

2 How Could You

Caroline POV

"Caroline, there is nothing that pressing that I need to go to the oce right now. I'll go to visit the kids with you", Donovan says, and I smile. It's been three days since the doctor told us about the pup. He has been very protective and possessive. I love this man more than I could ever say in words. Honestly, becoming a mother wasn't even something I thought about, but now I can't wait. Donovan is going to be a great father. "Don't be ridiculous. You haven't left my side for three days. I told you I won't be training until we speak to the doctor at our next visit." I know that's what he is worried about but I would never put our pup at risk. "I just want to make sure that you're alright. I don't want anything to happen to you or our pup. I would lose my mind without you" he says with pleading eyes. "I haven't had pain since the day we found out. The doctor said everything looks good. Please just go to the oce for half a day and then we can go grab some dinner together later." "Fine, I'll go but take your mother with you and link me immediately if you feel anything." He kisses my lips and forehead before he heads out of our room. "Clover, are you excited to see the pups today?" She practically purrs in my mind. She loves to visit the children and they love to see her. "I hope Angelica actually plays today. She always seems so sad. She really is a sweet little girl who has lost so much",

Clover says. Angelica is a six-year-old little girl that lost her parents to a car accident. She doesn't speak much and we never see her play with the other kids during our visits. We have even tried to get her to play with Clover but she won't. She breaks my heart every time we visit. I hope that someday we can see her smile.

I head to our walk-in closet and grab a blue sundress and my sandals. Once I'm showered, I stand in front of the full-length mirror. I place my hands on my still at belly. "I can't wait to meet you. Your dad and I are so excited little one." I slide the dress over my head and slide on my sandals. Once I reach the second oor I head to Candy's room. She moved out of the room she shared with my father after we buried him. She didn't want to be reminded of all she had lost. I know she gets lonely but she has been doing better the last week. I knock twice and the door swings open. "Mom, you look beautiful. Do you have plans today?" She smiles "no sweet girl. I'm just trying to keep myself out of a funk. You look very pretty in that dress. I knew it would be perfect for you. Where are you off to?" "I'm going for my visit to the orphanage. I was hoping you would join me." "I would, but I'm meeting with Trish, the head omega, about this week's menu. Besides, I know how much you enjoy the time with the pups, but don't forget you can't shift today." I smile "the doctor told me not to shift and I promise we won't forget. At least join me for breakfast before I make my visit." She nods and follows me down to the dining room. After we eat, she heads to the kitchen and I head out of the pack house.

"Clover, why are you being so quiet? You are usually a chatter box, but the last few days you haven't said much." "I need you to understand that sometimes things happen that can't be undone. You will always have me no matter what happens in the future." I stopped walking and I could feel my heart rate accelerate. What the hell is going to happen? "Clover, what the hell are you talking about? You are freaking me out." "Let's go visit the kids. We can talk about it later." I really wasn't happy with her answer, but I trust my wolf not to keep secrets from me. She will tell me when she is ready to. We reach the steps and Jenny is waiting for us. "Luna, the children are so excited about your visit", Jenny says. Jenny is a pretty woman in her thirties. She lost her mate and found a purpose in caring for the children. She really is perfect for the job and the children love her. "I'm excited to see them too."

Donovan POV

As soon as I leave our room, I head to my oce. Once I'm inside, I lock the door and take a seat at my desk. "Lazlo, are you going to talk to me today?" He growls in my head and I gure that he is still pissed. "Pissed doesn't even begin to cover it human. You hurt our mate and for what, a f**k." "Lazlo, I made a mistake. I love Caroline and she is having our pup. I would never hurt her intentionally." "So, you didn't know that f**king that nasty b**ch would hurt our precious mate? Don't even try to lie because I am part of you. You were thinking with your d**k." "I'm sorry Lazlo. I swear to you that I will never do it again. I love Caroline and I can't lose her. It was a mistake." "You better not because next time I will tell Clover everything. You will lose everything. I will not stand by while you hurt our mate. I don't care if I have to suffer right along with you." A knock on the door interrupts our conversation. I head over to open the door, expecting an omega with my breakfast. I open the door and it's my breakfast but it's not an omega. "Candy, what are you doing here?"

"Can't a mother-in-law bring her son-in-law breakfast?" I cringe at her words. What the hell is wrong with this woman? "Set it on the table and leave." She smirks as she walks past me. She sets the tray down and heads back toward the door. Instead of walking out, she closes it and locks the door. "Candy, you need to leave now." "Donovan, I know that you really don't want me to leave. You enjoyed what I did to you the other day. There is no reason it can't happen again." She takes a step toward me and I growl. She stops and crosses her arms over her chest. "That was a mistake. It will never happen again. You need to leave my oce and never speak of it again." She laughs "what can't I speak about? The fact that I sucked your c**k until you c**me down my throat or how you bent me over the desk. How about how you f**ked me until you buried your seed deep inside me? I won't speak of it, Donovan, but it will happen again. Caroline will never know. You know as well as I do that she is a good f**k at best. I will do everything that she won't. You can have the best of both of us." "I will not hurt my mate or pup just to f**k you. How could you want to hurt your daughter like this?"

"She is not my daughter. She was Cain's daughter and he is dead. I did more for her than most would. She is a grown woman and if she can't satisfy her mate that is not my problem." Lazlo growls again and I walk to the door. I swing it open with more force than I mean to. I know what I did was wrong but at least I'm sorry, she isn't at all. "Get out, I meant what I said. You were a mistake that I won't be repeating. I love Caroline and I won't lose her for you." I see anger ash on Candy's face before she stomps out of my oce. I lock the door and take a seat behind my desk. "Good job human. There might be hope for you yet", Lazlo says, and I chuckle. I link Chris to join me in my oce. Ten minutes later, there is a knock and I'm grateful to see Chris. "Alpha", Chris says, and I roll my eyes. "I've told you to call me Donovan, Chris, when we aren't in a formal setting." I see something in his eyes and it takes me back. "Permission to speak freely Alpha." I nod and sit back in my chair. "I've heard things and I hope they are not true. I grew up with Caroline and she is my best friend. My loyalty will always be with her. So, if you betray her, I will not stay quiet." I can feel my heart squeeze in my chest. Anger rises in me that he dare threaten to expose me to Caroline. How the hell would anyone even know it happened? I keep my face impassive. "I would hope that you would not listen to rumors and just ask me if you have questions. As for my Luna, she means the world to me and I would never hurt her. You are the Beta of his pack and nothing more. You would do well to remember your place. I do not take kindly to threats." He nods his head, but I can see doubt and anger in his eyes. We start our discussion about training. After an hour, he leaves my oce and I start to review my nancials. I really wish Caroline was here so I could wrap her in my arms and breathe in her scent.

"Donovan, I really think we need to go for a run", Lazlo says. "That's a good idea. By the time we get back, Caroline should be on her way back to the pack house." I head downstairs and out of the pack house. As soon as I strip, we shift and take off for the trees. We run for an hour before we head back toward the pack house. I reach the trees and pull on basketball shorts. Once I'm inside, I head up to our room to shower. I stand under the spray and let the hot water soothe my muscles. Arms wrap around me and I immediately know it's not Caroline. I turn putting distance between us. "What the f**k are you doing?" She drops to her knees and looks up at me with hooded eyes. "Pleasing my Alpha" she says and takes my c**k in her hand. She takes my c**k in her mouth and it feels so good. "Candy, you need to leave" I say but she keeps taking me down her throat. I can't help the moan that escapes me. I thread my ngers through her hair and begin to thrust deep into her throat. I roar as I c**m and she stands wiping her mouth after she swallows my seed. I reach out and grab her by the throat. I can feel Lazlo trying to break through the block I put up but I'm being driven by lust. All other thoughts are gone from my head. I pick her up and slam her against the wall before I thrust into her core.

Caroline POV

I sit and read with the kids. Angelica is sitting a good distance from us but I can tell she is listening. I smile to myself. I'm just about to leave when the pain from a few days ago resurfaces. It's stronger this time and it nearly takes me to my knees. "Luna, are you alright?" I wave Jenny off and start to walk back to the pack house. I can't reach Donovan through our link. "Caroline, go to our room now", Clover says. The pain is getting worse and I'm worried about our pup. That's when I notice blood running down my leg. I start to move faster. I need to get to the pack hospital. "Just go to our room Caroline. We are losing the pup but you need to see why" Clover says. My heart breaks when she says we are losing the pup. How could the goddess be so cruel? I reach the stairs and push myself with every bit of strength I have. I push our door open and as soon as I'm inside, I can hear the moans of Donovan's betrayal. How could he do this to me? He cared nothing for me or our pup. "Clover, did you know? Did you know he was cheating the last time I had this pain?" "I suspected, but you needed to see it for yourself. After he has been the perfect what you would never have believed he betrayed us. Lazlo told me where he was and what he was doing when the pain started, because he doesn't agree with his humans' choices. He loves us both and would never betray us this way."

I don't even realize I'm moving toward the door. I reach for the handle and take a deep breath. I open the door slowly so they won't hear me. Everything inside of me breaks as blood pools around my feet. I stare in disbelief as the man I love thrusts into a woman that I considered my mother. Her screams ll the room along with Donovan's grunts. Everything emotion I felt for these two people who were supposed to love and protect me is gone, replaced by hatred. I see Donovan stiffen as his brain must register my scent. He throws open the shower door and our eyes meet. "Caroline" he says, and I turn without another word. There is nothing left to say. The pain is gone but the emptiness is all to present. I've lost my pup, my mate, and my mother in a matter of minutes. I walk down the hallway toward the stairs when I'm grabbed by the arms and spun around. I come face to face with the eyes of a man that promised to love me. "Caroline, you're bleeding. Please let's get you to the hospital and check on our pup." I can help the evil laugh that escapes me. Donovan takes a step back and I notice Candy standing behind him. "There is no our pup. You and that wh**re killed our pup. I hope that f**king her was worth everything."