

The Perfect Mate

Talia

I'm sitting at work today trying to figure out what I'm going to get my fiancé Friday for our anniversary. We have been dating for five years and been engaged for two. I wanted to wait for marriage before I gave myself to a man, so we have been waiting. I have a fear that the only reason he is with me is because of my fortune my mother left me when she passed. I can't touch it until I turn thirty and that is in one year.

"Talia, we are finished for the day. You can head home," my boss says.

"Thank you," I reply. I clock out then grab my things and head home. When I get there I see my fiancé's car and another unknown car. It isn't right because he should be at work right now. I park my car and head inside. It's quiet except for moans. I slowly walk up the stairs towards our bedroom.

"Tony your so big," an unknown voice says.

"You like it," Tony says. I open the door to find a woman sitting on top of Tony and they are both naked. She turns and looks at me with a smile. He looks at me, his eyes get wide then he pumps again. I turn around and head towards my car. I refuse to let him see me cry. I actually love this jackass. "Talia, stop. Where are you going? You belong to me." He grabs my arm so hard it hurt.

"I belong to no one," I say as I jerk my arm from his hold. "You will never get anything else from me. I'm gone."

"You will be back. Who's going to want someone that looks like you? Your fat, ugly, and the only thing you have is your mothers trust fund," he says.

"At least I have a trust fund," I say as I slam the door and get in my car. I wait to let the tears fall until I know he can't see me. I drive to my best friends house. She opens the door as soon as I get there. When she sees my tears she wraps me in her arms and ushers me into the house. Everything is already packed up. The only reason I wasn't going with her was because of Tony.

"What happened?" she asks.

"He's been cheating. The only reason he was with me was for my trust fund. He said no one will ever want me because I'm fat and ugly," I say.

"You do know he is full of shit right?" she asks.

"He wasted five years of my life," I answer.

"Why don't you come with me?" she asks.

"You can go into business with me. I know you don't have money right now, but I would love to run my restaurant with me. Your smart, beautiful and I love you," she says.

“Okay. I left everything but my important things,” I say.

“We can go get what you want to take. I will be with you the entire time,” she says.

“Okay. Let’s go,” I say.

“My car is already packed. Let’s go get your things and we can leave,” she says. I nod my head. We go to my house and get everything that I know I need. We jumped on the road and headed to our new life. Tony tried to get me to stay but I refused to be anyone’s second choice.

Davon

I have been the alpha of my sloth of bears for a while now. We have been bachelor’s and now we are ready to find our true mates. I know she is out there somewhere, and one day she will make her way to me.

“Davon, did you hear about the new restaurant? It’s grand opening is today. You want to go check it out?” one of my sloth says.

“Yeah Vic, lets go. We have worked enough for today,” I answer. We own the local garden shop and have had it for a long time. “Grab Tyrone and Jayson so we can go. I’m starving.” He leaves me there and I head outside to wait on them. When the others come out we walk down to the restaurant. It seems there isn’t many people waiting. As soon as I walk through the door her smell hits me like a ton of bricks. I look for her.

“You smell that?” Tyrone asks.

“Yours is here too?” I ask.

“Yes,” Tyrone says. I’m looking around and I can’t seem to find her. We take our seats and wait for the waitress to come take our order. Her smell is becoming stronger.

“Hello, my name is Talia, and I will be your waitress today. What can I get you?” she asks, and I’m mesmerized.

“It’s her. She’s mine. Give her to me,” my bear says getting on his hind legs.

“Calm down, she may not understand mates. We have to be gentle and calm. Let me handle getting her. Once I know she is okay with both of us we will give her to you. Deal?” I ask my bear.

“Deal. Don’t take too long,” he says.

I didn’t even notice that everyone had given their order but me. She looks at me with a smile. “I will take whatever you think is the best here,” I say.

“Are you sure? Best thing here to me is the homemade hamburger helper,” she says. “But I’m bias because I made it.” She smiles and it’s mesmerizing. I want to kiss that smile on her face. Her phone rings and she doesn’t look at it. “Sorry.”

“I will take the hamburger helper,” I answer. I can tell that the phone call upset her, but she didn’t show it.

“I will go put your food in and get you your drinks,” she says as she walks away. “He won’t stop calling me. I wish he would leave me alone.”

“He knows he messed up, but he should have thought about that before he betrayed you. You deserve better,” the other girl says.

“Here’s another order. You should see this guy. He is handsome. If only a handsome man like that would wants someone like me,” she says. I stop ease dropping. She brings our drinks a few minutes later. “I’m sorry I didn’t ask you what you wanted to drink.”

“You,” I say. She looks at me surprised. “Sorry. I will take a water.” She hurries away from the table.

“That was Suttle. You think you can scare her away. She’s your mate right?” Tyrone asks.

“Yes,” I answer.

“You’re lucky,” Victor says.

“I am. I just have to get her to trust me. I think she has been betrayed lately,” I say. She brings us our food and leaves us alone to eat. When we finish we leave and go back to “Burly Bears Garden Shop” to finish up today’s work.

Talialia

One week later....

It’s been a week since we opened the store and the sexy mountain man said he wanted to drink me. Luckily for me the town is so small that we walk from our house to the business every day. Sometimes when I look out the window I see a bear just looking at me. His eyes seem familiar, and he doesn’t scare me. It’s weird, it feels like I’m connected to the bear I just don’t know how. I took today off so I could get some new clothes for this small town. There is something about this place that almost seems magical.

“Knock, Knock, Knock,” sounded on the door. When I open the door someone I never wanted to see again pushes through.

“You have been gone long enough,” he says. “I waited for you to come to your senses and come back.”

“I’m not coming back with you. You need to leave and forget that you know me,” I say. It only took him two seconds to go from the man I fell in love with years ago to someone that I don’t recognize.

“If you’re not coming with me then I will take something from you before I let you go,” he says and grabs my arms.

“LET ME GO!” I say. He is stronger than me, but I don’t let that stop me from fighting back. I’m hitting and kicking trying to get his hands off of me. Before I know it, I’m pinned against the floor. He holds my hands above my head with one hand and the other he starts to unbutton my pants. I’m squirming so it is making it harder for him. My face is wet from the tears falling down my cheeks. I close my eyes as his weight lays on me, then all of a sudden I didn’t feel anything, not even his hands holding my arms. I open my eyes and what I see surprises me.

The man from the dinner has him pinned against the wall with his hand wrapped around Tony’s throat. “I’m going to tell you this once, and that is the only time I will say this. Leave her alone, forget that you even thought about her at all. If I ever see or hear you put your hands on her again I will be the last face you see. That is not a threat that is a promise. SHE IS MINE!” he says. He lets Tony go and Tony slumps to the floor. He walks towards me, and I fall into his arms. “I will never let anyone hurt you.”

I look into his eyes, and they are a golden color. “Why am I so important to you?” I ask.

“Do you really want to know?” he asks.

“Yes,” I answer.

“Do you trust me?” he asks.

“I don’t know why but yes,” I answer. I can hear Tony leaving when this handsome man holding me connects his lips to mine. He leads me into the woods and stops in a clearing. He starts to undress. He looks at me as his body starts to contort and transform into a bear.

Davon

“She trusts us,” my bear says.

“She may trust me, but she hasn’t seen you yet,” I answer.

“I can feel it. She already likes us. Show her already,” he says.

“I’m going. It’s your turn to take over,” I say.

My body begins to contort and transform into my bear. When I’m fully a bear I look at her and there isn’t any fear. I sit down so she doesn’t feel threatened by my size. She walks over to me and starts rubbing behind my ears. “Your beautiful,” she says.

I take my snout and rub her. She pets me and I don't mind because she is our mate. She already has my heart and I know I wouldn't have it any other way. I don't know how long we sat there. She is silent and I want to know what she thinks of me.

"She loves us. Can't you hear her heart beating. Every time I rub my nose on her it skips a beat, and she takes in a breath. Take her right here and now," bear says.

"Give me control. We need to talk to her and get to know her," I say.

I transform back into my human shape, and she stares at me. She looks down and gets red. I grab her in my arms and kiss her. She falls into me, and I can see she likes it. "Why do I want you so much?" she asks.

"Your my mate. That is better than wife because my bear will never want anyone but you. Once we mate we will be connected for life," I answer.

"Mate as in have sex?" she asks.

"Yes," I answer.

"I've never been with a man. I wanted to wait until I was married," she replies.

"Then let's get married," I say.

"I don't want to wait. I want to feel you right now," she says. "I've never wanted someone as much as I want you right now."

"Okay," I reply. I take her clothes off and get her ready for me. When I feel she is ready I make love to the first woman I've ever wanted. After we finish I take her back to her house and we wait for her friend to come home. "I want you to come stay with me. I want to be with you all the time."

"Okay. I would like that. Can my friend come see me?" she asks.

"Of course. You're not a prisoner. I want you to be happy," I say. When her friend gets home she explains everything to her including the fact that I can turn into a bear. She tells her about being my mate and her friend is very understanding. She assures her that she will still help run the business and she can come to see her whenever she wants.

We pack her things and then we head to my house next to my sleuth of bears. I let her know how each of them are the same. I explain to her all the dynamics of being a shifter and let her know if she wants to be one then he will help her, but if she doesn't I will still love her the same. That night we have a bonfire, and she gets to know all of my brothers. She hits it off with everyone and they love her. I know they will protect her with their lives as I will their mates when they find them.