

**Chapter 102**

I pick at my food for a little bit, I need to eat, I can't afford to get sick and look even weaker to Ryker. Maybe I will go to the gym and run on the treadmill before I start my school work, just to clear my head. I can't be distracted by him with another woman, even if it is Amy. He doesn't want me, I know that. But he literally could have picked anyone other than her. I just wish he wouldn't give me mixed signals. Last night it was like he and his wolf were fighting about being close to me. I figure the mate thing probably compels his wolf to want to be near me. But they don't want a weak human. I shake my head. He's not worth this amount of space in my head. Focus Ken. I will get through this.

There's a soft knock on the door. The only person who doesn't just enter is Robin and she's probably the only person I don't care about invading my space.

"Come in." I shove another forkful of food in my mouth, I can't have her worried about me and distracted from her actual job. I can't have the only people who are nice to me angry because I get them in trouble with their alpha.

"Hey, I saw you leave. Is there anything you need?" I know she saw Amy walk in with Ryker, but she's trying to bypass that part of the conversation.

"I'm fine. The alpha can do whatever he wants as he has pointed out several times. If she is what he wants, there isn't a lot I can do to stop him." My stomach drops as I say that, but I school my features.

"He's just..."

"Nope! I don't want to know." I throw my hands up. "I'm just here until he can figure out what to do with me. We both know that. I don't know

why your Goddess made us mates, but he clearly doesn't want one, or more specifically doesn't want me. I'm just going to keep focused on school and getting my business degree so I am ready when he's done with me and kicks me out." She looks horrified and like she wants to argue, but I'm on a roll now. "Speaking of school, is my laptop and phone ready? I know I have the computer here, but I like to move around so the laptop is better." I haven't even touched the computer. I refuse to sit at a desk that will never be mine. I will just maintain my guest status and be good with that. "I need to check in with Jeremiah. I haven't talked to him in a weeks. The longest we've ever gone without speaking was two days and that was when he found Rayna. I could just use a friend right now." I blink away more tears.

"What about Bennet or me? Could you talk to us? Can we help?"

"I don't think so. You both have a job to do and it has been made very, very clear that I am distracting you both from more important things." I rub my face. "Listen, you have to follow orders and your loyalty to your alpha is very important. I'm not going to get in the way of that or even ask you to choose between the two of us. If you could just get me a cell phone, even if it only has you, Bennet and Jeremiah as contacts I will be good and I promise that I will tell you if I need anything and I won't go anywhere without asking. Being able to text will give us all more room to breathe. I'm going to go run on the treadmill for a bit then I will be back up here to work for the day. I'll let someone know if I change plans." I walk to the bathroom to change, cutting off the conversation. I just hope she's gone when I come out.