

A Pack of Their Own Novel

Chapter 8

WYATT: Why is my brat of a sister in the limo with your brat of a sister? I ask James
Because Nana sent Stephen for them this morning because it was raining, so now he is
taking them home, Nana doesn't do things halfway.

He tells me.

Do you think we can beat them home? I ask.

Yeah sure, Stephen is a fuddy duddy and will follow all the traffic and speed limit signs,
so no problem, but why? he asked me.

If we beat them home, I can make her get snacks for Demi and make sure she does her
homework, plus I forgot my football helmet.

I tell him.

JAMES: I link Jessie" Are you coming soon? I ask her.

Yeah, just got to grab my business book.

Wyatt and I are waiting at the truck, so hurry your butt up." I tell her.

Hey what happened with you earlier today? Wyatt asked me.

Jessie fucked up big time and I dont know how its going to turn out.

What did she do? Rejected Kes, and Kes accepted it, which put Jessie on her knees.

I tell him.

Oh, shit that had to hurt, but what about Kes, wont she get in trouble? I have no fucking
clue.

I tell him.

Im here lets go.

Jessie says.

KESKA: James truck goes bying by us as we wait our turn to exit the school lot, and like
the childish snobs that the older twins are he sticks his tongue out at me, like he is in a
race and is winning.

Its a good thing Adrian isnt here to see his antics.

I speak out loud to no one in particular.

Why is that? Stephen asked.

He told me at his ceremony that if James doesnt grow up and start acting like an alpha
should, then there would be no trade agreements between the packs.

Ouch, did you tell him, or anyone that? Mackie asks.

No, Im not stupid, I am just going to let things play out, give them enough rope, and if
James is too stupid to know and do the right thing than thats on him, not me.

I say.

And after what happened today with Jessie, lets hope that she finds her mate in a pack
that can teach her how to behave and treat people right.

Mackie states.

Only a couple more months till the twins birthday and only a month and a half till
graduation, and hopefully Jessie will find her mate.

We can only hope.

Stephen replies.

KESKA: As we pull up in front of Nanas house, she is outside waiting for us.

Nana both Mackie and I call out as we get out of the limo.

Good afternoon girls, hope you had a good day at school.

Nana says.

Mackie and I just look at each other and almost start to laugh.

Whats so funny girls? She asks.

Well Nana Keska here might end up in trouble.

Mackie says.

Nana raised an eyebrow at me.

And why is that? she asked.

Because I accepted Jessies rejection.

I say nonchalantly as if it were an everyday occurrence.

And when Mimi Sutter comes for the twins birthday I plan on accepting hers as well.

I Say.

Hmmm, yes well come inside you have homework and then some training with me.

Nana states as if I didnt just drop a bomb.

KESKA: Both Mackie and I sit at the counter in the kitchen and start with our
homework.

Mackie is smart, she can code, she has started to do personal security for some of the
kids at school to help keep bullies from getting into lockers, she does charge a small fee
for her service, \$5.00-\$10.00 per locker depending on the grade of the student.

Im not as good with math, I like my health class the best, so I leave that homework for
last, and start with my math first.

Mackies phone starts pinging like crazy.

"Where are you!? Why arent you home!?! You need to get snacks for Demi and make
sure she does her homework!!" Whats up? I ask her.

Wyatt is being a jerk like always.

She tells me.

whats he want? Me to come home and look after Demi so he can go Play she says putting
the word play in air quotes.

When we are done, I will come with you, tell him to just go and you will check in on her
when we are done.

I tell her.

OK." I am at Nanas, just go, Demi is old enough and big enough to take care of
herself." she sent back to him." Nanas? What are you doing there!?! You need to be
here to take care of Demi!!" Whats the problem girls? Nana asked, Wyatt is being a
baby, telling Mackie that she has to go home to take care of Demi.

I tell her.

Give me your phone.

She says to Mackie, and she hands Nana her phone.

"Now pay attention young man, Mackie is doing her homework with Keska at my
house, when she is done, she will return home to check on Demi. You can leave a note
for her to come here if she needs help, until then let her be, or it will take longer for her
to get things done, and therefore longer for her to get there, are we clear?" Wyatt looks
at James I think I just pissed off your Nana.

He tells James and hands his phone over to him to let him read the text message.

Naw, annoyed yeah but not mad.

What do I say to her? Apologize and just say that you were unaware that she was going
to do her homework there." Im sorry Nana I didnt know that Mackie was going to do
her homework there, I will let her work in peace.

Good, now run along and go do whatever it was you were going to do." Nana puts
Mackies phone down on the counter and walks over to put the tea kettle on.

WYATT: I have to go grab my helmet and we can go practice some of the new plays
coach gave us.

He runs upstairs, and a couple minutes later comes back with helmet in hand.

Lets go.

KESKA: It takes about an hour for us to get done with our homework.

Then Nana has Stephen take us to the Gammas house.

I will wait for you.

He tells us.

Mackie and I go in and check on Demi. Do you need any help with your homework
Demi? Mackie asked her.

Yes, I am having problems with both my math and my health classes.

It took us about 45 minutes to get Demi through her homework seeing as it was mine
and Mackies best subjects.

Do you understand things better now? I ask her.

I get it, I should be able to pass my test on Friday.

She says.

Will you be ok until mom and dad get home, or do you want to come with us back to
Nanas? Mackie asked her.

What are you going to do at Nanas? she asked.

Train.

I say.

Im good, I will stay home.

She says making a face at the training.

Then I guess its back to Nanas.

I say.

KESKA: We pull up to Nanas and get out of the limo.

Out back Nana calls out to us.

We head out back to see that there is an obstacle course set up taking up all of the back
yard.

When did you get this put in Nana? I ask her.

Stephen just finished it today while you were in school.

She tells us.

now you will start here at the back porch and work your way to the left then back to the
right, when you get to the balance beam you will have to watch your timing.

She tells us.

the first few times through, you can go at your own pace, but dont think you can
dawdle, its so you can get the feel of the course.

She says.

JAMES: We hit the football field with some of the first-year players and practiced till
around 5:30 when I got a link from Mom to come home for dinner.

Time to go.

I tell Wyatt.

Whats up? Mom just linked, time for dinner, so lets go.

I tell him.

CARLA: I rested for the rest of the afternoon, then around 4:30 I head to the kitchen and
consult with the cook on what to make for dinner.

We will have T-bone steaks, asparagus, and green beans in the air fryer and sweet
potato fries in the air fryer.

Its the twins favorite meal, and if something bad actually did happen at school today I
want them to have some comfort food to ease them.

At 5:30 I link James to come home for dinner, then I link Jessie to see where she is.

"Jessie are you home dear? Yes, mom Im in my room, why? Dinner will be ready in a
half hour.

OK, I will be down." DRAKE: Carla links me that dinner is ready and that we are having
the twins favorite dinner tonight.

I leave my office and head towards the stairs when I catch sight of some movement out
the front window.

"Carla when did your mother get an obstacle course? I dont know, why? Im seeing
things in her back yard.

What kind of things? High poles, something swinging that I cant make out from here.

I will link her later, for now come eat.

" DRAKE: I enter the family dining room and take my place at the head of the table, the
kids all take their places around the table.

So, anything interesting happen at school today I ask.

Both Lissa and Liam started to tell me how their day went, and that Liam had to break
up a fight between two of their classmates.

What happened to cause the fight in the first place? I asked Mich said that his older
brother was going to be the next Beta cause he was dating Star, Ben said that he would
only be Beta if they were mates, and they got into a fight over it, and I had to step in and
break it up.

I told Mich that Ben was right, only if they were mates, would he get to be beta, Mitch
wasnt happy to hear that.

You did good Liam, Im proud of you.

I say to my youngest son.

James, Jessie, what about you? Anything happen at your school? They both froze in their
seats, not really wanting to answer.

Did either one of you find your mates? NO they both say.

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We havent shifted yet so how could we have found our mates? James states.

Sometimes with alphas things dont always happen on the same timeline as it does for
others.

I tell them.

CARLA: Drake let it go, they said no, lets just eat, ok? Ok dear.

After dinner I link my mother to ask her about what Drake saw." Mother, did you get an
obstacle course put in your back yard? Yes." Is all she says.

KESKA: Mackie and I run the course a few times each, watching each others
performances, and helping coach each other.

With Nana there watching everything as we went.

Now, when you get to the upright poles you will have to jump to the next higher one.

She tells us.

Jump from like a squat up to the next one.

Nana coaches us as we run the course.

We stay running the course for about the next hour, hour, and a half when Nana finally
calls a halt to training.

Girls, I want you here three times a week working on this.

I dont care what three days but make it consistent.

Nana tells us.

Then Stephen takes us home.

Its after dinner when I walk through the pack house to the kitchen.