

Chapter 4 - Owned By Her Triplet Bullies

Emma's POV

"Your date?" My eyes widened. I couldn't believe what I just heard. And the fact that the question came from Alexander made it more emotive and shocking. But what about Hailey? What were they planning on doing with her? I'm sure she would kill me if she heard they asked me to the prom and I agreed. Besides, I already told her I wasn't going.

"Please, Emma, don't say no." Julian begged.

Wow! Things have really changed.

"But, what about Hailey?" I asked and they exchanged looks.

"Hailey is there, but you are the one we want, Emma." Philip held my hands and I felt a strange sensation rush down my system. These guys certainly had their way with women.

I sighed. "Alright, I'll be your date to the dance." I agreed and they cheered happily. Philip and Julian pecked both sides of my cheeks, and I felt my face redden. This had to be the happiest moment of my life. I couldn't believe it. I was going to be the date of the three hottest guys in school. My heart leaped for joy just at the thought of it.

I needed to tell John about this because it was too good to be true. My life just changed drastically, and hopeless me found a reason to be happy again.

We spent some time there, and after we were done, we entered the car and Alexander drove us home. When we got home, they squeezed my cheek gently.

"We will see you later. We have some business to discuss with our father." Julian winked.

"Sure," I answered. They blew me kisses and left. I looked up at the sky and thanked the moon goddess for finally giving me an answer and stopping my suffering.

Since the triplets stopped me from doing house chores, I had a lot of time for myself. With the prom in mind, I hurried to my room and grabbed my piggy bank. I have been saving my money there for a while now. I'm going to use it to buy a nice dress for prom.

I took all the money and headed for John place first. He was about to lock up and leave when I got there.

"Hi, John. Where are you off to?" I asked.

"I was about to come see you. You've been so busy with the triplets lately that you don't have my time anymore." He pouted.

I smiled apologetically. It wasn't my fault that the Triplets stopped other boys from coming close to me. "I apologize," I smiled at him.

"No problem. At least, you've come to see me." He replied with a smile and I nodded.

"Let's go to our usual spot," I held his hand and we left. We got to the tree and sat down.

"Emma?" John called and I turned to face him.

"Yes?"

"You know we're best friends and I love you, right?" He asked and I nodded, not knowing why he was asking such a question when he obviously knew the answer. "And you know I care for you and wouldn't want you to get hurt, right?" He asked.

"Yes. What happened? Why all these questions?" I asked.

He sighed. "Don't you think Julian, Philip, and Alexander's sudden attitude towards you is suspicious?" He asked.

"What do you mean?" I arched my brows.

"I think they're planning something big for you. How can people who hated you so much, bullied and hurt you in different ways wake up one morning and become nice to you? Isn't that suspicious? Don't you think that there's an ulterior motive?" John asked.

"That was what I thought before, but with time I realized that they were sincere, John. They treat me better now. They even asked me to be their prom date." I giggled as I told him, and he shook his head.

"I'm disturbed, Emma. I'm anxious for you. My instincts tell me that they're up to something, and my instincts are never wrong." He probed further.

"Your instincts are wrong this time, John. On a serious note, they've really changed. They treat me better now and even stopped Hailey from bullying me. They've been there for me, showering me with love." I stated, hoping he would understand my point. The boys have changed for real.

He sighed and ruffled his hair. "I am still restless but please, be careful. I don't want you to get hurt and heartbroken in the end." He smiled.

"Sure, no problem. Now, follow me to the boutique. I want to purchase a gown for prom." I giggled and we got down from the tree.

We talked and laughed as we walked to the boutique. When we got there, I checked out some gowns and settled on the one I could afford. It was a blue off shoulder gown with silver embroidery and stones. When I tried it on, it reached my legs and flowed as I walked, but it was beautiful.

“Nice one.” John patted my shoulder and I chuckled.

Prom night finally came, and I made sure I looked my best. I used Hailey's makeup without her permission but made it mild, so she wouldn't notice. I also borrowed one of her silver heels for the night. Since she had lots of them, she wouldn't even notice if one goes missing.

I let my hair down in waves and sighed. I couldn't wait to see what the triplets would wear.

They made one of the chauffeurs take me to the school, telling me they'd come to meet me there. I met John and the girl he said he was interested in and stood, chatting with them. I waited for some time and the boys were not here yet, making me anxious.

“Calm down. They'll be here soon.” John patted my shoulder and I nodded.

The students gave me awkward looks, but I ignored them. I might not have dressed to kill like them, but the Triplets liked it, so it was something to be proud of.

I heard people cheering, their eyes fixed in one direction. I followed their gazes and saw the triplets coming in with Hailey. And damn, they looked gorgeous. Julian had the bad boy look, Philip had the flirty look, while Alexander looked casual and damn handsome. Hailey looked wonderful too, but why were they here with Hailey?

I smiled when they walked towards me and people's eyes followed.

Philip walked up to me and held my chin. He traced his fingers along my jawline. My body shivered as I leaned into his intoxicating touch. I could feel people's eyes on us, but I didn't care. All I anticipated was what he was going to do.

He leaned closer in an attempt to kiss me and I shut my eyes and moved closer to kiss him back, but nothing came. When I opened my eyes, I saw him looking at me like he was repulsed by my presence. He moved away, and I fell flat on my face since I was leaning on him.

The students burst into laughter immediately, and my heart broke.

I sat up and looked at them. They had bemused expressions on their faces.

“Oh my gosh! That was epic. She is so gullible!” Hailey laughed.

They tricked me and I fell for it. So, everything was all a lie. The affection, the compliments, the advances, they were all lies. Cunning lies!

I didn't mind the laughs and jeers from the students, as the only thing I could concentrate on was the pain in my heart.

They fooled me!

I swiftly stood up, covered my face and ran out of the place in tears.