

Chapter 109

"What have I put her through?" This is a dumb question, but I need to buy time. She knows something I don't and that is not a good thing. I need her talking.

"She is a prisoner in her own house and yet she rises above it every day, smiling and showing kindness to the omegas working in her home. She's an athlete, a warrior, but she isn't allowed to train with the rest of us, so she does the best she can in the packhouse gym, alone. You took away the only forms of communication she had for her friends and family back home, but instead of trying to sneak around she asked us to help her get messages to your sister and her brother AND make them sound like everything was fine. When Robin finally gave her a phone, she still lies to them so they won't worry."

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"How does that make her a good mate?" I cross my arms over my chest. It just sounds like she's adapting to her surroundings. "And why would she need to lie? She has everything she could ever need. She can buy anything she wants without question. The best cooks and cleaning omegas are at her disposal. She has the best of everything." 1

"From what I have been told she doesn't spend time with or talk to anyone. The warriors think you may have threatened her in some way." 1

"WHAT?! I would never do that to any woman, even the ones I don't like."

"We know that, but not everyone does. She steers clear of any males, one male in particular she avoids like the plague. One she should be the closest with other than you. Bennet thinks you might have hurt her out of jealousy and that's why she doesn't talk to him. He's afraid to go near

her. He thinks she's afraid... of you. They are both hurting from the separation and it shows."

"That's the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard. Bennet knows me better than that. Why wouldn't he just ask? He's been blocking me for weeks."

"You barely spend any time at home and don't talk to either of them when you are. You are the only one who can squash the rumors."

"Oh, so there's rumors now?"

"Alpha," The word comes out as a quiet breath. Greta looks at me with a 'seriously' look. "Warriors are worse gossips than the teenagers. Your Luna talks to no one, unless she has to. She's not allowed to leave the packhouse without a guard and she believes that she's an inconvenience so she rarely asks to leave. They think you've figured out how to alpha command your luna." Her tone is going from exasperated to hostile quickly as she takes a menacing step towards me and points. "I saw bruising on her stomach myself the other day, I know others have probably seen them too. Especially if she doesn't realize they're there and she wears a cropped shirt. She doesn't spar anymore and it's not in a place that can be easily done to herself. You do the math. If no one is laying a hand on her, then she is putting up with your infidelity and I don't see any bruises on you. I would say her track record for being a good and loyal mate is better than yours right now. She may not even know what is happening, or maybe she does and is afraid to ask for help."

I can feel the blood drain out of my face, Bennet basically said the same thing last night. But I recover quickly. "She doesn't have a wolf! That can't be possible." I'm close to shouting. It can't be my fault. She doesn't have a wolf so it doesn't work like that right? I can't feel her and she can't feel me.

Greta takes her power stance again. "Should I have her test the theory? Tell her she can sleep with any male she wants and see if bruises show up on you or if it causes you pain."

"NO! Absolutely not!" Now my wolf is crawling to get out of my skin.

"Then go home and stop acting like a chickensh*t. Everything here is ready. Claude and his little packs of rogue scouts can be handled by any of us. We'll let you know if we need you." Her voice goes softer, but no less stern. "I'm going to say it and I don't care how mad you get. I know you are afraid of the mate bond, but this bullsh*t is affecting the whole pack. I don't think she would be unfaithful, but right now you are basically setting yourself up for failure. I'm surprised she's lasted this long." 