

## CHAPTER 9 - THE UNEXPECTED MEETING

### PERKS OF REJECTED MATE

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Diana is currently listening to her best friend endless stories/gossips on what's new in the pack when they heard the announcement on the stage. She found it very entraining to watch her friend because her hands and lips are moving in synchronized every time she speaks. Charissa's chatter personality helps her laugh so hard and forget her problems or anxiety when in bad times. They were on that exact moment when Diana suddenly heard a voice that invaded her thoughts.

'Mate.' The first time Diana heard her wolf speak.

'Are you my wolf?' Diana was unsure of it.

'Yes and please call me Artemis.' She confirmed.

'Nice to finally have you in my brain Artemis.' Diana giggled.

'Me too Diana, now let's find our mate.' Her reaction is the same as her.

Diana knew that moment that if her wolf was able to recognize the scent, it means her mate is just around because that's the only signal that she is waiting to finally meet her wolf.

'We can't do that now because we are in the middle of ceremony.' She explained.

'Are you sure you sense him here?' Diana partly doubted her.

'Yes because his wolf sensed us, can't you smell his scent?' She questioned Diana.

Diana sniffed the air and suddenly she was drowned with the scent of citrus mixed with vanilla. It was so addictive and Diana can't help but smelled it more.

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'I smell it now!' Diana blushed profusely.

'He is around here somewhere, let's just concentrates on his scent.' Artemis encouraged her.

'Come on then!' Diana takes a gander and found whom the scent belongs to.

Diana was surprised to find that the enchanting smell is coming from the Alpha's son. He is wearing a maroon suit and black polo inside with the two buttons undone showing a glimpse of his chest. Diana couldn't help but checked him out and expected to get the same reaction from her mate.

'He is so hot!' Her wolf stirred happily.

'Sure does.' Diana knew she's jumping in joy.

'What's got you so excited?' Marcel invaded her thoughts.

Marcel put his arm around his sister and she almost heard her mate's protective growl. It is something that every male werewolf is very territorial when it comes to their mate. Diana can tell that her mate thought Marcel is her boyfriend just like others do. Diana decided to clear it up later when she finds time to be alone with him but for now she will enjoy his jealous side.

'Nothing bro.' Diana hid her emotions this time.

'Tyrone is our mate! Tell your brother.' Her inner wolf echoed again.

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'Marcel will kill me Artemis, you know how protective he is.' Diana countered.

'I'm your other half of course I know that but we need to be with our mate too.' Artemis whined.

'Not yet, we need to wait until the ceremony is done.' Tyrone clarified.

'Fine let's get this over with and find him after the ceremony.' She agreed.

'Yup.' Diana excitedly told her.

They listened and watched the ceremony until it was time to entertain questions. Diana and her wolf were captivated by their mate's eyes and attentively listen to every word that he was saying. For a mate to watch their other half taking an oath to be an Alpha is such a pride and honor. After the ritual was completed, questions are being addressed and mate was one of the sensitive and important topics.

'This is it! He will introduce us!' Artemis shouted.

'Yes I know, I can't wait to finally meet him.' Diana seconded the thought.

Their excitement turned into disappointment when they heard him denied about finding them in the crowd.

"Diana, are you okay?" Marcel nudged his sister who went stiff for a moment.

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"What? Why? I mean why are you asking me?" Diana tried to catch up with her brother's question.

"You've been spacing out for a minute now." Marcel wondered.

"Oh don't worry about me I was just thinking about my report." Diana unrelatedly reacted.

"Is everything okay with it or do you need my help to finish it?" Her brother asked.

"Nah it's okay I got it covered but thanks for the help." Diana shook her head.

"Anyway since you didn't hear what I say earlier I will repeat it again." Marcel informed her.

"What is it?" Diana became curious.

"Marco wants my presence." Her brother unlinked the arm to Diana.

"Go on I'll be here." Diana pushed him a bit.

"Stay where I can see you okay?" He demanded.

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"Yeah yeah, you go and good luck." Diana did the thumbs up.

As Marcel making his way to Alpha Marco's table, Diana can see his mate's unpleasant expression from the look of it Tyrone was like on the verge of shifting but still trying to hold his calmness. Meanwhile Diana tried to find his mate to the crowd but after the ceremony she did not see any sign of Tyrone anymore. She suspected that he is probably tired and doesn't want to mingle to the crowd after having a long day of travelling. Diana gave her mate the benefit of the doubt that maybe Tyrone just wants to have some privacy in terms of introducing her to the pack. He probably wants to know her first before everyone does so she didn't dwell on the fact that she was hurt by his action. The only fact that she is holding is she finally found her mate and she is still unknown to everyone makes her feel at ease somehow.

Tyrone on the other hand is the exact opposite of Diana's expectations because as soon as he saw Marcel and her mate together for the first time made him hate and regretted meeting him up. If only he knew that he is associated with his mate then he could've avoided him. When he saw Marcel marching toward his parents table, he excused himself and stated he would like to go get some fresh air. He rather not see him again and be nice to the guy who touched his mate, just the thought of it makes him angry but he wanted to keep an act that he doesn't know anything so everyone will not be suspicious.