

## Chapter 128 Esme

We had such a fun night! Spending time with Gabe and his friends, so many laughs and lots of fun. But I have to admit I was glad when it was time to be going and finally get my man on his own! The Alpha I think from their pack, Gabe's friend, had arranged cars back for us all, so Lola, Manuel, Gabe and I all travelled back together. And the trip back seemed to take forever! I just wanted to be on my own, and I can truly imagine Lola and her mate wanted the same thing...

Their pack was beautiful I did notice as we drove through. Up in the mountains almost, and it looks so pretty up here. Though I was simply trying to distract myself from the fact I wanted to be there already... When I eventually got back to Gabe's home, I was blown away! Just truly like, wow, he has his own lakeside home.... Who exactly is my mate?! A warrior as far as I know, yet his home is gorgeous!

I had text my Mami on the way home from the club to let her know my news. Thinking she would be super excited for me! I could have everything I had ever wanted, the career and not to have the constrained, underprivileged lifestyle our pack expected the women there to have. Plus I had the sweetest, most handsome mate..... he was definitely one hot mother fucker! The moon goddess did me good! And I guess I would get to call this my home. I had seriously become lucky!

And to have him nearby to university meant I could complete my course and hopefully stay with him. I can't believe Lola has her mate here too, that means I will have my cousin and best friend with me too, she deserved some freedom and happiness too. I just hope her mate was patient and understanding. Coming from our pack messed with your head and Lola wasn't as strong as me...

But being here together could mean we could have the freedom we had so long joked about, dreamt of, and we would be together! We could be friends and build our lives and futures alongside each other - I don't think we could have planned this out more perfectly if we had done this ourselves! Happiness was literally just within our reach, all thanks to the moon goddess!

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Esmerelda

No, you do not mark him, nor does he mark you. This is not happening. You know this is not the right thing. Alpha has to agree. And how do you know he is not just telling you what you want to hear? You made an agreement with our pack, you cannot go back on that, they will cause issues for us.

This needs to be discussed. Do not take this further until we have spoken with you.

Mami

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I sat in the bathroom of Gabe's house, my hands shaking as I read the whole of my Mum's message. I was struggling to take in everything she had said. Perhaps I should have known this. My heart was racing. I did not know what to do. I thought everything had been perfect. Gabe was perfect. The whole situation here seemed perfect for me and for Lola.

Yet here was my Mami questioning if he was just saying what I wanted to hear to make me agree to be his mate? And then to say I should not mark him without out Alpha's permission? I thought that was just rumour in pack when it was a mate out of pack....

I didn't realise it was true. I know our Alpha prefers to keep all pack members in our pack, or arrange the marriages himself, a lot of our pack were not fated mates but chosen mates, does that mean Lola should not mark her mate too?

This whole situation was too messed up. All this could ruin my career plans I had fought so hard for. Why did I have to come from such a strict and old fashioned, medieval fucked up pack?!

I need to go home. I can't be doing things with Gabe, not that could lead to my wolf, Kya wanting to mark him, she was already going crazy at the fact we had finally met our mate. I had loved our few hours together as a couple at the club, I truly had, and the prospect of much more of that in the future for us all had been amazing, I was happy, content, knowing I had a mate that would support me and my career, that even the pack Alpha of the pack I would become part of would be supportive too, made me feel so positive for my future. Now I was questioning it all, because of that fucking deranged pack I was born into. Not that I had a fucking chance. If the women don't do as they are told we are beaten into submission.

Surely my idea of perfection in Gabe, his pack and everything they could offer me and Lola was not so perfect after all. Or maybe it was perfect, but it just wasn't to be for us because of the way our pack is run and the beliefs of our fucked up Alpha. Because of him I am likely going to have to consider everything now...

I can't lead Gabe on any more than I already had. Not until I know more. I need to go home.

I don't know what to say to him though... how do you explain this to someone? Especially to someone who knows nothing about your pack? I am normally so gutsy and fiery, but I did the most gutless thing, I grabbed my hand bag and snuck out of the bathroom window...