

## Four or Dead by G O A Chapter 13

Chapter 15

Emma...Present...

After breakfast, we quickly dressed for school and filed into Asher and Leo's car. Since the kiss Logan and I shared earlier that morning he was noticeably nicer to me and not subtle about the change in our dynamic. He grabbed my hand and led me to Leo's car so I could ride with them. It took no time to get to school and when we pulled in I immediately felt sick to my stomach.

After the car was turned off Leo turned to me.

"I know today is going to be a little crazy with how things have changed between you and us, but just ignore everything. We won't let you out of our sight, okay?" Leo reached back and squeezes my hand and I

nodded.

Logan opened his door behind me and quickly stepped up to my door and opened it for me. I hid a smile at his antics and climbed out with my backpack in hand. He closed the door for me and I stepped up to the curb as the other boys joined us. I stood still for a moment looking at our school and imagined all the bad things that could happen today. My thoughts were interrupted when I felt a hand slip into mine.

I turned my head to see Leo standing beside me and giving me a reassuring smile. I swallowed and we followed Asher and Jayden through the doors. Asher and Jayden's broad shoulders created a kind of a barrier in front of me, so no one seemed to notice me. Once we reached my locker the boys fanned out. around me and gave the other students nearby a clear look at who had been escorted in by The Dark Angels. I kept my head fixed in the direction of my locker even though I could feel all eyes on me.

"Hey, baby! What are you doing over here?" Andrea's voice came from my left and I groaned internally.

Here we go...

"We were just escorting Miss Emma!" Logan responded proudly.

I turn and offered a weak smile. "It's okay I think I can get around fine on my own."

I shot Logan a pointed look but he raised a brow at me like he had no intention of keeping this situation.

quiet.

Andrea laughed. "This is a joke, right? I mean...why would you help out this sewer rat?"

I turned and closed my locker ignore her comment.

"Shut up Andrea." A deep voice said and I turn to see Jayden step in front of me. "She is under our

protection now and we will happily demonstrate what that means to anyone, including you."

"Yeah so step off if you know what's good for you," Logan said stepping up and wrapping an arm around

Andrea's eyes grew comically wide and her mouth dropped open.

"Asher they can not be serious!" She yelled in a whiny voice that made Logan visibly cringe beside me.

I couldn't help the laugh that escaped at his reaction which snapped Andrea's attention to me. She stalked toward me and I instinctively took a step back or tried to but Logan kept a tight hold on me.

"Can't you see they are just messing with you little Rat? This is all a big joke to them, so don't think for a second that anything has changed." She said far too close to my face.

She was jerked back then.

"I don't condone hitting a girl but if you do not respect Emma then I will happily change my mind," Leo said squeezing her arm tight making her whimper.

He let her go and she huffed and turned to Asher with a pout on her lips.

"Baby, do you see how they treat me? Aren't you going to say something?" She asked in that same annoying voice.

Asher turned his attention from me and to her. "No, I think they covered everything. Also, you might want to call before coming over now that we have a new roommate."

Andrea gapes as his words connect in her mind. "She lives with you now? What the Hell Asher?!"

He sighed and moved toward me to stand next to Jayden and create a wall around me once again.

"Yes she does, and I don't want you coming around anymore with notice. Got it?" He spat out, patience was clearly running out. 10

I could almost see steam coming out of her ears the way she became so visibly furious.

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“Asher I swear we are over if this goes on! You don’t want to mess things up between us for her do you?” Logan let go of me and walked around Asher to stand in front of her.

“Emma isn’t coming between you, Asher is just smart enough to see when something is not worth his

time. Like you. Move on Andrea, you’re not welcome with The Dark Angels any longer.” Andrea screeched and looked to Asher expecting him to say something but he only shrugged.

“This is a big mistake! This isn’t over Asher! I swear you will be sorry!” She yelled before turning and stomping off with her minions following quickly behind her. (D

I fell back against my locker and groaned. “Why did you guys do that?”

They all turn to me and looked almost confused by my question.

“You are one of us now, and people need to know it,” Logan said matter-of-factly.

I shake my head. “But I’m not one of you, far from it. I asked for help with my dad, but this stuff...at school, I don’t need protection.”[2]

I grabbed my backpack from the floor and walked away not waiting for them to follow.

“Wait, Emma!” I heard Leo call out behind me but I ignored him.

When he caught up to me he grabbed my elbow to slow me down. “Hey come on.”

“Come on what Leo? You guys just announced to practically the whole school that I am your property or something, and you don’t think that there won’t be any repercussions?” I asked him with a wave of anger in my voice that surprised even me. 4

I didn’t wait to hear his answer, instead, I continued walking to my next class, which unfortunately was the same class as the boys. I didn’t protest though when they took the seats around me, but I did my best

to ignore them.

“Emmy...are you upset with us?” Logan asked with a pouty face.

I lifted my eyes to him and give him an unimpressed look, but I deflate when his fake pout fell and he looked genuinely concerned. Why did he make it so hard to stay mad at him? I groaned and dropped my head onto my desk in defeat. (2)

“Emma people need to know they can’t mess with you anymore,” Jayden said from the right of me.

I turned my head to look at him but I didn’t lift it from my desk. He met my eyes but didn’t say anything. more. He lifted an eyebrow in challenge but I conceded too easily. These boys were stubborn and bossy but I didn’t know why I was surprised. They were offering their help and I was dumb enough to not give specifics on what I wanted that help to be. So now I was stuck with four bodyguards and every eye on me.

I lifted my head and looked at Logan. “It’s fine, just something I will have to get used to I guess. This is weird for us compared to how things used to be”

He nodded in agreement. “Things are different now Emma, but get used to it because we are going to make sure everyone knows who has your back.” He threw me a quick wink before we turned away from me.

I shook my head and turned my attention to studying the notes in front of me. It was so weird being in the center of these boys and not being a victim of their specific flavor of bullying. Now they were my allies and I wasn’t sure how I felt about the way they pretty much láid claim to me in front of a bunch of people. This could be the biggest mistake of my life, but there was no going back now. Until I got my revenge they were a part of my world, whatever that meant. After the kiss I shared with Logan I could admit I was even more confused by all this than before. The waters of my life were muddy as hell and I was just trying to stay above water. Hopefully, the boys wouldn’t leave me to drown, because, after everything in my life, one more betrayal would be one too many. (2)