THROUGH THE EYES OF MY ALPHA by Cassandra M Chapter 9

I watched as Nadia stormed off from my office without even thr owing a glance at me. It left m e in a foul mood.

I also didn't appreciate my Beta flirting with her, so I had to remind him to back off. I hope he got the warning and stayed away fr om her because I would fucking castrate him if he made any move at her. 1

My nose was still flaring with anger. I had no fucking idea if I was pissed off with Dominic or more with myself.

What was I thinkingwhen I blurted out that rejection? It was the last thing I wanted to do. My mark on herwas my only link to her, and I never wanted to erase that bond. I wanted her. But the thought of her not wantingmy mark pained me. What do I need to do so I canmake her stay?

If I ordered her to stay, then it would be another Andrea again. And I didn't think I wanted to **take** the risk of her hating me. And it's the biggest reason I was ready to reject her, so she could have what she wanted. But did she? She stopped me.

Fuck! She kissed me I closed my eyes and rubbed my palms a gainst my face, fucking confused with everything in m y head ri ght now. "Are you done staring at the empty door?" Jacob's m ocking voice snapped me back to the **present**, and I turned my

head in the direction of his voice. The fucker was taking anothe r sip of my expensive rum. "What the fuck are you still doing here? And who told you you're welcome to drink that?" I walked o ver to him and grabbed the bottle on the desk in front of him, sealing its cork tightly before placing it back in my liquor cabinet. "Relax. I know we just cockblocke d you, but don't you think you were going too fast? Is everyth ing okay between you now?" 1. "We even hardly talked, when you bolted in unannounced." I sighed in desperation as I slumped my body int o my chair.

"I felt your fucking aura seeping through the office door, so I rushed in. What riled you up?" "I almost rejected her."

"What? The fuck, Riley. Don't tell me you don't like her. Beca use you looked like a smitten dog, mind you, not a wolf, but a fucking dog while looking at her. What's with the rejection dr ama?"

"That's why she was here, right? She wanted that mark gone." "Idiot! Are you a fucking Alpha? Her uncle wanted that mark gone. But I didn't even think for

a second that she wanted it away. You told me you marked her three full moons ago, so why did she show
up just now? Beaten and dragged by her uncle?" 2 Fuck! He j ust called me an idiot, but I would have to agree with this fucker. She didn't want my mark gone
from her, and that's why she kissed me. Are females really this

fucking hard to read? 2 "Instead of rejecting her, why didn't you ask where

she had been for the last th**ree months and why** did she run aw ay from you? There's more to that female than what meets the eye. Get **to know** her. If she's not worth your time and the Luna title, then reject her. Let her go."

My heart constricted at the last part.

I didn't even think for a second that she wasn't worth my time or that she wouldn't fit as my Luna. The question was, would she give me her time so I could prove my worth as a mate, as her Alpha?

"I don't want to do to her what I did to Andrea," I told him my truth. My voice was low, but I was hoping he couldn't sense the insecurities in it.

"What do you mean?" His brows furrowed.

"I confined Andrea here. I took her by force by blackmailing her. In the process, s he hated me. If Nadia turns out to hate me, I don't think I ca n live with that..." "You like her..."

I snorted a fake laugh. "The last three months were fucking hell without her. I don't think you will understand."

"I do. I lost Clair for a fucking two weeks and my only motivation to get u p every morning was that she was alive and I have the chance to find her. I didn't know where she was or who had her, but I didn't stop until I took her back. But you have Nadia here, so forget about the last **three** months. Ask her to stay, nicely. Offer her protection from her uncle. If she doesn't want t o stay here in your packhouse, give her a house nearby. And fucking control your mood swings. Let your mate bond help you get the female you want." 2

"Did someone tell you you're fucking too smart for an asshole? But I'm not sure if that will **work on h**er. But I will try."

He chuckled, sipping his rum before pointing a finger at me. " You need to clean your act and step up as an Alpha again. Tr y to impress her."

BETA DOMINIC.

"I don't think a beautiful female like you fits in a..." I didn't get to finish what I wanted to say when Alpha Riley dug into my head, swearing at me and telling me to back off from flirti ng with Nadia. He was fucking angry, and as much as I wanted to taunt him because of all the stress he had given me for the last

three months, I knew when to keep my mouth shut. I could d o it some other day, I feel this female was important to him b ecause I saw them kissing.

Yes, I never saw my Alpha kiss anyone or hold anyone in his arms. Occasionally, I would see him hug Andrea, but that was it. He was never careless en ough to be seen kissing her, or

maybe he hadn't kissed her at all.

But Andrea is part of the past now. Fuck me! Why the fuck di d I mention Andrea earlier? It's no wonder Nadia wanted

away from her room and would rather sleep in the dungeon. Dungeons? Seriously?

"Where are you going?" I was at

the foot of the stairs, about to head up to the room Alpha Rile y wanted me to give her when I noticed Nadia had passed thro ugh me and was heading for the corridor. "Alpha Riley at the other building said I could stay..."She was biting her bottom lips and her eyes were watering. She looked like a lost cat, diff erent from her demeanor when she was inside the office, snarling at the Alpha. "No way. He instructed me to take you to the room upstairs. Come..." I gestured with my hand, urging her to follow me.

She let out a sigh before she walked toward the stairs and followed me.

"So, you and the Alpha. Have you met before?" "Yes. Three m onths ago." My head snapped back in her direction. Three mont hs ago, was it before the Alpha went into

sulking and stopped functioning as an Alpha? "What happened a fter you met?" "He didn't

tell you? Maybe because it was nothing to him." "Or I worth n othing to him as a Beta, so he didn't trust me with anything." My jaw clenched. I respected

and cared for Riley, and the thought that he had blocked me of f from his life was painful. I am his Beta. "Either way, one of us will still get hurt, right? So better not dwell on it." She s miled weakly, her eyes focusing on where we were heading. "W ill you tell me about you and him?"

"He marked me."

"Fuck! Did he force you? Shit! Did he go mad..." I felt my body starting to shake in anger. I have never voiced all my disapproval for all that he did to Andrea because I knew he would never lay a finger on her, but if he did this, I didn't think I could stay silent anymore.

"No, It was mutual. But I didn't know he would leave me after..."

"You let him mark you? Is he your mate?" My eyes darted to her neck, covered by her hair. I wanted to see if a fated mar k was on her neck or if Riley had really gone mad and just picked u pa female to replace Andrea.

Her hand flew to her neck as she gently rubbed it with her palms.

"Yes. Fated mate. But I don't think he wants me."

"Excuse me for saying this, but what I saw there when we cam e into his office, he has never done that with anyone, so I don't think he doesn't want you."

She stopped walking as she scoffed and crossed her arms over her chest, facing my direction, making me halt in my steps as well. "Even with Andrea?"

I nodded my head. "Even with Andrea." I moved forward and p ointed to the door ahead of us.

"That's the Alpha's room. Now, he said, you can select the roo m you want. Even the biggest room, but he wanted to have it renovated first, so if you want that big room, you have to wait for a couple of days before you can use it." "Couple of days?"

My brow furrowed. Was she going to complain that it would ta ke a couple of days for a room t o be renovated? That was fu cking fast already. com "You mean, I can stay more than one day?" Her eyes started to water again, and I was fucking confu sed now.

My hand flew to my hair and started scratching my head before I chuckled as I answered her." Looks like it. Otherwise, he w ould just let you use the guest room on the second floor. You

heck the rooms?" want to check the rooms?"

"No need. I'll take the one farthest from the Alpha." I nodded my head and started walking towards the end of the corridor. This floor has seven rooms, but the whole floor belongs entirely to Alpha Riley. No one has occupied this place except the Alpha's family in the past.

And Andrea. When she was here.

I opened the door and let her in while I stayed outside. I saw her eyes wandering around the room, but she kept her emotions in check. "Rest, I will have someone bring lunch for you." "Thank you." She turned ar ound and faced me, uncertainty written on her face. "Should I b e scared of Alpha Riley?". "No. He's a good man, he's just..." I stopped with my words when Alpha Riley's words rang in my head. 'What the f uck is taking you so long to come back? Did I just tell you to show her the room and **leave her alone**?'

I let out a sigh before I smiled at Nadia. I was fucking tired a lready, and the Alpha's mood wasn't helping. "Well, talk some other time. The Alpha is looking for me."

She smiled and bobbed her head, her hand holding on to the do orknob. "Okay, thank you."

I watched as she moved to close the door.

"Nadia, just be patient with your mate. He can be an asshole, but he just needs a woman to tame him down."

I didn't wait for her to reply before I turned on my heels and walked away. If my intuition was right, this female liked the Alpha. Alpha Riley just needed to figure out if he wanted h er.

And I hope he does because I know she would do good for him. I was already losing hope that he would get back on his feet and be the same Alpha that he was