## The Alpha King's Human Mate by HC Dolores **Chapter 114**

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recipe from your mother."

He tensed immediately

he blinked down at her

She paused, turned and looked at him. "You're back much earlier than usual."

Her cheeks turned pink. She could only imagine how she looked, coated in a thin layer of flower and sugar, and an apron she'd borrowed from his mother

He didn't waste a moment closing the distance between them, and pressing a lip to her temple that left her skin tingling. "You're baking,"

The smile on Sebastian's face was breathtaking. "That's great, Aria. I'm sure they'll be delicious." He used a thumb to swipe at a dusting of flour she'd missed on her cheek, and her breath caught. "What do I need to do to convince you to save one for me?"

Still, there was a swell of pride in her chest as she said, "Yes, they're cinnamon rolls. Or they will be, once I roll out the dough. I got the

She swallowed. Better now than never, she supposed

"Your mom told me," she said, "A few days ago."

"And I didn't," he said, "I'm sorry." There was no anger in his tone, only guilt, and she wasn't sure why that felt worse

"Actually," she cleared her throat awkwardly, "You don't need to do anything. I'm making them. For the party tonight."

"Why didn't you?" She asked

Of course he was

bunch of wasted werewolves

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That she'd seen enough drunk, wild men in her life. He didn't need to say it. She'd been stingy with the details she shared of her time at Liam's pack, but since the night she'd tried to come onto him, he seemed to have a deeper understanding

Sebastian's blue eyes were brimming with apology as he sighed. "I was going to mention it today, I just didn't want to stress you out ahead

honestly, I'll probably spend the night babysitting a bunch of wasted werewolves. I didn't think it'd be your scene, especially considering..."

of time...or make you feel as if you had to attend a huge, crowded party just because our pack was hosting it. It's a diplomatic thing, but

He's just trying to protect me, she thought to herself

Sebastian didn't have some underhanded ulterior motive. He was just trying to look out for her. Keep her from dealing with, as he put it, a

Sebastian's body visibly relaxed, and his smile seemed to return now that his head was no longer on the chopping block. "You know what the

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good news is?" "What?"

"Yeah, I think you're right," she finally said, "It's not really my scene."

"Once this party is over, we'll finally get to spend real time together...

something warm fluttered in her lower belly. She definitely wanted him all to herself

She'd begun thinking about what it'd be like to have him sleep beside her, not down the hall

the occasional hand on the waist — but since their conversation a few weeks

ago, her thoughts had been turning less and less innocent

What he looked like under that shirt

too

which I think we're way overdue for," he told her, "I won't have to put in such crazy hours anymore. Plus, my dad gets back next week, which means | won't have to fill in for him either. You'll have me all to yourself."

"I'd like that," she said, her cheeks turning pink. Sebastian hadn't been physical with her — at least not more than kisses on the forehead or

Her heart thrummed at the thought of having him all to herself. She glanced at the tight-fitting t-shirt and worn jeans he wore, and

What his lips would feel like on his skin

It was a dangerous train of thought, and not one she needed right now, but thankfully, Sebastian's next words stopped her from spiraling

Bonus Chapter - Aria & Sebastian (14) far. "I got you something." With a grin, he pulled something from his back pocket and presented it to her

"You got me a book," she said, "How did you..."

figured you might like something new to read."

He pulled her into his arms immediately

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Her heart stuttered. "Okay."

Sebastian was right

It was a small paperback, capable of fitting in the palm of her hand, called Pride and Prejudice. The name was familiar to her, and she was sure she'd heard it before, but she couldn't place it

She hurriedly wiped her flour-covered hands on her apron before examining it

"T'm not sure if you'll like it," he said, "It's a little different than what you were reading before, but I know it's supposed to be a classic. The girl at the bookstore recommended it to me."

She flipped through the pages mindlessly. "That's so thoughtful of you."

"Thank you. I'm sure I'll love it."

His grin turned sheepish. "I noticed you burned through my sad little book collection, which I'm glad someone's been getting use out of. I

hate having to leave you, especially with such little time we've gotten together, but there are a few last minute preparations I need to finish for tonight. I promise, as soon as the party's over, you're all mine, okay?"

She sighed, placing the book on a portion of the counter where it wouldn't get covered in flour before turning back to the dough

She flashed him the widest smile she could, and couldn't resist wrapping him a hug, and sinking into his warmth

He gave her one more glance before the kitchen door swung shut behind him, leaving her alone again

His lips touched the crown of her head. "Of course." Then, he sighed, "I

His explanation had made sense. He wasn't embarrassed or trying to hide her, he was just trying to look out for her

That sounded a lot more fun than a wild party

Perhaps she'd spend tonight reading her new book

Now that she'd talked to him, actually seen him, she felt so much better

That wasn't her scene — there was no way she was going to attend something like that