

Broken Mate by Norisha May

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He looks surprised at my question but then takes a hand to my cheek. I flinch and he takes his hand back but stares at me,

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I take it and cautiously put it around me. It feels warm and it has his scent. I watch him leave and I am so confused. Other than Levy and Layla, no one has ever been this nice to me but...

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I lie on the ground to prevent the collar from moving too much. A few minutes later, someone walks up to me. I look up at them and see Grant, he extends a blanket and puts it over me.

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I think about this over and over but get to no conclusion so I decide to just try to sleep. And for the first time ever while chained I fall asleep peacefully with Kayden's scent engulfing me.

I wake up the next morning because of the light hitting my face. Around noon Levi brings me food and then later in the afternoon he comes back with a big smile and tells me that he was told to let me out. To say that I am surprised is an understatement because I usually leave here after three days and I'm usually unconscious by then.

I take a shower and then go help prepare dinner under Celeste's orders of course. God forbid I get a break. The dinner goes fine and after, I go up to my room

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