just couldn't accept it.

I know I probably sound selfish, but it just doesn't sound right that Melody has moved on.

Why should she move on?

If she still hasn't accepted my rejection, then that means she is still mine and I won't share what is mine with anyone!

