

## Claiming His Tempting Mate novel chapter 27

Savannah's POV

I woke up alone again. I turned my head to the side only to find the place empty. I groaned as I sat up on bed. Hardwick's leaving me in the morning is getting frequent. I really need to talk to that man. Last night he didn't let me think for a second before playing with me with his ruthless hands making me cum all over again. He was so passionate that I couldn't help but just give in to his need and desire.

~ He makes us alive ~ Red said in my mind.

~ Definitely ~ I couldn't deny either.

He is our mate, the man of our life. Naturally he has all right to dominate and claim us as his and I must say Hardwick is showing this too clearly. His every move leaves me breathless and burned in desire. He never failed to show us how much he needed us, how much he craved for us.

"That man left me alone, today I am definitely gonna talk to him about this matter" I determined before getting up from bed and grabbing clean clothes to change.

Once I was done, I went out of the tent and frowned when I saw a few people had circled around the corner. What happened suddenly? They were whispering while looking at something. Curiosity hit me so hard that before I could stop my body moved towards the crowd. I pushed myself in and what I saw made my eyes wide. What the fuck?

Reese was lying on the ground with her half revealing night dress. The dress was too short to cover her body as the hem of the dress lifted up, almost showing her inner thigh. As far I know she is not someone who will sleep like this on the ground that too almost wearing nothing. This thought is too outrageous but the scene in front of me forcing me to believe in reality.

"What's happening?" Suddenly a rough voice rolled among the crowd, making me smirk. Sure enough Avan's frowning face showed up in the crowd but that frowned changed into shock immediately.

"What the hell?" He walked forward before squatting down and holding Reese's arm.

"Reese?" He shook her body. But the person on the ground didn't move at all.

Is she dead? Nah ... I shook my head. For her kind of a person will not die so easily.

"Reese" Avan slapped her face as he called out her name. Reese's eyelashes fluttered as she groaned and opened her eyes.

“Avan....ahhh....” She screamed out when she saw the crowd. She jerked her body and pulled her not so long cloth down trying to cover her naked thighs. “What’s happening?”

“What’s happening?” Avan gritted his teeth “what the hell are you doing here lying on the ground with this kind of dress?”

Reese looked shocked as she glanced around the crowd “I.... I don’t know. Last night something happened and I .... can’t remember anything”

I folded my arms and looked at her drama. Didn’t remember? Sure enough it was the fastest lie she could think at this time. Trying to look all innocent and become the victim of the situation to get the sympathy of others. This kind of scene is not new to me. In the past she used to use this trick and push all the blame on my head to suffer.

“Don’t know?” Avan’s anger could be heard in his voice “you are saying someone put you here like this? Are you trying to make yourself a fool? You are...” Avan shook his head then got up and pulled her up with him. “We will talk later” then he dragged her away with him. The crowd disappeared as the drama finally ended. I sighed and about to turn when a pair of arms sneaked around my waist.

“Watched enough?” The hot breath fanned my cheeks. I turned around abruptly and frowned at the person who was looking so fresh and smelled like heaven.

“You” I poked my index finger in the middle of his chest “I have some dealings with you Mr”

He looked at my fingers then smirked “oh, how do you want to deal with me love?” He leaned his head a little “should I strip myself before you so you can deal with me without any problem?”

My eyes widened at his words. This...man. Does he know the word shame also exists in the world?

I pushed his head away “no, don’t try to change the topic. You and me are going to talk something serious today”

“Serious?” Hardwick frowned “what happened?”

“You leaving me alone in bed is becoming your habit mister, you should check on this matter before I finally made up my mind to keep you at arm’s length” I threatened.

“This was the serious topic you were suggesting?” Hardwick raised an eyebrow.

I nodded “of course”

He threw his head back before laughing out loud. What happened? I was serious yet he is taking it as a joke? Do I look like a joker to him? This shameless man. I struggled to move away but he tightened his grip around me and even pulled me closer to his body.

“What?”

I glared at him “how dare you laugh like that? Do you think I was joking?”

“But I didn’t wanted to wake you up when you were sleeping like a baby, looking so beautiful and innocent and almost driving me hard enough to control myself”

I felt my cheeks burnt. Damn this man and his words. Always manage to melt down the anger I put efforts to raise in my chest. Without saying anything I turned my head to the other side.

“Or...do you want me to ravish you early in the morning so that we both can enjoy the pleasure of the morning light?”

I slapped his arm harshly “shut up. Don’t be a pervert”

He smirked “since I met you, you already drove me to the end point of perversion”

“Oh my god, talking to you is useless humph” I pursed my lips.

He laughed again “today is the last day of the event”

“What?” My jaw dropped on the ground. Last day? It came so fast before I could know. It felt like I just came yesterday and today it’s already the end of the game?

“You look disappointed”

I looked at him “I have not participated yet”

“You can do it today if you want,” he assured. I nodded.

“May be, I can’t leave without trying any game”

“All these games are childish, how come you are so interested in this?” He questioned.

I rolled my eyes “you can’t say that. Your team is already trying their butt off to win”

“They are just addicted to winning so it’s their problem,” he shrugged.

I narrowed my eyes at him “are you trying to completely draw a line between you and your own pack?”

“Is it that obvious?” He asked, smirking. I rolled my eyes again. Like really? He really thinks he can do that? Which Alpha separate themselves from their own pack like this?

“Whatever, today I am gonna join the game but before that I need to fill my stomach” I said rubbing my tummy.

“Come on” he grabbed my hand and almost dragged me with him.

“Where?”

“Didn’t you say you are hungry?”

“But that...” Thinking about those foods, I sighed inwardly.

“Do you like waffles and burritos?” He asked suddenly, making my eyes widened.

“You bought them?” My voice filled with excitement.

He smiled “only if you are willing to share the last bite”

Without thinking I threw myself in his arms. This man, oh my god. He is truly incredible.

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An hour later the game of the last day was set. As today is the final play, the elders wanted to make it kind of memorable and a little dangerous too. Shiny wanted to join it but I pushed her out of the way before listing my name while Shiny was sulking like a kid.

“Are you sure you want to join it? Today’s game is kind of dangerous” Devak frowned.

“Why not? Besides, danger is always challenging” I shrugged my shoulders.

“I was just worried about you,” Devak groaned.

“Come on, why are you trying to stop her? A wolf will never be strong if one doesn’t take challenges and fight the dangers” Tanea butt in.

“I know but she is...”

“Do you want us to show that Snow Moon could not take the challenge because it’s dangerous?” Tanea frowned “dad will scold you to death”

I rolled my eyes. Tanea is really something. She knows exactly where she should hit.

Devak looked at me then to her before sighing “it was not what I meant. Fine” he turned to me “I was not stopping you, it’s just I was worried about your safety”

I smiled at him. My brother is always so protective but this is something that awakened my emotions and warmed my heart. This is the reason why I love him so much.

“I will be fine, okay? Besides, it’s just a game, not a life or death situation. Nothing will happen to me” I said softly.

He nodded “okay, call me if you sense something dangerous”

“Okay” I grinned.

“You look so happy” Tanea smiled at me.

“I am” I nodded my head “I still can’t believe today is the last day and we are about to leave this hunting event”

“This year was quite faster than the last one. I mean, it started earlier and is ending soon too. The last time I went was quite long, ” Tanea shrugged.

“Is it?” I frowned “they changed the timing and rules?”

“Not everything,” she laughed.

“Why are you laughing so hard?” Devak asked which made Tanea roll her eyes.

“Now I can’t even laugh?”

“Hey, that’s not what I mean. What made you laugh like that?”

“Your sister made me laugh. Happy?” Tanea forced out a tight smile.

“Okay, stop you two” I interjected between them “don’t start your arguments here because I need some peace of mind”

“I am gonna check on something” saying that he left us. Tanea gazed at his back before sighing loudly.

“You two are still arguing?”

“Yeah” she nodded her head.

“What happened? You both are not like this” I frowned.

"It's not like that" Tanea shook her head "your brother is kind of argh...he is so arrogant that sometimes he thinks so highly of himself and don't want to listen to my words"

I chuckled "but you two still couldn't help but stick together?"

Tanea rolled her eyes "talk about that to your brother who couldn't keep his hands to himself" she hissed at the end.

I smirked "are you complaining darling?"

Suddenly Tanea blushed which made me laugh. Oh god, she definitely could not help herself in this matter. I mean, she is his mate and no matter how much the human form gets angry she can't deny the emotions of her wolf when her mate is around her. It's not possible.

Tanea was about to say when an arm sneaked around my waist "it's time"

I looked up and found Hardwick looking down at me "already?"

He nodded "they are already there" he gestured to the side.

"Wait, who am I going to challenge?"

"Dark forest" he replied shortly.

My eyes widened. "Why them?"

"What? You don't want it?"

"It's not that. It's just I didn't expected it the first opponent of mine will be your pack"

"Our pack" he corrected "you are my mate, so there's no mine nor yours, everything that is related to us will be ours. Understand?"

I nodded "yes"

"Good, now come on, the game is about to start and you need to be there with everyone" saying he pulled me towards the game ground.

"I am nervous," I muttered under my breath.

"Don't be, if you don't want it then you can just skip it"

I shook my head "I can't drop it right now. I have already reached to this point and not gonna drop it until the game ends"

“So stubborn” he leaned down and kissed my cheek. “Since you are so interested then go for it. I will be there watching you”

I smiled at him. This man knows how to warm my heart, even without doing anything.

Soon the elders appeared and gave their speech about the last day's game. The game was planned to compete between two selected teams who are going to face each other. The game is to shoot dagger to your opponent without causing any harm and pierce the target set behind them. For that there's only one time opportunity and if lost then it will be losing the face before your pack. The elders explained it clearly and also pushed the pressure not to harm your opponent.

Excitedly I stood at certain feet away from the target and prepared for the game. To my surprise it was Daisy who will be my opponent today. I don't know why but this girl is too weird. She does not have any pleasant aura around her but it's more like a dark and cold aura like she is trying to scare anyone who gets closer to her. The elders chose to use coin tossing to see who's gonna get the first chance, after the toss I got the first chance to shoot. One of the elders gave a dagger which has sharp points and some flowery design at the bottom giving a good look. I took a breath and aimed at the target. Daisy looked at me with cold glare. I frowned at her but didn't let my focus slip from my target. Once the signal came I threw the dagger at the target. In a swift moment the dagger flew past Daisy and pierced the target in the middle. The people around me cheered with a loud clap.

Tanea raised her hands showing me her thumb sign. I smiled, shaking my head. Once my time is done, it's not Daisy's turn to take the action. Like me she was also given a dagger. I stood before the target looking at her. Daisy lazily picked the dagger then aimed at me. There was something in her eyes that flashed suddenly before the corner of her lips hooked up and she smirked at me. I frowned at her and before I knew she threw the dagger towards me. But the tip of the dagger was not pointing towards the target behind me rather it was pointing towards me. My eyes widened in shock and quickly moved my body as the dagger passed by my chest, almost scratching it. My heartbeat raced as I saw the dagger fall to the ground. I can hear the gasping in the background.

What was that? I turned my head to look at Daisy who was clenching her fist and glaring at the dagger. I felt an arm sneaking around my waist and my body was pulled into a warm embrace.

“You okay?” Hardwick's concerned voice filled my ear.

“Yeah” I nodded, heaving a sigh.

“Sav ” Devak and Tanea ran towards me followed by Jion and Shiny.

“Are you okay?” Devak asked, running his gaze through my body. I nodded my head.

“What’s with that girl? Is she trying to kill you?” Shiny barked, turning her head and glaring at Daisy.

“Looks like I was not cleared myself last time” Hardwick whispered as he looked towards Daisy.

“Take her to the tent, I will clear the mess here” he said again.

Immediately Devak held my hand and led me towards my tent. I turned my head to look at Hardwick who was striding towards Daisy with heavy steps. The aura around him changed into a cold and dark one.

What’s actually happening? And why does Daisy want to kill me? Why does she have so much hatred towards me?