

Alphas Broken Mate by Elizabeth Johanne Chapter 8

Night and Day

Andrew's POV

I wake up
to the sun in my face. I don't remember falling asleep. This sweet smell fills the air like coconuts and honey. I look down and see Catalina asleep on my chest. It's her, it's the smell of her. I take in a deep breath. I am surprised she slept through the night. I look at her sleeping, her head rises and falls with every breath I take. After about a minute of staring at her I realize I'm being kind of creepy just watching her while she sleeps. I attempt to get up but she slides her arm across me and squeezes, I think

she did it subconsciously because she then nuzzles into my chest and smiles. I pull her in closer and smile too. This is the most contact we've had in the week she has been here and I have to admit I'm enjoying it. I just want to live right here in this moment, but then her eyes open wide.

Catalina's POV

Did I just nuzzle him.. omg I want to die right now. He smells so good though. Like the morning forest

manly and woodsy. And don't get me started on this body. His strong arms pulling me in, the muscles on his chest and abs. He's just one Greek God. I bet he tastes delicious and I wouldn't mind his hands on my body. Oh no! Lina stop it, he'll smell your arousal. I open my eyes and move my arm off of him.

"Tam sorry. You don't have to stay." I whisper. He just laughs and looks down to me,

"I've already stayed all night, but I was just going to get up to make you some breakfast." "Breakfast? Don't you have to go to work?" I ask

"Nope. I'm taking some time off. I feel like we haven't spent as much time together as we could have since you got here. I think I was trying to convince myself you needed time to adapt." He explains

"And now?" I ask

"And now I think you need me." He kisses my forehead.

"But before I go I wanted to check your burns." He lets go of me and I lay back. He leans over me and places a hand under my chin and tilts my head to the side. His face is so close to mine I can feel his breath against my cheek. I swallow hard. His eyes flick up to mine and he smiles. Then his hands travel to my shirt,

"Is it ok if I lift this to take a look?" He asks gently. I nod.

He lifts up my shirt and runs his hand over my stomach and I flinch at the tingles in my skin.

"Does that hurt?" He asks concerned.

I shake my head no. He continues and I close my eyes enjoying his touch. He makes his way down to my leg and he runs his hands over my thigh and a small moan forms in my throat. Of course with his heightened hearing he had to have heard it. I can't believe I just did that. I feel the warmth of blush in my cheeks.

Why is my body reacting like this? I hear him chuckle and he moves my shirt back down as he makes his way back up to my face.

"You're all healed" he tells me.

"Really? Normally it takes a few days." I say.

"Well it's probably your wolf. Now that you are more connected you will heal faster." He explains. He's still laying next to me looking down at me. I am just staring into his beautiful eyes.

"Now I'm going to get up and make you breakfast. But I will warn you I only know how to make pancakes and eggs."

I giggle. "Why don't we make breakfast together? I just want to pop in the shower real quick. You can

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"Deal."

We get up and he heads to the kitchen as I head to the shower.

I shower quickly and change clothes. I put on a loose T-shirt and cardigan with jeans cut off shorts. I head out to the kitchen and see him. He's at the counter pouring coffee into a mug. He's already gotten out

all of the ingredients to make pancakes. I pause for a moment just to stare.

He's like unreal attractive. Tall, tan, and just perfect. I've never ogled at a man before, but this guy just stops me in my tracks.

"You going to stand there just staring or are you going to come help." He smirks. I feel myself blush and move towards him. He raises an eyebrow at me. "I want to bake something. I love baking and I haven't done any in a week." I exclaim "Ok what do you want to bake?"

"Let me see what you have in here." After a few minutes of poking around I find everything I need to make blueberry and chocolate muffins.

"Why is your kitchen so stocked if you never eat here?" I ask rather boldly

"Haha what makes you think I don't eat here?" He asks laughing. He hands me a mug of freshly poured coffee.

"Well we haven't made food here the whole time I've been here. It's always going out to eat or having things delivered."

"Well part of that is time and I guess I wanted to give you whatever you wanted and show you a good time." He explains

That's really sweet. *"He's a good man Catalina. He's our mate."* Kayla says "I don't really know what that means Kayla."

"Yes you do. You are drawn to him, he smells delicious, and we both know you were checking him out even when your life was in danger. He is your other half. You make each other stronger. I also want point out that you slept through the night last night with no nightmares."

"Oh my goddess." I say out loud "What?!" Andrew looks at me concerned

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"I just realized I didn't have a nightmare last night." I say

"Yeah, first night without one since you've been here." He replies

Shock. How does he know that?

"How do you know that?" I ask, I had to know.

"I can feel your fear and panic." He explains

"Wait so you can feel it when I have a nightmare?"

"Yeah. I'd wake up and go in and check on you to make sure it was just a dream and I'd always find you sleeping in the bath tub." He explains,

"Oh no! Im sorry I've been waking you up, I didn't realize.." I say panicked. He chuckles.

"It's alright Lina.." he pauses before continuing. "Can I ask why the bathtub?"

"The bathroom was the only room with a lock." I whisper as I pour out some pancake batter onto the hot griddle.

He doesn't say anything. I move over to the sink to rinse out the bowl. Andrew begins flipping the pancakes.

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"Damn it Lina! I'm sorry." He says tossing the spatula into the sink startling me "What for?"

"I'm sorry I wasn't there to protect you for all the bad things that happened to you, I'm sorry you were so afraid that you had to sleep in a bathtub. I'm sorry I didn't know about you sooner" He has his hands on the counter and has his head hanging. That was the sweetest thing anyone has ever said to me. I can't bare to have him take the blame for this. I go over and touch his arm,

"Hey it's not your fault. You have nothing to be sorry for. And you did save me, Jackson was going to buy me off my parents but you got me first. And I never would have had the strength to knee someone in their crotch without you." We both giggle at the last part

"Well that does bring something up I wanted to ask you. How would you feel about getting in some training? Nothing crazy but maybe you will feel safer knowing how to protect yourself?" Andrew asks as he turns towards me and places his hands on my shoulders.

What a sweet and thoughtful and attractive man. Goddess I forgot he wasn't wearing a shirt and my eyes keep traveling down..

"Are you checking me out again?" He's got a stupid smirk on

"What..oh.. hey put on a shirt!" I say like it's his fault I can't keep my eyes off every piece of him.

"Haha fine I'll put one on but you think about the training." He says as he's walking to his room. Damn, I wish he wouldn't.

"Or I could not put a shirt on." He says as he's leaning up against his bedroom door frame. What? Can he hear my thoughts? Is that apart of the mate bond? Oh no I'm screwed.

"Please put a shirt on. What smells so good?" Murphy says as he and Rachel enter the apartment.

"Linas making muffins and I made pancakes." Andrew yells from his bedroom.

"Lina hun how are you feeling?" Rachel asks concerned.

"I'm ok. I actually feel like I have a lot more energy today." I explain. It probably has to do with sleeping next to Andrew, but I don't say that.

"It probably has to do with sleeping next to me." Andrew says coming out of his room. Of course he says it. Seriously can he read my mind or what? Rachel gives me a cute smile and I feel the blood rush to my face.

"You guys I have a great idea!" Murphy says to all of us drawing our attention. "Why don't we take a few days and go to the lake house?" "Do you really think it's a good idea? Catalina was just attacked?" Rachel asks.

"Yeah, the lake is deeper into our territory, we can have Warriors on patrol, and we can have your dad step in for a few days. Come on man we never take time away." Murphy says pleading with Andrew.

Andrew looks at me "What do you want to do? I already told you I would take time off to spend with you. Would you like to go to the lake house or would you feel safer here?" He's leaving this up to me. How am I supposed to decide? I've never been to the lake house.

"We can go to the lake house if that's what everyone wants." I say not knowing what I'm agreeing to

"You're going to love it Lina!" Murphy says excited. Andrew grabs my hand and leads me to the front door and opens it. There, standing by the door is Gamma Lucas.

"Lucas we have decided to go to the lake house for a few days, can you get a few groups of warriors to sweep the area and set up patrols?" Andrew asks him.

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"Lina, babe we're here."

Did I just get called babe? No one has ever called me babe, it's cute. I smile.

"Oh did you like that nickname? I'll remember that." Andrew teases. I open my eyes and sit up, I can feel myself blush. Andrew giggles and opens the car door and helps me out.

When I step out I hear the sounds of birds and water. The lake house is huge! Like insanely huge. There is a circular clearing around the home and then a wall of trees. The lake house is a log cabin with a dark green roof. It is right up against this beautiful large lake that has a dock with two boats tied to it. I can't believe this is all real. I can see Andrew watching me as I look in awe at everything in front of me. I am really glad I decided to come out to the lake house.

"Come on, let's show you around." Andrew says and he grabs my hand and leads me inside.