

Chapter 10 - Penny

Elizabeth POV

School is the worst. This last month is going to drag by, I can already tell. Especially with me nding my mates, and those mates being the future Alphas of the pack.

I walk into the bathroom before lunch, trying to hurry so I didn't miss too much of lunchtime. I'm washing my hands when the head b***h herself walks in: Penny. Beside her are her two "friends", Athena and Star. They always make my life hell, and since they're friends of Callum's I don't bother retaliating. I always knew he'd be upset with me if I did.

I try and walk past them when Athena and Star grab my arms and push me back.

"Not so fast you little slut," Penny says with a creepy smile on her face, "we have a little talking to do."

I roll my eyes before saying "About what? As far as I know we have nothing to talk about."

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"How DARE you speak to me that way. You know exactly why. Somehow you tricked the Alphas into thinking YOU were their mate. YOU. Out of anyone it should have been ME. I don't know how you did it but you're going to pay." She shrieked.

I opened my mouth to speak and felt her st collide with my face. Athena and Star were still holding my arms. Penny kicked me in the stomach several times, until I fell to my knees. I covered my face with my hands, but that didn't stop her. At this point I'm pretty sure all three of them are kicking me.

"ENOUGH"

The girls instantly stopped. They had to, they could not resist that command. Callum was there, and he had just used his Alpha voice to make them stop.

"But Calllllll," Penny whined, "She's nobody, why would you take her side?" Penny was hanging off of his arm at this point.

"YOU WILL NOT DISRESPECT YOUR FUTURE LUNA LIKE THAT. IF I CATCH YOU EVEN LOOKING AT HER WRONG AGAIN YOU WILL PAY. NOW LEAVE." Callum seemed pissed.

The girls ran out of the bathroom and Callum came over to me. He picked me up and held me close as I lay my head on his chest.

Wait.

What am I doing.

This is Callum.

Nonono.

I start to panic as I realize what is happening. I struggle against him, and he reluctantly lets me down. I bolt out of the bathroom and run outside the school, stopping only when I realize I have nowhere to go. Isaiah and Danny drove me to school this morning, so I had no way home unless I walked. I sat on the ground and put my head between my knees. I felt arms go around me and could instantly tell it was Isaiah.

"What happened my Luna?"

"Pennys b***h brigade beat the s**t out of me but Callum stopped them and then held me close and like I liked it but I can't like it and I don't know what's happening and I just I mean he hates me why would he stop it there's just no reason for him to stop it he hates me." I rushed all of the words out and took a deep breath. Isaiah just held me for a moment before saying "wanna go home?" I nodded my head in response.

"I think it's time they talked" I heard Danny say from somewhere behind Isaiah.

"I agree. My little Luna, do you trust me?"

"Well when you ask like that it makes me feel like I should say no," I giggled, "but yes I do".

"You and Callum need to talk. I'll have him meet us back at the house okay?"

"I guess it has to happen eventually." I mutter.

"Good girl!" Isaiah smiled at me, then picked me up and carried me to the car. The three of us drove home in silence. I knew one of them would have mind-linked Callum, so he wouldn't be too far behind us.

We get home and I sit on the grass out front.

"You don't want to go inside princess?" Danny questioned

"No, being outside calms me. It will make it easier to talk"

I watched as his car pulled up and he got out of it slowly. His eyes seemed a little puffy, as if he had been crying, but I'm sure that's just the light hiring him weird.

He sits down about a foot in front of me and just looks at me. We stare at each other for a few moments, before he nally breaks the silence.

"I don't hate you. I never have. I'm so sorry." Tears start to come down his face as he speaks. I have an urge to go closer to him, to brush the tears away. f**k it. I give in to the urge and move towards him, wiping the tears from his face. I wrap my arms around his neck and bury my face in his neck. He wraps his arms around my waist and holds me tightly while whispering "I'm so sorry my love. I'm so sorry." Over and over again. We stayed like this for a while, one of my hands moving up to stroke his hair. Finally his breathing evened and he was done crying. I pull back from him slightly, and ask "why then? If you never hated me, if you wanted me as your mate, why treat me like that for all these years?"

He shuddered and took a deep breath.

"To protect you. It's a long story and kind of hard to believe, but I'll give you the short version now. Penny is batshit crazy. She has some sort of powerful connections that allow her to take down whoever she wants. I overheard her talking about it on several occasions to Athena and Star, and her stories coincide with accidents people had. The issue is, there isn't enough proof. And even if there was, we can't just deal with her, we have to take down the people she has working for her too. So I've never been able to do anything about it. I told dad, but he agrees. Until we gure out who she's working with or has working for her, we can't do anything."

"Okay, but what does that have to do with me? She already hates me."

"Well, that's the thing. I noticed she tended to target you more if I said something nice about you or defended you. Penny's always been in love with me, probably more with my position than me, and anyone who has my attention is a threat to her. So I became an ass to you. I wanted to stop once I discovered you were actually my mate, but I knew you were scared of me. I didn't mean to scare you that day, there was just a lot of s**t going on and I was low on sleep. I know it's not an excuse, and I can explain more later if you'd like. I understand if you can't forgive me though, I was a d**k. But please don't reject my brothers because of it. They deserve to be happy, and so do you. You'd be happy with them."

I nuzzled into his neck. "I'm willing to give it a shot, but that doesn't mean I forgive you yet. You'll have to do a lot more groveling and begging if you want forgiveness" I said cheekily. "Now, how do we gure out what connections Penny has?"

None of the boys spoke up for a minute. Then, I heard rumbling sounds. It was all of our stomachs.

"Can we eat lunch rst my love?" Callum asked.

"Of course! I'm starving!" I gave him a quick kiss on the cheek and ran inside the house. The boys quickly followed, and I noticed the smile on Callum's face as he walked in too.

We ended up ordering Chinese food, and we all cuddled on the couch laughing and talking until it got here.

Callum sat on the oor between my legs and massaged my feet while Danny and Isaiah sat on either side of me.

Isabelle was prancing around in my head, happy that all three of her mates were all together.

We ate lunch, then I looked at them again.

"So, does anyone have a plan?"