

# The Alpha King’s Human Mate by HC Dolores

## Chapter 104

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“A true soul mate is a mirror, the person who shows you everything that’s holding you back, the person who brings you to your own attention.”

Elizabeth Gilbert

Of all the things that Aria thought she’d do when she met her mate, fainting was not one of them. And yet, the moment her eyes met the icy blue ones of her mate, her world went dark.

The next thing she knew she was waking up alone, in a room that felt far too fancy to be anything that belonged to her. Her limbs felt heavy and her head pounded.

There was a window in her room and if the snowy mountains were any indication, she was a long ways from home.

Home.

She wasn’t quite sure what she considered home to be. The past three years, she would’ve said it was with Alpha Liam’s pack - or anywhere that he was ~ but that wasn’t a possibility anymore.

Her mind flashed to those last moments, when he’d spat vile words at her and tried to kill her. Bile threatened to rise in her throat, but somehow, she managed to swallow it down. She didn’t want to make a Bonus Chapter - Aria & Sebastian (4)

mess over the silk sheets she was laying on.

The sound of the door opening interrupted her thoughts, and her breath caught when she saw the tall, lean frame that entered.

Her mate. She had a mate now.

Up close, he was even more beautiful than she’d realized. Rich brown hair, icy blue eyes that could’ve cut glass, and a sharp jawline.

However, despite his sharp features, the expression on his face was soft and gentle and it made her heart clench.

Why was he looking at her like that?

The way his eyes lit up, it was if he’d stumbled upon the rarest treasure in the world. Like Aria was the rarest treasure in the world.

She wanted to throw up again.

He shouldn’t have been looking at her like that. She didn’t deserve to have a man that beautiful look at her like that.

“Hey,” he said, and his voice was like warm honey. It set something ablaze in her lower belly, and she fidgeted on the bed. “You’re awake. I brought you some tea. Not sure if you like chamomile, but it’s what the castle staff recommended.” Bonus Chapter - Aria & Sebastian (4)

It was only then she noticed the porcelain tea cup he cradled in his hands.

Aria opened her mouth to say something, but her throat was too dry and it just triggered a coughing fit.

The man was by her side in a minute, rubbing his hand on her back. Unfortunately, the touch did the opposite of comforting Aria. As soon as she felt the touch of a large man’s hand on her back, she

instinctively flinched back.

The man removed his hand immediately. He set the the cup on the nightstand, and moved back a few paces.

Aria registered the hurt in his eyes immediately - of course he’d feel hurt. She was his mate, she was supposed to accept his touch whenever he offered it, not reject it.

Guilt twisted in her stomach.

He must’ve thought she was a terrible mate.

“Sorry,” he said, his eyebrows furrowing in concern. “I didn’t mean to startle you, I just thought...”

Aria wanted to comfort him, to tell him that he hadn’t done anything wrong. He wasn’t the problem. She was.

Instead, all she managed to get out was, “Thank you for the tea.” Bonus Chapter - Aria & Sebastian (4)

His eyes lit up momentarily, and he nodded in acknowledgment.

Silence hung in the air between them, and Aria wasn’t sure what to say. Her brain felt like someone had rubbed the entire thing with soap. Just as she’d grab a thought, it’d slip out of her fingers again.

“So,” the man broke the silence between them, “I guess I should introduce myself. You must feel a little weird not knowing my name.” He scratched the back of his neck, and when Aria didn’t reply, he continued. “My name’s Sebastian, I’m twenty-years-old, and I’m next in line as Alpha for my pack.”

“Sebastian,” Aria breathed. She hadn’t meant to say his name out loud, but she couldn’t help herself. It was a perfect name. Fitting for a strong man. A strong mate.

Her wolf purred deep inside her head, the most active she’d been in months.

Sebastian shivered. “Are you cold?” Aria asked.

He looked at her with furrowed eyebrows. “No, you, uh...” Something in her eyes must’ve deterred him from what he started to say because he

suddenly shook his head and chuckled. “Nevermind. Yes, I was cold.”

Aria got the feeling she’d just missed something - it was the same feeling she got whenever one of Liam’s men would make a vulgar joke, Bonus Chapter - Aria & Sebastian (4) and the rest would crack up. They never explained the jokes ~ not that

she wanted them to. She wasn’t supposed to think vulgar thoughts.

At the thought of Liam, a lump formed in Aria’s throat. She was never going to see him again. Three years of her life, at his side, serving him however he needed...gone. At the claws and teeth of the Alpha King.

And even if Alpha Liam was here, he would’ve just killed me. I meant nothing to him.

And now I am nothing.

“So, what’s your name?” Sebastian asked, snapping Aria out of her thoughts.

“Oh, it’s, uh, Aria,” she replied. “That’s a beautiful name,” Sebastian said, smiling softly at her.

Her wolf purred in her head — her mate was pleased with them - but Aria wanted to scream. He shouldn’t have been smiling at her at all. He shouldn’t have been pleased with her or thought her name was beautiful.

Couldn’t he tell? She was dirty. When he found out the things she’d done for Liam, for a man who didn’t even care about her, he’d want nothing to do with her.

She was dirty. Bonus Chapter - Aria & Sebastian (4)

Filthy. Soiled.

Aria’s chest felt unbearably tight, and she couldn’t get air into her lungs. She clutched at the silk sheets, fighting against the tightness and

“aria,” Sebastian’s honey-like voice cut through her thoughts like butter. “Are you okay?” His warm hand was on her back again,

pleasurable tingles spreading over her skin and down her spine.

She wanted nothing more than to lean into his chest and accept the comfort, but she couldn’t. He wouldn’t be comforting her if he knew what she’d done.

Sebastian deserved better.

He didn’t need or want dirty, filthy, soiled goods.

“Get out,” Aria said. Her tone was soft and quiet, but Sebastian froze, retracting his hand.

“What?”

She couldn’t look at him, She didn’t want to see the hurt in his eyes, and she certainly didn’t want to see that hurt turn to disgust.

“I said, get out,” she repeated, “Please. I want to be alone.” Bonus Chapter - Aria & Sebastian (4)

She could practically feel the rejection emanating from him, but she didn’t dare look his way. She curled in on herself and waited until he’d shut the door behind him before she broke down.

Sebastian was better off without her, and soon, he’d see that.