

## Chapter 61

"Leila, why are you so hellbent on making me look bad?" Carmi asks in an accusatory tone, standing above Leila where she's lying on the bed.

Three other omegas are also in the room with them, each holding a tray containing food.

"It's been three days, three days and you have refused anything but water. Do you want to starve yourself to death? The Alpha left you under my care, what will he say if he comes back to you thin and sickly."

Leila gently raises her head up to look at Carmela but she doesn't reply, feeling terribly weak.

Has it been three days already? She didn't even know.

She cannot eat Carmela's food. She's not sure if Carmela can poison her to death, but any drug, even something as mild as a laxative could hurt the baby, and she dare not to test Carmela's limit.

Seeing Leila ignore her, Carmela frowns deeply, scowling at Leila before she turns to the omegas with a sullen look in her eyes.

"You will all bear me witness when the Alpha returns, did I try to give the Luna food or not?"

"You did," the ladies chorus.

"Guards!" Carmela yells and the men run in.

"Everyday I brought the Luna food, I tried my best to cater for her. You were here, you witnessed everything, how she refused to eat, how she turned down my kindness repeatedly. I am scared the Alpha will punish

me for neglecting her, I hope you can attest to the truth when he returns.”

“Very well my lady Carmela, you have indeed been generous,” One of the men replies.

“I cannot wait for you to finally take your position. Your kindness is otherworldly. Not many can show the level of kindness you have shown her to their usurper and yet she spits it back in your face. When the Alpha returns, he will learn the truth. We will not allow her to manipulate it.”

A sinister smile crosses Carmela's lips when she hears the reassuring words of the man.

“Leave the food with her and let us pray she eats,” she says to the omegas and they all leave the room.

Silent tears stream down Leila's face but she doesn't even have the strength to sob, she just lets her tears fall freely.

‘Why Tatum? Why did you do this to me?’ She muses in pain, her heart squeezing in pure agony.

“Leila, Leila.”

Leila is awoken by the sound of someone's voice and a rapid tapping on her arm.

She slowly opens her eyes and sees Annabel, an old maid that came with her from her house to Tatum's mansion.

Anna has been her maid since she was a little girl, she was practically like a second mother to her, so much so that when she married Tatum, Anna asked to move in with her.

They shared a close bond and she was often Leila's confidant in the past.

"Anna, what are you doing here?"

Anna places her finger on Leila's lip.

"Keep your voice down, I brought you some food. Carmela has blocked me from coming here but I was able to drug the guards, they'll be out for a while. Quick, eat."

Leila finally sees the tray of food in the bed and her stomach pangs, growling at the same time. She looks at Anna and her heart flushes with gratitude.

"Thank you," Leila says, tears running down her eyes as she breaks open the bottle of water and takes a long gulp.

She totally even forgot Anna lived in the house, thank the goddess Anna had her in mind.

She removes the foil from the food and salivates at the sight of the fried rice, diced sausages and roasted turkey.

She immediately shoves a spoonful into her mouth, chewing rapidly but she immediately spits it out, looking at Anna with shock and pain in her eyes.

"What's wrong? You don't like the taste?" Anna asks with a nervousness to her tone.

"Did you cook this?"

"Yes, yes I did, I had to wait till everyone was asleep. Hurry and eat, the guards will wake up any minute now."



Leila flips the plate over and backs away from Anna.

"I can't believe Carmela got to you too," Leila says, the pain of Anna's betrayal clear in her voice. "Look at that food, it has green peas. You're allergic to it, you can't even stand the smell, so how did you cook with it?" 1

"Leila...I'm sorry I—"

"Get out," Leila cut her off coldly.

"Leila please you don't understand, she—"

"I don't care, just go, go!" Leila yells at her and Anna sniffs, bowing her head in shame and she leaves the room.

Leila slowly drags her feet to the window, looking into the quiet and eerie distance.

She opens the mindlink to reach Tatum for the umpteenth time but it just blanks and suddenly, her vision spins.

She gasps softly and places her against the wall for support but her legs give way and she falls to the ground and before long, her bison darkens and she sinks into the abyss.

Just then her phone beeps.

It is a text from Kelvin.

[I'm sorry I had to break my promise and leave you again but I'll be back to get you out and whatever you do, do not openly go against Carmela.]