

Broken Mate by Norisha May

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Chapter Thirteen

Next day, I wake up early in the morning to help make breakfast. Then after breakfast, we start making the food for the Alpha ceremony, it is hectic, on occasions like these many pack members help out with this. I do what I can but I am a mess wondering how this is all going to go down.

(He's going to claim me as his mate in front of everyone... is he crazy?!) It feels like it's now hitting me. (How the hell have been so calm about this!!)

Without anyone noticing, get inside the pantry and close it feeling like I'm starting to have a panic attack. I close my eyes and try to regulate my breathing.

(After he claims me, will he take me by force? Why... why does he want me? He could have whoever he wants. I have nothing to offer.)

Then Layla looking for me outside so I take a deep breath and try not to think about it anymore or I'll just end up making a scene.

(Just breathe in and focus.)

In the afternoon, when the bathroom is free, I take a shower, put on my robe, and go upstairs to find something to wear.

(I don't have anything to wear for this. This is supposed to be a formal ceremony and I've never been to one. I grab the same black dress that I used for that get-together with Alpha Cristian and put it on. I'm doing my hair when I hear a knock on the door. I start to head to the stairs but I hear the door open and footsteps coming up.

"Rain, are you dressed?" I hear Kayden ask and I almost have a heart attack. "Yes... Yes!" I quickly say but I really don't want him to come up here.

I take a few steps back and he walks up the stairs with a dress in his hands and Grant, behind him with a box in one hand and a bag in the other.

(He looks.... amazing.) He has a black fitted suit with his hair brushed back and his stubble very well-groomed, he smells amazing as well.

"Here, put this on." He says. I look at him confused. He holds the navy blue dress up and it's beautiful but it shows all the parts I don't want it to show. I shake my head. "It's beautiful Alpha but I don't want to wear it."

"Rain...I'm not asking. Put it on." He says sternly. He moves around me and puts the dress on the bed. Grant does the same, putting the box and bag he was carrying on the bed as well. They start walking to the stairs but then Kayden turns back around.

"I want to see that on you Rain. Come down when you finish." He says and then walks down the stairs.

I sigh and take the dress. "I have no choice."

I put the dress on and it fits perfectly. The dress has a sweetheart neckline with the back going down in an A shape. It's fitted all the way to the waist and then the skirt is flowy with a slit that goes to the thigh.

It's beautiful, but not on me. All my scars are out for everyone to see. I turn around and the worst one is on my back. A slash that goes across my back, I got that at one at fourteen from Abraham for knocking over one of the decorative vases. I didn't have my wolf yet so it didn't heal properly and now it looks horrifying. And then there are all the other scars around my chest and shoulders. He always made it so he wouldn't scar my limbs since that's what you would see the most.

I put my hair down trying to cover them. I then check the box. There is a beautiful necklace with

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"I am so going to fall on my face." I have never in my life used anything with high heels.

I sigh and put them on, I stand up and take a few steps but of course I fall. I get up and balance myself. "I just have to walk slowly."

The door opens again and someone walking up the stairs and I panic. (I'm not ready for him to see me, I need to mentally prepare first!) "Rain, you decent?" Avery, Grant, and Preston's sister asks. "Uh...yea." She comes up the stairs with a gothic fitted gown, she looks amazing.

"Oh wow, it fits perfectly." She says and she starts looking at my scar but she doesn't say anything about them. "I'm here to do your hair and makeup."

My eyes go wide. "Oh....I've never worn makeup before."

"And that's why I'm here." She says smiling. She pulls a chair to the middle of the room. "Sit." She says and I do. She starts messing around with my hair. "With a dress like this, you need to wear your hair up." "Do I really? I kind of wanted it to cover my scars." I say softly. (I hate that he's making me wear this.)

"There's nothing you have to cover. In fact... show them what they have done to you. Make them feel ashamed." She says sounding a little angry. "And don't you ever lower your head to them. They don't deserve your respect."

(I like her.)

After about half an hour, she's done with both my hair and my makeup. I look in the mirror and almost don't recognize myself.

(I look... beautiful.)

She styled my hair in a low messy bun up due, with wavy strands falling on my sides. My makeup is beautifully done but not too heavy.

"I've made a masterpiece." She says and I agree. "Alright, let's go downstairs, they are waiting." She says and now I panic a little.

She looks at me noticing." You look amazing, come on." She offers me her hand and I take it. We slowly make it down from my room and see Kayden waiting in the hall.

He looks at me and I feel so vulnerable and exposed. He stares at me at first with heated eyes looking at my face but then his eyes avert to my body and his eyes turn angry. He looks at my scars and his jaw tenses up, I can see his body stiffening.

He stares at me for a moment and then his eyes soften. "You look beautiful." He says.

"Stay with her at all times." He says to Avery and Preston and they both nod.

He leaves and goes down the stairs and then we follow. When we get to the backyard, everyone is already here. I feel so uncomfortable with people looking at me. And unfortunately, the first thing I see is Evan staring at me from the distance. His eyes are wide looking shocked at me. I avert my gaze and keep walking with Avery and Preston.

"Hey dear, have you seen my son?" The Luna asks Avery. "No, but look at who I have here." Avery says and points at me. "She looks amazing, doesn't she?"

"I... I didn't... I'm so sorry." She says in a barely hearable whisper looking down and quickly leaves. I watch her leave feeling surprised.

"See, now she feels ashamed." Avery says smiling,

"Good." Preston says.

(They are definitely not like our pack members.)

"Oh my goddess Rain, you look amazing!" I hear Layla say from behind me.

I look at her and Levi, who is standing next to her with a big smile. She quickly hugs me and I'm startled because she never does that.

"I can't wait for tonight." She says whispering. (And I don't want it to begin. In fact, I really want to hide.)

It feels like an eternity for the ceremony to start and once it does, I feel like my insides are doing summersaults.

Preston leaves us and walks up to the stage where the Alpha, Luna, beta, and delta are waiting with Kayden and Grant. They start the speech and I am trying to listen but I am really freaking out.

(How mad would he be if I ran away right now?) I look into the woods. (I could run to the woods, shift, and run...but that would mean me turning into a rogue.) I sigh. (I'm a chicken head, I will never do that.)

The Alpha finishes his speech and everyone starts clapping. I look to the stage where Kayden takes a step forward.

(Oh goddess! This is it.)

"Now we pledge our allegiance to our new Alpha." Alpha Felix says.

I sigh and close my eyes along with everyone else. We then all feel the change come and we are now directly connected to Kayden. He is officially our new Alpha.

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around at the crowd and his expression changes to a serious one.

"I will not give a speech tonight. I will only give three announcements tonight as Alpha." He says and everyone quiets down.

"First is that things will be changing around here with me in charge. Second, punishments will be fitting the crimes." He looks back at Grant. Grant nods and starts to walk off of the stage over to where Abraham is with his family. He grabs Evan by the arm and pulls him away with Evan freaking out.

"Evan, you will be punished for the crimes that you have committed. Your punishment is that... I will deal with you myself." Kayden says. The way he said that caused shivers down my spine and I can see everyone else is also taken back.

(He is scary.) "What!?" Abraham shouts.

"Son...what are you doing?" Felix asks. "I said that the punishments will be fitting the crimes." Kayden says not looking bothered at all.

"You...you can't do this." Jocelyn says.

"Yes, I can." Kayden says confidently. "On what charges?" She asks. "On attempted rape and abuse." Kayden says. "What!? You are going to believe the accusations of a—"

(Oh goddess no, here it comes.)

"Your what?" His father Felix asks.

"Well, that's my third announcement, I won't be choosing a mate like you wanted because I already

found my fated mate."

"Who?" His mother Madalyn asks and he looks at me. (I really, really, wish I would pass out right now.)

He looks at the crowd and then holds a hand towards me. "Everyone, meet my mate and your new Luna... Rain Cade."

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