

## Selfish ~

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Welcome back everyone!! Hope you all like the story so far, I know we just got started but oh well. Nothing really to say here, except I hope you all are staying safe. Sending lots of love during this hard time. Anyways, please comment AND vote, and enjoy the chapter.

Kailen stood there, eyes burning with anger as he looked at me like I was vermin. I could tell just by his body language that he was seconds away from snapping. And I didn't know if it was at just me, or if it included Cassie too. Either way, I slowly arose, standing guard in front of Cassie. I didn't understand why I wanted to protect her, maybe it had something to do with her being a child. All I knew was that the angry alpha wasn't going to touch her.

So I stared him down, not breaking eye contact.

I knew that maintaining eye contact with an alpha was grounds for a challenge, and that any other member would probably have been slaughtered on sight. But this was one challenge that I wasn't afraid to take.

His gaze remained piercing on me, until he looked behind me at Cassie. His gaze so ened for just a brief second as he stared at her, before it returned to angry. He jerked his head back at me, squinting his eyes in an accusing way.

"I ordered you to stay in the cell," He spit. His tone cold and unforgiving, but I also didn't care at all. Why would I care about anything he has to say?

"You can't expect me to stay hostage in a cell," I replied, "Especially one made of silver."

"It's made of silver to keep prisoners in."

I didn't know if he was trying to o end me by basically calling me a prisoner, but if he was, it didn't really work. Instead, I just became snarky.

"Well it didn't work very well now did it?" I retorted, my defensive mode kicking in. I knew he had every intention of making me go back to the cells, but I would rather stab my eyes with forks than go back there. He would have to fight me if he wanted me back there.

Kailen's eyes held anger in them, and for a second he stepped towards me threateningly. I really thought we were about to fight it would, then Cassie jumped in front of me, standing guard of me this time.

"Stay away from her!" She yelled, crossing her arms and looking up at Kailen. I was shocked to see this little girl talk to an alpha with such authority, and I was even more shocked to see Kailen step back reluctantly. He looked stunned that Cassie was standing guard of me, but he didn't make another advance towards me.

"Cassie, what are you doing?" He asked rather so ly. Kailen crouched down in front of her, as if I wasn't there. Any trace of anger that he once had, was gone when he had his eyes on this girl. He was only focused on Cassie, and no one else.

"Protecting my friend!" She exclaimed. My heart went so at that. This little child who barely knew me, was standing in between the alpha and I. Though, she must've been important to Kailen, seeing as he didn't seem like the type of alpha to tolerate disrespect from anyone, even a child.

He looked at me momentarily, and he chewed on his lip. He was definitely conflicted. Kailen wanted to throw me back in the cells no doubt, but Cassie didn't seem to want that.

"You can't hurt her, please Kailen." I couldn't see Cassie's face, but judging by the way Kailen was looking at her, she was pulling the puppy dog face. He scrunched his face up in defeat, before he pulled her into a hug.

"Alright," He sighed, "But you have to promise to stop running o . It's not safe."

"I promise."

I watched them hug, guessing that this had to be his little sister...Or maybe even his daughter. He clearly loved Cassie, enough that he was willing to drop his cold front for her.

Huh, so there is a heart in therø,thought, realizing that I once again spoke into the mate link as Kailen's eyes went cold again. I had to learn how to control that mate link or I was gonna get myself killed. đ

He stood up, his eyes trained on me now. He watched me carefully, like I was a lion about to pounce. I didn't understand why I was such a threat to him, I really had no intention of hurting anyone...Except the guard but that was necessary.

I wondered if he knew about the guard, as he motioned for me to follow him. I did, walking right next to Cassie who started talking to me about how she was the fastest wolf in the pack. She went on and on about how she had beaten all of the boys, and how she thought she could even beat Kailen someday.

I couldn't help but smile at her. She was so innocent, and clearly hadn't been around long enough to see the cruel part of the world. It pained me to know that one day the world wouldn't be as innocent to her, and I prayed that she would never have to experience anything that I did.

My life was a disaster from the beginning, and there were very few people that I would wish that on.

We continued to walk for what seemed like ever, when we finally reached a gigantic four-story log cabin. I already knew this was the pack mansion, because what else would it be. It was typical for the pack mansion to be some gigantic log cabin, and I didn't know why. Maybe it's just cause we were in the middle of the forest, and it fit the theme. Or maybe us wolves were just dramatic. đ

Kailen looked back at me as we stepped in front of the gigantic double doors.

"Don't try anything funny," He threatened. I nodded, and then he opened the doors. We stepped in, and immediately I saw the guard who I'd just assaulted. He was surrounded by countless men and women, all very intent on what he was saying.

They all stopped to look at me, and when the guard turned to look at me, he pointed angrily.

"That's her, she's the one that did this!" I looked at him with wide eyes, trying not to chuckle when the burns were still evident on his face. I must've burned him deep because his weren't healed, and mine were.

I looked up at Kailen, who didn't even bother to look at me. He was too busy looking at the guard, who was making a bigger deal about his burns than need be.

"She assaulted me! She slammed my face into the silver bars and tried to kill me!"

"If I was trying to kill you, you'd be dead." I replied, making a sound of protest when Kailen grabbed me by my arm and pulled me upstairs. I looked back at Cassie, who was now being distracted by all of the other wolves. đ

I was kind of nervous to be without Cassie, seeing as how she was the only one who could possibly control Kailen. She was the only thing that prevented Kailen from tearing me a new one, and now she was nowhere to be found.

I must've been walking too slowly for Kailen, because next thing I knew, he was grabbing my arm. I stumbled over my own feet as Kailen pulled me rather roughly, trying not to trip.

"Slow down!" I said, but he just ignored me. In fact, he began to pull me faster.

We reached a room that he pulled me into, and he quickly shut the door.

"You did that to my beta?" He asked incredulously, and my face dropped.

"That was your beta?" I asked, stunned. All this time I thought he was a guard...Not the beta. đ

I knew that this looked really bad on me. Here I was, an intruder, the alphas mate, and I had already beaten his beta to a pulp.

At that point I was ready to die all over again.

I lowered my eyes from Kailen's for the first time, hoping to not piss him o anymore. I was supposed to be making this dude fall in love with me, and so far the only thing I did was make him hate me. đ

I didn't understand how he could hate me though, I was his mate. It didn't seem like it though. Sure he smelled good, but that was it. There was such tension between us, and it wasn't a good type of tension. It was an angry tension.

I let out a deep sigh, and went over to sit on the bed.

I looked back up at Kailen, who stood in the doorway, staring at me with the same cold expression. His face held distaste, and for the first time since I'd gotten here, I was sad. I normally was sad up in the sky, but now that I realized I got stuck with another mate that didn't want me, it hurt me. I should've been more grateful to be a star, at least then I was able to shut my feelings o .

Here, I was feeling the weight of every single emotion. And let me tell you, it sucked.

"I don't want to fight." I said suddenly, "I'm not here to ruin your life."

Kailen chewed on his lip again, which I had to admit was pretty hot, before he replied.

"Well you already did."

Now that hurt, but it also made me angry. How was he going to blame something that the Moon Goddess did, on me?

"You're acting like I wanted this. You think if the moon goddess gave me a choice I would've picked mr fucked-up alpha out of all people?" đ

I was no longer sad, thankfully. I hated that depressed moping shit that people did, and in no way was I going to be moping over a mate that I didn't even want.

"Listen," I said, "If you don't want me here, then let me go. It's that easy."

"Why, so you can go out and fuck whoever?" He spit, his eyes narrowing at me accusingly. đ

Bingo. There was jealousy in his voice when he said that, and that's when I knew that he didn't dislike me as much as he made it seem—at least his wolf didn't.

So I decided to play with it a bit. See how jealous I could really make him.

"Is that so bad?" I asked, standing up. "I don't see anything wrong with going out and fucking anyone I want. I mean, it's not like you even-"

And then I was pinned against a wall. His eyes were black as the night sky, and I had to hold my grin back. I had really brought his wolf out, and boy was he angry. đ

"You're mine! Nobody else can have you!"

I finally let my grin slip through, as I stared at him. Everything that I wanted to happen, just happened.

I watched as his eyes turned back to blue, and he stepped away from me. He caught my grin, and frowned at me.

"What?" He asked coldly.

"Oh nothing," I paused, "You just proved exactly what I suspected. You might not need me, but your wolf does."

I couldn't stop smiling. I might've been stuck with a shitty mate, but now I knew that it wasn't going to be impossible. Sure it would still be hard, but it would something I could accomplish.

I watched him as he glared at me, before he stormed out. He slammed the door behind him, and I heard it latch. I knew I was locked in before I even tried to open the door, and I released a loud groan.

I might've upgraded from the cell, but I was still locked in. I was still a prisoner in his eyes, and I needed to change that quickly before he decided to reject me and kill me. I couldn't have that happen again—I wouldn't.

This time, I would live no matter what. I would live until the moon goddess decided I was worthy to return, and I wouldn't let Kailen mess that up. đ

If it came down to it, I would choose my own life over Kailen's because that's who I was. I was selfish, and I was a survivor. đ

That wouldn't change just because I got a second chance at a mate.

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Hope you all enjoyed the chapter!! I liked it. What do you think so far? Let me know. đ

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