

Chapter 26 : Empty Eyes

When Anaya woke up she found herself in a bit of confusion. For a while she had forgotten that they were in Southern warrior pack now and expected to wake up in the basement or the attic.

Usually these were the places she would pass out and wake up in. But for the first time in her life Anaya opened her eyes to fresh white ceilings and a soft bed.

Anaya tried to feel some kind of pain in her body, just to make sure she wasn't sold off for her body parts. But to her surprise, nothing hurt. Her hands and feet were attached just fine and they didn't hurt when moved.

"You are awake!"

Anaya was startled at the sudden interruption of her confused state. She saw a middle aged nurse coming in through the door of the ward. She was carrying a small tray in her hands and smiling.

Anaya tried to sit up but her back hurt from abrupt movements. The nurse kept the tray to the side and helped Anaya sit up properly and also arranged the pillows to give maximum comfort.

"Take it easy, don't rush to move." The nurse said, "You are not fully recovered yet."

Chapter 26 : Empty Eyes

Anaya was feeling strange. Why was she in a hospital though? Who brought her here? And the room was a personal ward too. The nurse was friendly and spoke nicely to her. What was this situation?

"Why am I here?" Anaya asked the nurse quietly. It was a strange question.

Wasn't it absolutely normal to be at a hospital if someone were to pass out from injuries? But for Anaya it was indeed a rare moment. Even the first aid she learnt was from the few years of school she attended. Anaya didn't know much other than applying ointment and tying bandages.

The nurse patiently answered this strange way of questioning, "Why? because you were hurt. Alpha Roman brought you here a few hours ago when you were still unconscious. Your wounds were bad and there was also some infection but not it's all patched up. Thankfully there wasn't much blood loss or it would be serious."

Anaya didn't think much of her wounds. She knew better than anyone else how much she was hurt. She only grasped the key points from what the nurse said.

"The Alpha brought me here?"

"Yes, he even signed papers for you since your parents aren't here."

Chapter 26 : Empty Eyes

Signed papers? What papers?

Anaya was about to ask her more but her throat suddenly started to feel itchy. Anaya covered her mouth and coughed nonstop. The nurse poured a glass of water for Anaya to drink.

Anaya felt something wet on her palm after coughing. A bad premonition rose in her heart as she removed the hand from her mouth. Blood dripped through her fingers and soaked the pre white blanket.

The nurse saw this and panicked slightly, "Don't panice, I will call the doctor!"

The nurse left the ward to find the doctor soon. Anaya wasn't scared at all. This was the first. Anaya got off the bed, trying her best not to tear any of her wounds. It was difficult but she managed to do it. The bandages felt of good quality and were bound tightly around her body. Anaya's clothes were also changed into comfortable and clean hospital two set cotton shirt and pants.

Anaya stumbled her way to the attached bathroom and washed her hands in the seprate sink. She then proceeded to wash her mouth and gargle.

Anaya didn't know what coughing up blood meant. Whenever she coughed up blood, she would just rinse it off and be done with it. It didn't harm her in

Chapter 26 : Empty Eyes

any way before.

But today she was the nurse panick a bit and wondered if this was something serious?

After rinsing the blood off Anaya went back and sat on the bed waiting for the nurse to come back.

Anaya was more worried about the blood dyed blankets. They looked expensive. Anaya gulped. In this state she won't be able to clean them and buying a new one will cost a lot of money. Money that she didn't have.

"She suddenly started to cough up blood." The nurse's voice reached first and then the door opened. The nurse was accompanied by a female doctor this time. The female doctor saw Anaya sitting at the very edge of the bed, looking completely normal.

"You look calm." The doctor said as she approached Anaya carefully. She was the first person to see Anaya's wounds in their raw state and she couldn't forget that sorry state.

"It was nothing." Anaya immediately looked down. Old habits die hard. The nurse replaced the blanket with a new one.

The doctor gave Anaya another full body checkup and wrote some tests. Anaya co-operated with them and let them do their job without any fuzz. The way she submitted as if it was a second

Chapter 26 : Empty Eyes

nature made the doctor concerned about Anaya's mental state.

"Alpha Roman has been informed that you are awake. He is on the way to the hospital to see you." The doctor said and carefully observed Anaya's expression.

Ad

Ads-tree

Anaya's eyes trembled a little and her neck went stiff but there was no resistance. Anaya just nodded and thanked the doctor for taking care of her.

"It's our job. And you should thank Alpha Roman, since you are a minor and your family couldn't

Chapter 26 : Empty Eyes

come to the pack at a short notice, Alpha Roman filled out the forms and took responsibility for you. Otherwise we wouldn't be able to do anything."

Anaya sighed, "Minor?"

"Someone from your pack was there when we were discussing. She said you are seventeen."

Anaya shook her head, "I am not a minor. I turned eighteen this year."

"You are eighteen?" This time it wasn't the doctor but a masculine voice asking. Anaya's ears twitched at the deep voice. She turned her head a little, only a little, trying hard to get a glimpse without him noticing.

There he was at the door. The man who owned that honey like voice was beautiful. So beautiful that it was almost impossible to imagine that face. Anaya quickly looked down again before anyone could notice her staring.

Alpha Roman obviously caught her eyes on him and was curious what she thought about him. But that could wait. He was about to start a meeting with Easton and Charlotte when the hospital called saying Anaya was awake. At that time he adjourned the meeting without a second thought and came to the hospital right away.

"You said you are eighteen?" He asked again, this time a lot softly than before. So Charlotte lied

Chapter 26 : Empty Eyes

+5 Points

about Anaya's age? Alpha Roman wasn't stupid. He could see why Charlotte would do something like this. Filthy acts like these repulsed him.

Anaya nodded again. She kept her eyes casted down like always but today she was repeatedly tempted to look up and see his face again and again. This urge made her heart beat violently. Her body didn't listen to her brain. Controlling it was harder than ever after she saw that face.

Alpha Roman was not an experienced person when it came to dealing with females, his experience with them was limited to the training fields and the two girls he was raising at him. Other than that there were a few time he came in contact with women who were not at all appealing to him.

So one could say that Alpha Roman was having a rare first experience of being attracted to someone. And that someone was a strange girl who was mistreated and wounded, and was unconscious until a few hours ago. This attraction could mean anything, Alpha Roman was trying to figure it out.

Alpha Roman came in and stood by the bed. His strong frame looked particularly mighty against Anaya's small and lousy body.

"That girl lied." The doctor spoke.

Chapter 26 : Empty Eyes

"I will deal with that later. How is Anaya's health?" Alpha Roman asked. Priorities were already set in his mind.

The doctor recounted everything she had gathered and told him. The wounds were properly dressed and with the effective medicine if they will heal in a few days. The broken ribs and a few other internal injuries will take longer to get better but they were not too serious.

"I want to run a few more tests just to make sure we don't miss anything. Once we make sure Anaya is doing better, we can discharge her and let her rest at home." The doctor concluded.

Alpha Roman agreed with the arrangement. There was nothing he couldn't provide at home. He looked down at the top of her head, thinking even the bunch of hair on her head was attractive.

The doctor excused herself to arrange for the tests. In the personal ward Anaya was left alone with Alpha Roman.

Anaya bowed her head until her neck couldn't bend anymore. Alpha Roman dragged a chair over to the bed and sat on it. He tried to adjust his mood before talking to Anaya.

"How are you feeling?" Alpha Roman asked. It sounded awkward to an entirely new level. Anyone could say he had no experience at casual small

talk at all.

"I-I am fine." Anaya answered softly. She wasn't even breathing, fearing she would do something to offend him. This was Alpha Roman who she was talking to, the person with a ruthless reputation. What if she said something wrong and he decided her life was insignificant and end it right here?

Alpha Roman was tongue tied and didn't know how to proceed from there. He already knew her name so asking that will only lead to more awkwardness.

"I am sorry Alpha." Anaya took the initiative to say, "You had to be troubled to bring me to the hospital. I won't do it again. Please forgive me."

It was new for Alpha Roman to feel this agitated after being apologized to. It wasn't just that the reason for this apology was completely wrong but also that the way she did it indicated that she was used to it. Used to apologising for things that were not in her control. What kind of sick family did she have?

This girl who looked so fragile, just how much did they hurt her?

"You shouldn't apologise for anything that isn't under your control." Alpha Roman said, "Also, you should look up when you are talking to someone."

"It's rude to avoid eye contact you know."

Anaya almost felt her heart stop whenever she thought about looking up at someone. She remembered the beatings when she used to look into her mother's eyes. It was painful and at that young age it was very hard to cope with those injuries. Now she had grown used to it but that psychological shadow was still casted over her mind.

"I am not ranked and it is rude to look directly at an Alpha." Anaya reasoned.

"It's okay to look at me, I won't eat you up." Alpha Roman chuckled. The sound of his laugh was like a beautiful melody entering through her ears and stabbing right into her heart. These sensations were washing over her like tremors whenever he spoke.

What the hell is wrong with me? Anaya asked herself. Her body was reacting so weirdly around this man. Is this an Alpha effect?

"Come on, look at me. Am I ugly?" Alpha Roman joked. Anaya pushed the locks of hair behind her ear and looked to the side. Her hooded lashes lifted up to reveal a pair of beautiful dark blue eyes.

Alpha Roman was taken aback. Those eyes were dull and lifeless; completely empty. They had the

Chapter 26 : Empty Eyes

potential to be the brightest and the most beautiful eyes but someone had stole the light from those eyes and filled them with darkness and pain. Alpha Roman felt a hold in his chest, a pain he never felt before.

Anaya saw Alpha Roman's change of expression

Ad

Ads-free >

and thought he was repulsed by her sunken cheeks, pale complexion and overall dullness. She let her hair fall back around her face and looked down again.

Alpha Roman was full of life and color. His blue eyes were the brightest, it also reminded Anaya of the boy who has saved her in the pool. But no

Chapter 26 : Empty Eyes

matter how much she liked his looks, it didn't mean anything.

Anaya was still Anaya. The same old Anaya with no merits.

Anaya was dwelling in her self depreciative thoughts when she felt a warmth next to her face. The hair around her face was lifted up and carefully tucked behind the ear. Warm fingers brushed against her cheek and left a trail of redness when it touched.

"Much better." Alpha Roman said.

Anaya clenched her jaw to calm herself down. Her face was exposed to him now. But Alpha Roman didn't stop there. He tapped her chin gently and lifted her face so it was looking straight at him.

Anaya saw his face and was captured in a trance.

"Others can't look at the Alpha when talking to them but you can because I give you permission to look at me." Alpha Roman said.

Anaya broke out of the trance and blinked. The empty eyes were filled with curiosity. Alpha Roman liked this development. If he could fill those eyes with light, joy, happiness and love, how wonderful would that be?

