

## Alpha's curvy bullied human mate - Chapter 7 Chapter 7: Missing

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Penelope

When you face your fears, or when you finally close the cycle of the worst experiences of your life, you're supposed to feel some kind of relief. You're supposed to feel good and even begin to heal...or so I thought.

So why did I feel so defeated? Instead of facing my fears, it seemed that I had increased them.

But it was clear to me that reality was beginning to manifest itself in a very different way. After that encounter with Nate, I was practically devastated. And the worst part, if that's possible... was not understanding why I felt that way.

The twins were very worried, of course, and I had to bite the bullet as if nothing had happened. But there were times during the day when I just kept thinking about what had happened, but... most of the time... I thought about how I had felt about that kiss.

Kissing Nate was... hands down the most fantastic and amazing experience I've ever had in my entire life. That... I said it.

Did it just have to be him? Did he just have to kiss me like that?

My whole body vibrated just remembering his lips on mine and his hands on my back, and for a few brief seconds I was someone else, my heart was racing and the whole world seemed like a fabulous place.

But of course, when reality hit, it was devastating. The fear I felt after that was beyond anything.

I did what I could and went back to work more panicked than ever, afraid I'd run into him somewhere and, frankly, wishing he wouldn't retaliate.

He was an Alpha, after all, and I didn't think he was going to sit idly by while I kicked him out of my house and rejected him. As human and unattractive to him as I was.

I didn't understand why he was so interested in me, and I hadn't seen him like that with girls before, as far as I could remember. But people can change.

"Are you okay, Penny?" asked Marianne and I practically jumped.

"Obviously not...if I could see you were going to have a heart attack just because I said hello! Not to mention that you've been pretty clueless all day... .... Is it because of our handsome guests? Since they have very little time left and we're going back to being a boring town where Andrew will still be the only good-looking boy in town," she asked, suspicious of me. We both looked sideways at the aforementioned boy wonder.

Poor Andrew was in charge of the drinks, and it was obvious that he was totally bored by the presence of the alphas, as all the girls kept muttering about the attractiveness of our guests.

"I think you were right, by the way," she adds, and I look at her quizzically.

"About what?"

"About those fabulous CEOs not having good intentions," Marianne says, and I swallow. Let's just say I had it coming, but I was secretly hoping I wasn't right.

"What happened?"

"Well...apparently some of the girls were invited to an after-party and some of the CEOs got intense," she says and I gasp.

I feel guilty that I didn't warn the others, I could have at least talked about Marco. He's a powerful man, but he shouldn't do what he wants outside his territory. Or inside it, for that matter.

"Fortunately, one of them showed up, a big guy, and put the others in their place and had the support of the others, including your admirer and his inseparable companion," she says smiling.

"My admirer?"

"Yes Penny...the hot as hell dark-haired beauty. He came out to defend the girls and in the end, there was nothing to be sorry about," she says, and I sigh, maybe the Moonstone Pack knows that Marco can't be trusted.

The Alphas, without Nate, continue to have their problems and I am particularly surprised to see Roger following me with his eyes wherever I go. I fear that his Alpha has told him something about what happened between us.

However I was quickly distracted when I overheard comments from several of our guests that I found extremely alarming.

"Looks like some humans are missing," one of the Alphas said. I didn't like snooping around other people's conversations, but I was the only human here who knew what these men were.

"There's no proof...it's just a rumor. And no Alpha is going to snitch on another Alpha, especially not to humans..." another said, Roger listening attentively.

I was worried, but no matter how many times I asked around the restaurant, no one seemed to know about the disappearances everyone looked at me as if I was saying something crazy.

"Penny, I think if someone went missing in this town where we all know each other, we would know about it," Jack told me very convincingly.

But of course I couldn't say where I had gotten this information. So I even went to the police.

"Miss, without a name and some data like date and description, I can't do anything," the officer told me very calmly.

"I don't have much information... I just heard about it... from our visitors, you know, the CEOs," I explained.

"Well, these men have brought money to the city and we should be grateful," he replied annoyed.

And I decided that it would probably be best to investigate a little more on my own. I felt I owed it to this town that had helped me so much, so after my shift was over, instead of going home, I wandered around a few times, trying to find out and get more information.

I checked some of the abandoned houses and some of the lots where the kids used to hide to smoke and do weird stuff, but there was absolutely nothing.

And no matter how many times I asked here and there, I only got the same information: some guy went to college, some girl left town because a boyfriend from another town... but no one who could be considered missing.

I was about to go home defeated when I heard an incredibly familiar voice just behind the only bar in town.

"For the first time in my life, I don't know what to do..." Nate said and I heard his voice hoarse as if he wasn't quite right.

"We've never cared about this before, and in another situation, I would tell you to leave it alone, but we know we can't turn a blind eye now. Something is going on in this town and it's probably werewolf stuff...and you know it," Roger said, trying to convince him.

"Not yet...I haven't made my decision... Beta," Nate said, speaking loudly as the Alphas did when they wanted to emphasize their position.

I remember Roger being a close friend of Nate's. Didn't pay much attention to me in the past, was more interested in training. He has brown hair and freckles.

He didn't seem surprised by Nate's attitude and was still arguing, which made it seem to me that the topic they were discussing was particularly important.

"Well, you know I have a duty...and I'm not going to let you ruin the pack," he said.

"Did you hear something?" Nate asked suddenly.

I was afraid they might have noticed that I was there, spying on their conversation. There were a few people on the street, but inside the bar, the smells could mix, so I quickly decided to go inside and pretend to be on my way to the bar.

There I ran into Andrew, the bartender who came by to work here after the restaurant closed. He was a really cute guy, nothing compared to the glorious werewolves of course, but he was a nice guy.

"Penny, how nice to see you here, you never come to visit!" he said with a smile.

"Yeah I ehhhh... let's just say..." I started stuttering, not knowing what to say.

"Don't worry, nobody needs many reasons to have a good drink, life itself is complicated enough to need it several times a day," he says and I laugh as he hands me a beer.

I stayed in, and chatted with him for a while, waiting for the right time to go home, always trying to look as casual as possible. And as the bar starts to fill up, Andrew leans against the bar and says to me, winking.

"You seem to be attracting a lot of attention tonight," he indicates, motioning for me to turn to the side, where I notice Nate and Roger eyeing me suspiciously in the distance. Nate seems to growl and I quickly turn away.

"I have to admit...I'm a little bit scared of them," I reply, trying to look natural when the reality is that I'm on the verge of trembling.

"I don't want to sound overly suspicious...but they're pretty strange guys," he tells me and I let out a laugh and hear grunts, no doubt coming from where they are.

After a few minutes I decide to go home after saying goodbye to Andrew and I see in the distance that Nate is giving me a look as if he is trying to restrain himself.

As I leave, I hear some footsteps behind me. I remember the subject of the disappearances and decided that the best thing to do is to get home as soon as possible.

My brothers had already returned to the pack, and I would be alone. But as soon as I got home, I heard a noise in the forest.

"Is anyone there?" I ask.

I know, I know... it's not a good idea, and it sounds like part of a horror movie scene, and I'm about to run home when something moves.

The most fantastic wolf I had ever seen in my life appeared. It was very big and dark-furred, and just seeing it brought a smile to my face.

"Hello there..." I said.