

Chapter 149

Marry Me

Poppy POV

“Pregnant?” Both Anna and I said in unison as we looked at her, shocked as hell, with wide eyes.

Eliza nodded and sniffled. “I don’t want to be pregnant.”

For a few seconds none of us spoke as our body tried to absorb the shock. When my heartbeat calmed down, I asked, “Why Eliza? This is the most beautiful thing you can give your mate.”

She shook her head as a fresh bout of tears flowed from her eyes. “You don’t know anything. I can’t be a good mother. I want to study more and I don’t want to get tied up soon!”

Anna gave her a hanky to wipe her tears but didn’t offer to console her. She was too dumbfounded by the whole situation.

I processed her words and zeroed in on, “Why do you say you can’t be a good mother? You are such a wonderful person.”

Eliza wiped her tears but they didn’t stop. “My mom was an alcoholic and my father abused us so much that it was intolerable. He always said that I was a useless child and that I was a stain on their family.” She rolled her eyes through the tears. “I don’t know what he meant by the family when we practically had none.” She wiped her tears. “He wanted a boy but my mother couldn’t give him another child. One day she just snapped. She couldn’t take in his abuse and fled from home, leaving me with that monster. I was only twelve.”

“Oh god! I am so sorry,” Anna said and she too started crying. She hugged Eliza and rested her head on her shoulder.

Eliza continued, “After that my father’s abuses only increased. He said that I was a worthless child and that I had no reason to live. He always blamed me for mother running away.” She looked at me. “Now tell me Poppy, how can I be a good mother when my own mom ran away from me, leaving me to tolerate my abusive father? I am scared that I will be like my mom and so I can’t have this baby. What if I abandon it?”

Goddess. A lump formed in my throat. At least my parents loved me. I couldn’t even imagine the kind of low self-esteem Eliza was suffering from. And that was the only reason why she didn’t want the child. “But Killian is your mate and he loves you. He has never abused you, has he?” I asked.

“No, he has never abused me. I love him too, but I can’t have this baby. Killian just doesn’t understand that it is not right.

“When I told him my decision of aborting the pup, he was furious. I just ran away from him and he has shut down,” Eliza added, crying more. “Why can’t he just understand? He is so stubborn!”

“Eliza,” I said as I cupped her cheeks and turned her face to look at me. “I know that you feel that you are incapable of bringing up your pup, but that is far from the truth.”

“Poppy...”

“Shhh...listen to me,” I said. “Killian is your mate. He loves you and naturally he is protective about you and the pup in your belly. You are hell bent on aborting it and because he can’t support your decision, he isn’t pushing his decision on you. That’s why he has shut down. He’s not stubborn, Eliza he is hurting. And since you are not listening to him, he doesn’t know what to talk about. Killian will be a good father. He loves you. When I first met you two, it was the nicest thing I had ever

seen. You were staying together as a couple amidst so many tumultuous relationships.”

“But Poppy, what if...” her chin wobbled. “What if I can’t...”

“Stop beating yourself down, Eliza and give yourself a chance, I said. Then I took her hand and placed it on my belly. “See, I am also pregnant. And you already know what I went through. Should I also abort this pup?”

“Oh God, no!” she rasped.

“I won’t. Because this marks my love for Damon and his love for me.”

She gave me an odd look as if contemplating things. The next patient came out and the nurse called Eliza.

“Can they come with me inside?” Eliza asked the nurse, pointing at the two of us.

The nurse hesitated. After asking the doctor, she allowed us in. The doctor did the ultrasound and pointed at the baby in her womb. “Do you want to hear its’ heartbeat?” she asked with a smile.

I could see that Eliza was already melting. She nodded and the doctor put a machine close to her belly. The pup’s heartbeat were heard and Eliza giggled. “It’s like a bullet train!”

The doctor smiled. “Yes, usually the child’s heartbeats are very fast.” After the ultrasound, the doctor asked us to receive the pictures of the ultrasound from the reception before we left.

When we came out, Eliza was in a different mood. “So, what do you think about it?” I nudge her.

She blushed. “My pup is beautiful.”

Anna laughed. "Then its final. I will become an aunt of two pups next year and you both better make me their godmother!"

The three of us laughed our hearts out and then hugged tightly in the middle of the hospital corridor. I was sure that Eliza was going to make every effort to make her pup happy. She was going to be an overbearing mother.

While Anna stayed back at the academy, we came back to Umbra pack. Killian was shocked to see Eliza with me. Though, he was dying on the inside to be with her, he was controlling himself and it was so evident in his gaze that were just fixed on her mate.

Damon came to me and kissed me. "Gods above! I don't think I can stay away from you even for a day."

I giggled and winked at Eliza. She blushed, and tucked a strand of hair behind her ear. "I think you two should talk," I said to Killian who was looking for an opportunity to be with Eliza.

He jumped at my suggestion and said, "Eliza, I want to say something to you." He held her hand and made her sit on the sofa as Damon and I watched with our arms curled around each other. "I am so sorry for my attitude. You can do whatever you want. I am always going to be there with you." He sat on his knees in front of her. He dug in his pants pocket and took out a blue velvet box. "Please marry me, else I will die. I can't- I can't live without you!"

Eliza's eyes became glassy with tears as her hands slapped on her mouth. She looked at the gold band and nodded. "I love you!" she said.

"Oh, thank the Goddess!" He took the ring and slipped it on her finger immediately, lest she changes her mind.

Eliza took out an envelope from her purser and handed it to him. "Please see it," she urged him. When Killian opened and saw the pictures of his pup, he was stunned. He shot her a surprised look and she nodded. "Yes baby" she said. "I am keeping the baby!"

Killian jumped up, scooped his wife and whirled her, shouting in joy. Damon and I laughed and laughed.