

Chapter 0052

I know that I wanted the Little Brat to be miserable and pay for her role in getting Stephanie killed, but for some reason, I had always just assumed that she was still being loved and taken care of at home. In fact, that was one of the reasons that I made sure that she was tormented at school, and why even now I believed that she deserved further punishment. 1

Of course... if Nick told me three months ago that his family had been ignoring Lily for the past six years, would I have cared? I do not know, but I do not think so. So maybe it really is the mate bond. making me soft.

Urgh.

Either way, I was starting to realize that I have made a lot of assumptions about a lot of things... and I was also starting to wonder whether Dr. Hyder may have been on to something when he accused my parents of putting their heads in the sand.

Double urgh. Okay, time to focus.

"Mother, where does Father keep the files on pack members? I want to look at Lily's file."

"James, please let this go. You have already rejected Lily and she left the pack. She ---"

"I want the file, Mother," I said firmly.

"James..."

"Mother, after the story that you just told, you are not exactly in a position to be giving a lecture or advice about anything. Where is the file?"

My mother flinched at the second jab, but then pointed to a set of cabinets in the corner of my father's office. Like the human world, pack business had gone almost entirely digital. However, my father still preferred to have a paper file with basic information about each of our pack members. He likes the nostalgia of it, having learned to do it that way from my grandfather, who learned it from his great-grandfather.

I went over to the cabinets and located Lily's file. I quickly glanced through it until I found the information that I was looking for. It took a few seconds to register the import of what I was looking at, but when I did, the second bomb that Dr. Hyder had set for me exploded.

(Lily POV)

I looked at myself in the full-length mirror. I was wearing a short green party dress that somehow managed to accentuate my eyes and my legs at the same time. I half-wondered if the image in the mirror was really me.

"You look ravishing," a deep voice behind me said.

I turned around and took in the handsome male wolf standing before me. He was wearing a long sleeve button-up shirt and dark jeans, and he was towering over me; even though I was wearing heels, my head only barely reached his shoulders. Meanwhile, his fiery red hair was loose, instead of its normal half-up man-bun, and it fell a couple of inches below his ears, revealing his beachy waves.

"Hi, Brady," I smiled. "Do you think it is too much? I feel a little overdressed. I do not want to look like I am trying too hard."

"I think you look perfect. But if you are feeling uncomfortable, the easiest solution is to take the dress off. I would definitely be willing to help you with that if you want," Brady responded flirtatiously.

I rolled my eyes and gently hit him on his arm. "Are you ever going to stop with the sexual innuendos?"

Brady rubbed his chin and thought for a moment. "Perhaps I will once you finally agree to sleep with me."

I raised my eyebrows.

"Ok, fine, you are right. I probably will not stop even then. But at least then I will have better material to work with."

I laughed and grabbed my purse. "At least you are honest. Okay, Alpha Hyder, are you ready to keep your promise?"

"The promise to f&k you senseless until you forget the

name of that awful ex-mate of yours?" 1

"Brady!"

"What? You did not clarify which promise you were referring to. I have made a lot of them to you, you know."

"I meant your promise to take me to the party tonight and help me start to make some new friends."

"Oh, that one. Of all the promises to hold me to, that is the one you want me to keep? That is so boring! Can't you at least consider my promise to f--"

"Brady Hyder!"

He chuckled and held out his hand. "Come on, my lady. We have a party to get you to."

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"*Finally, a brief glimpse of Lily! Don't worry; I won't leave you hanging too long. Later chapters will explore how she escaped West Mountain Pack and how things have changed for her since leaving.*"

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