

No guilt

I didn't know what to say to my face. I just knew that my heart had been destroyed from one second to the next.

"Tessa... This isn't what it looks like!" Ethan tried to explain.

But, how can it not be what it looks like? if it wasn't that... What was it?

"...Tessa, please don't misunderstand. It's just that..." I could clearly hear Lexa talking as she was on the bed looking for a shirt to put on it.

"What's going on here?" I suddenly heard a voice behind me.

I didn't even have time to look back and see who it was... "Ethan, you..." exclaimed the voice of the Alpha Valen behind me.

I immediately saw how Ethan's expression changed to a fearful one "Father... Please, listen to me... close the door..." Ethan added.

I felt a lump in my throat and my soul rushing out of me as my heart styled itself into a thousand pieces. I had never felt the sharp pain of betrayal before.

"What's going on here?" asked the Alpha again.

"Ethan? you... you slept with Lexa?" Luna's voice was suddenly heard.

"Mother... Please listen to me... I can explain" exclaimed Ethan as he stood up and walked towards me calmly "Tessa... I'm sorry... I was distracted... I... I couldn't think about what I was doing... but, don't worry about that"

In my ear my surprised look fell on him. My heart is completely broken but... he was telling me not to worry about it... He spoke so calmly, as if there was no guilt at all for having deceived me like that.

"...Tessa, please don't be mad at Ethan... we were just distracted at the time. But it's not our fault we love each other?" Lexa's voice sounded like a dagger in my heart.

"Do you love each other?" I said as I stared at her pitiful face and her reddened eyes. "You love her?" I said looking up at Ethan.

Ethan looked up and looked at Lexa, who was crying silently "Tessa, please... try to understand us. it's true... I love her and what happened was our wish, but you..."

"You... You kept me a secret because you were with my sister?" I couldn't help but claim with a high and brittle tone "but.. she's not your mate!

"I know.. I also know that you are my destined mate, and don't doubt it, I will take care of you like a mate does" he said with a sad expression.

He said take care of me? What was I supposed to feel happy about those words? He must be joking!

"Are you crazy? what are you talking about?" Alpha exclaimed loudly "Son... you are the next Alpha of the morning... Even if you mix with other women, you can't neglect your bellwether!... don't you understand? only your true mate can give you the power and strength you need"

When I heard Alpha's words I could only feel more anger. For him a companion was only a source of power, while other women were nothing...

"Tessa..." said my mother approaching the room.

"Mother, why is she having an affair with my partner even knowing the truth? She's my sister! she should be supporting me, not betraying me" I said pointing at Lexa angrily.

"Tessa, calm down... she is your sister, have some patience and open your mind" said my mother looking at Lexa with pity.

As soon as I heard that I felt a wave of anger in my soul. How could I have an open mind? Was she really my mother?

I have to accept my mate having s*x with my sister?

"Mother! I am your daughter too! How can you be so impartial to me? I have obeyed your every command, but still she is the only one you care about? What is wrong with you? I feel like I am not even from this family!" I exclaimed with tears in my eyes

"Tessa stop it, how can you talk to your mother like that?" I heard my father's booming shout. He took a step forward and frowned angrily "We've raised you all these years, how can you say that?" he exclaimed.

Before I could nish hearing his words, I felt the sudden sting of a blow on my cheek. my body swayed and i fell to the ground as i held my cheek.

"Father..."

"Don't call me that! We have raised you all these years, we have given you everything you need, but you still demand from us?" my father scolded me with an angry tone.

"Father... I was wrong. I'm sorry... I only wanted justice for myself. Lexa was..." I tried to express myself, but his voice interrupted me again.

"Stop it! you have no authority to accuse Lexa! if we hadn't taken you in you wouldn't even be alive!" my father shouted with his dark eyes...

"Honey! Stop it! What are you talking about?" my mother's voice intervned as she helped me up.

However my mind wandered on the words I had just heard. they took me in? that means that...

"I was adopted?" That would explain why they are so impartial to me. They support their own daughter, while I'm just... an adoptee.

"Daughter, don't take your father's words seriously. He is angry and worried about your sister?" said my mother immediately. Or should I say, my adoptive mother.

I didn't know what to say at that moment... I was the adopted one, I had no right to intervene... they have proved my worth to me all this time...

"Father, please don't be angry with her..." Lexa spoke to him walking towards me "She is my sister after all" she added again.

However, when she came closer to me she put her lips close to my ears "You think a man like Ethan will take a woman like you? partner? you should know your place and don't do more stupid things...besides, little sister, let me tell you something, you have never had his heart, neither as a woman, nor as a partner..." Lexa whispered to me before walking away..." I could hear Lexa whisper to me before walking away.

I could hear Lexa's whisper so clearly.

"She's just a victim here... it was my fault..." Lexa announced tearfully.

At that, my sad expressions became furious, she was a...

"Ethan, this is a serious matter, even if you love Lexa, Tessa is your destined mate" said the Alpha worriedly.

When I heard that, I wanted to laugh so hard. Apparently I'm just a mate who needs to full her bond. thinking about that i turned my gaze to Ethan.

"Did you know I was adopted?"

"Tessa... I'm sorry, but, you should know that as a future Alpha I need a mate who can rule a pack by my side. And you... you are past the time to nd your wolf, so you won't be able to help me. You are weak, but you are still my mate and we have an unbreakable bond, so I hope you can understand my problems and cooperate. I promise to give you everything you need in life, but... you won't get the title of moon" said Ethan calmly.

After that, there was an awkward silence before he spoke again. "Besides, Lexa will be the one to help me rule, and you are sisters, I think you got along well" Ethan added.

He wanted us to get along? Ethan thought I wanted to live my whole life in the shadows, while they had a happy life.

He was planning to give me what I need? He's taken everything from me!

"Tessa, dear, I know you're hurting. You should think about it. Tonight Lexa will be named moon, but only by name, because you are Ethan's true mate. so I think it's good what Ethan says. it will make things easier" I heard Alpha's voice clearly.

I... I'm just a tool and they are the ones who decide my life... I'm weak because I haven't been able to change yet...

I must have an open mind because my half sister and my partner love each other?

Suddenly my heart was racing as if it was going to explode inside my body.

"Ethan, we shouldn't have done this?" Lexa said, walking towards Ethan and taking his arm.

"Don't worry, Tessa is mature, she will understand the situation, she will help us" said Ethan while calming Lexa with soft pats on her shoulder.

What is this? A partner is supposed to make you feel warm and protected, but instead, I felt destruction and a huge emptiness in my body.

I had to see my partner comforting my half-sister in front of my eyes. Is this a bond? I refuse this! I'd rather die without a partner than be their shadow!

without expressing my face, I walked to the front and put my hand in front of my chest. they had no feelings for me. They didn't care about me, they just want to use me as a puppet for their own benets.

I am a living being, I am free to take control of my life!

"What do you want me to do?" I asked Ethan, staring at him.

I know you will understand me. no one in this pack knows me better than you do. you love me, and that makes me happy. I promise to do everything for you.

clearly he was asking me to live as his surrogate. That wasn't in my plans. He just wanted the bond of our union, while he enjoyed the warmth of another woman on his body.

Is this a destined mate? I won't have a bond like that!

"I don't... I don't agree with you". I replied expressionlessly. It was as if my body was reacting to what had been broken.

In that instant I could see clearly how Ethan's smile froze. "What are you saying? Tessa... if you don't agree, what will you do? Who is going to take care of you? I recommend you to think about it better... I promise to give you everything, even with Lexa as my moon, you will be able to live in the backyard, with the comforts of a lunar life..."

I immediately looked at Lexa and frowned with a slight smile coming out of my lips "Did you ever think about what will happen when your mate shows up?"

When I said that, Lexa's expression turned to surprise quickly... Apparently she hadn't even thought about that possibility.

"Tessa, what are you talking about? Say yes to the future Alpha!" my adoptive father added...

I heard him, yes, but now his words didn't matter to me. He wasn't my father, and I didn't owe him anything. I could have thanked him for taking me in and giving me so many things these years, but, with this, they have returned all their kindness to me.

"You are my mate, but... you were never sated with me... but you still stayed with Lexa, because she can change. And now, you want me to accept your absurd proposal and become a shadow of your power?" I added

"Tessa... it's not like that..." Etha tried to explain...

"I don't need this..." I added

"Tessa, it's not like that.. after all, Lexa is your sister. Try it, both of you can get along very well, and we will make peace in front of our pack" my adoptive mother hinted.

I just looked at her and then turned to Ethan and smiled "I'm not qualied to be your mate. Find someone who does meet the necessary qualications..."

I always wanted him to be mine, just mine. He was my mate, but he never wanted me to be his mate... it was all because he couldn't change... was it my fault?

"You must understand, Tessa, even if I don't love you, I won't abandon you. You are my mate, and you will be ne by my side. I will take all the responsibility, you don't have to worry about that anymore..." Ethan continued insisting.

He wanted to look for a reasonable argument, but, if I had not known him better, I would have stooped to his words, but now I could only refuse.