

## Chapter 84

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"Bossman. Give me something, man. My ears are bleeding and she knows it." Josh whines. "We could use her for torture tactics. Seriously. Anything. Let me tell her something. I could talk to her about f\*cking stickers for all I care, just let me talk to her."

"No. I don't know enough about her to know if she can be trusted with the most basic information. And all of you are quick to give her whatever she wants. Once she gets you talking, who knows what she will throw into the conversation. She already got Bennet at breakfast this morning."

"You mean on their date?" Danny throws in. Why he thinks now is a good time to piss me off, I do not know.

"It wasn't a f\*cking date. And she got him to spill her entire security detail in a matter of seconds."

"That is something she should know about. Especially if something happens to me. She needs to know there is someone else close to feel safe." Bennet is too gentle with her. She should just know that people are set to protect her and be good with that.

"The protocol around our Luna is a need to know situation for a reason. Now she can tell anyone in earshot how many people are trailing her at all times. She can't even sit in a car quietly for a few hours. Who's to say she wouldn't just start running her mouth to the first person she meets?"

"Maybe if we were allowed to talk to her, she wouldn't just go around talking to anyone else." I am going to throat punch Bennet before the day is over. I can feel it. ①

Josh breaks through my thoughts. "This is definitely a controlled form of torture. She knows what she is doing. I am ready to take a page from her book and jump out this window." I roll my eyes while the rest of the guys laugh in my head. My beta isn't usually one for dramatics. But at least she has some defenses. I have to fight a smile at the brilliance and stupidity of the situation.

"Hey, boss." Bennet chimes in tentatively. He's running the left flank next to her car. He already has a soft spot for her. I guess it's to be expected since he is her gamma, but he is so easily swayed by her it's disturbing. "In all honesty, she's bored. We all have something to do. You are working and the warriors are focused on protection. Can we give her her bag and let her study? She's used to being busy. It's just a suggestion, but it might help."

"Fine. Greta?"

"Yes, Alpha?"

"When we stop, go through Kennedy's bag and remove anything electronic that may have a tracer on it. I want them thoroughly checked before she uses them. She can have her school bag for the rest of the trip."

"Yes, Alpha. She will appreciate the gesture."

F\*ck! Kennedy has her too. I could hear the 'good boy' in her remark. She's been around my mom for too long. I take a deep breath and let it out slowly.

"Alpha, we're about ten minutes from our next stop."

"Thanks Rick. Coordinate with the other drivers and make sure we pull all the way to the back of the building and set a perimeter. The Luna will

be getting out to stretch her legs." 1

"Yes, sir."

I mindlink the rest of our team what is happening. Kennedy has chosen to stay in her car at every stop so far. I won't give her a choice this time. If she is this bored and driving my team nuts, she needs to get out and move around. I won't let her act like a child and distract them. This is when sh\*t usually hits the fan.

We pull into a rest stop that is neutral territory and managed by several different packs. There shouldn't be any issues here, that would be detrimental for everyone, but it is a great place for an enemy to gauge the size of the team we are traveling with and set up an attack down the road. By sticking close to the back entrance we can conceal some of our numbers and more importantly, Kennedy's presence.

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I don't travel with women outside my warrior team, ever. Not even my mother travels in the same vehicle as me, so having Kennedy in my car would be a blatant invitation for someone to attack. There was no time to explain the situation to her before we left, not that it would have made any difference, she's too immature for that. She needed to be separate from me to not draw attention. I will not put anyone's lives in danger simply because my wolf couldn't leave her behind. 1

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