

Alpha-less 191

Chapter 191 I Believe In You

In the principal's office, the people inside looked at one another in silence.

"I'm sorry," Nico apologized on behalf of his mother.

Tessa looked at him, unsure how to comfort him.

Nico really was pitiful. Everyone envied him for having a good background and a powerful mother, but no one expected his situation to be so miserable.

"Nico, this has nothing to do with you. Someone's trying to go after me. You just happened to get caught in it."

"Don't look at me like that." Nico didn't like the way they were looking at him with pity in their eyes.

Nico left the principal's office. He felt that he still needed to talk to his mother. Maybe, just maybe, this could be the end of it.

"Tessa, go back to your class first. I'll figure something out." Lambert felt that he should inform Beta Nathaniel about this. "Mr. Hamilton, you should return to class too."

Once the two of them left, Lambert immediately called Nathaniel.

He only had Nathaniel's number because of what happened last time.

When Lambert called, Nathaniel was at Thorne Corp helping Landon organize official documents.

Since Ysabel also went to Navoris High, Nathaniel had saved Lambert's number the last time.

Seeing it was him calling now, he answered right away.

"Beta, this is Lambert Drake from Navoris High. Madam Dawson from the board is strongly insisting on expelling Tessa. I'm afraid I won't be able to hold her off."

"What? Madam Dawson? What nonsense is this?" Nathaniel couldn't help but frown.

Lambert respectfully explained everything that had happened over the past few days.

"Alright, I understand. Don't let anyone bully Tessa. Otherwise, you won't be able to handle the consequences."

Nathaniel hung up and immediately went to Landon's office to report.

"Alpha, you've heard about what happened to Tessa, right? Nico's mother Sharon completely humiliated her today! Even though Tessa talked back, someone daring to provoke them like this couldn't be tolerated.

"Okay."

"Okay? That's it? Why are you so indifferent? Did you and Tessa fall out or something?" Nathaniel was surprised.

I haven't checked in on Alpha and Tessa for a few days, and now things are already weird between them?

"Nathaniel!" Landon shot him a warning glance, a faint Alpha pressure radiating from him.

Nathaniel immediately gave an apologetic smile and explained, "Alpha, don't be mad. I'm just making a reasonable guess. But are you really planning to just stand by and do nothing? I think this is a perfect chance-rescue the damsel in distress, deepen your bond with her." Girls were always softhearted. If Landon stepped up now, Tessa would definitely be moved.

"She's not like other girls." Landon also wanted to help her with every problem she faced, but she wasn't giving him the chance. There was nothing he could do about that.

"Alright. If that's the case, I won't say more. I'll get back to work."

After Nathaniel left, Landon couldn't help but start missing Tessa again.

They had only been apart for a short time, but he missed her for no reason.

What is she doing now? Is she thinking about me too?

Thinking like this, Landon made a call.

As Hamilton and Tessa were walking out together, her phone rang.

"Mr. Hamilton, you go ahead. I'll take this call," Tessa said as she pulled out her phone.

"Tessa, I believe in you, but all this talk from everyone is not good, after all. Don't you think so?"

"Mr. Hamilton, if you have something to say, just say it Tessa replied. She thought this teacher was kind of cute. He really defended his students without hesitation

Seeing that Hamilton still wanted to talk, Tessa simply hung up the call.

Meanwhile, Landon had waited a long time, and she still didn't answer. In the end, she even hung up on him. His expression turned dark.

Miss me? Like hell she does? She actually hung up on me.

Landon stood up immediately, planning to head to Navoris High to find her.

Chapter 192 I Can Handle This

Hamilton was simply worried that Tessa would get hurt. He wanted her to quit the competition on her own so that the whole thing would blow over without angering Sharon.

But Tessa couldn't possibly back down, especially when it wasn't even her fault.

"Mr. Hamilton, thank you." Tessa knew Hamilton genuinely cared about her, so she had always respected him. "Before, I really didn't want to enter the physics competition, but now, I have to."

She didn't like Sharon's attitude, and she needed to teach her a lesson.

"Tessa, you..." Hamilton was honestly worn out from worrying about them. "Mr. Hamilton, don't worry! I can handle this. None of you need to step in." Hamilton still wasn't reassured. She is just a student. What can she possibly do?

But in the end, he said nothing and went back to his office.

Just then, Landon's call came through again. Tessa stepped into the hallway and picked up.

"I'm outside at your school entrance."

It's class time. What is he doing here?

"Mr. Thorne, class is about to start. What's going on?"

Haven't we just seen each other this morning? What could be so urgent that he has to come now?

"Nothing. I just called you, and you didn't pick up. I thought something happened, so I came."

Compared to Tessa's calmness, he felt a little ridiculous.

"I'm fine."

Landon didn't respond.

"Mr. Thorne, I'm really fine." Afraid he wouldn't believe her, Tessa said it again.

"As long as you're okay. I'll head back."

"Wait a second." He'd come all this way. She figured she should probably at least go out and see him.

Tessa headed downstairs, but as she turned the corner on the staircase, she overheard Anna on the phone with Winona.

"Winona, what now? You were the one who sent me those photos, and now everything's blown up. I seriously don't know what to do!"

Anna was genuinely scared. She had acted out of anger when she posted the photos.

But thinking about how terrifying Tessa was made her feel even more uneasy.

now? Why are you freaking out?" Winona had purposely fallen into the lake before to get Connor's attention.

She really didn't know how to swim, so she almost drowned.

Connor had saved her, but the shock had put her into a stress-induced fever, and she was still recovering at

home.

Still, hearing about Tessa's situation at school gave her a strange boost of energy.

Anna was nearly in tears. "You don't know how terrifying Tessa is."

"Come on, what can a powerless wolf-less freak like her even do to you? Don't panic, Winona said dismissively and hung up.

She had experienced Tessa's wrath before.

But she wasn't the one who posted the photos on the forum. Tessa would go after Anna, not her. Nothing to do with her.

"Hello?"

Anna heard the dial tone and sighed, putting her phone away.

Then she turned and saw Tessa standing on the stairs, watching her.

Her phone slipped from her hand and hit the floor. Her face went pale.

"Tessa, don't come any closer!" Anna shrieked in panic.

Tessa was speechless. Do I even do anything? Why is Anna acting like she's seen a ghost?

Anna turned and ran, but in her panic, she tripped on the stairs.

Her knee throbbed in pain, but she didn't dare stop. She got up and kept running. Tessa followed.

"Tessa, why are you following me?" Anna shouted.

"Winona can't help you."

Tessa stared at her with no expression. An aura of dominance naturally radiated from her-the kind born from surviving life-or-death trials in the werewolf world. That pressure made Anna even more terrified.

But Tessa didn't do anything to her. She just said her piece, then turned and left.

Still, Anna collapsed on the floor, frozen in fear.

Why does Tessa look so terrifying? What am I supposed to do now?

Chapter 193 She Clearly Knows

Since it was still class time and the school didn't allow students to leave without permission, Tessa simply climbed over the wall.

This time, Ysabel wasn't with her. She didn't even bother to disguise herself. Relying solely on her powerful jumping ability, she leapt onto the wall over feet high and jumped straight down on the other side.

Landon watched as she landed from the wall, his eyelid twitching slightly.

Seriously? Why climb a wall when she could just take the normal way out?

He stood by the car with a half-smoked cigarette between his fingers. When he saw Tessa approaching, he stubbed out the cigarette and tossed it into the trash

can.

When she reached him, he opened the car door and let her in.

Tessa got into the passenger seat and closed her eyes to rest.

She had only come out because he called her, but now that she saw him, she didn't feel like saying anything. So, she decided to nap in his car for a while.

"Didn't sleep well last night?" Is it because of Connor? That guy has been standing outside Wisteria Apartment all night.

"You should be the one who didn't sleep," Tessa said with her eyes still closed.

Landon remained silent.

So she already knows he didn't go home last night.

Tessa felt safe around Landon, so she fell asleep in his car without hesitation.

Looking at her completely unguarded expression, Landon let out a soft sigh. Even though Tessa hadn't fully figured things out yet, he knew he was special to her. At the very least, she trusted him enough to fall asleep by his side.

Thinking of that, Landon felt content.

Watching her breathing gradually slow and steady, he took off his suit jacket and draped it over her, then simply sat beside her and quietly kept her company.

Even if he didn't do anything, just being near her filled his heart with peace and satisfaction.

That afternoon, Winona showed up at school despite not being fully recovered, just to see Tessa's downfall.

A few girls close to her immediately rushed over with concern. "Winnie, now that Tessa's probably getting expelled, no one's ever going to bully you or fight you for Mr. Connor again."

"I know you mean well," Winona replied with a sorrowful look, "but no matter what, Tessa is still my sister.

She was thrilled on the inside, but her face remained full of sadness, looking like a helpless and pitiful angel.

"Winnie, you think of her as your sister, but she clearly doesn't think the same. If she did, she wouldn't have tried to take him from you."

"Exactly! You can't be too kind. Otherwise, you're the one who ends up getting hurt."

Anna listened to the girls around Winona and felt a wave of disgust.

They were always hanging around Winona, but seeing them act like this made her want to laugh. Others might not know what kind of person Winona really was, but she did, clearly.

Later, when Winona was alone, Anna approached her.

"Winona, this all started because of you. Are you really going to sit back and do nothing?"

Winona frowned, and the sweet smile on her face vanished.

"Anna, you'd better get your facts straight. You did what you did because you like Nico. What do you think he'll do if he finds out? And don't forget who Nico's mother is. If she finds out all of this started because of you, do you think you'll still have a place at Navoris High? As long as you keep quiet, Tessa won't say anything. Just don't do anything and it'll all blow over."

Anna's face turned pale.

Tessa doesn't know? No, she clearly does. She just hasn't told Nico yet.

She didn't even want to imagine what would happen if Nico found out everything

had been her doing. He would probably hate her forever.

Anna regretted it. If she hadn't lost her mind back then none of this would've happened. At the moment every day felt like living in fear.

Winona let out a cold snort and gave her a side glance.

Nothing had even happened yet, and she already looked terrified. People like this deserved to be bullied, deserved to be unloved, and deserved to only ever love someone in secret.

Ignoring Anna, Winona turned and walked toward her classroom.

But before she got there, she ran into Tessa in the stairwell.

Chapter 194 I Can Thrive in Navoris

At the moment, only Tessa and Winona were left in the room, and Winona couldn't help but smile triumphantly.

"Tessa, leave Navoris! This place really isn't suitable for you. Look at how much trouble you've caused in such a short time. Now, you're the enemy of every girl in the school. Everyone wants you expelled."

Now, Tessa had become like a rat running through the street, everyone calling for her downfall.

She no longer had a chance to turn things around.

Tessa lazily lifted her phoenix-like eyes and looked at Winona in front of her, mocking, "Winona, are you really that afraid of my presence? Since I came back, you must not be able to eat or sleep well, right?"

"You!" Winona didn't expect that even at this point, Tessa would still talk back. Suppressing her anger, she tried hard to appear composed. "I'm really just looking out for you. If you leave here, maybe things will get better for you."

"Don't worry about me, I can still thrive in Navoris."

Tessa was as arrogant as ever, making Winona want to just beat her to death. Although, with Tessa's current strength, she probably still wouldn't be able to win.

"Is that so? Since you want to keep going in Navoris so badly, then I can only wish you well." Thinking of how Connor had actually proposed breaking up, Winona felt deeply upset.

She really hated Tessa. How could someone so worthless, abandoned by both her pack and h change everything?

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Winona turned to leave, but Tessa spoke up. "Winona, do you feel especially happy seeing me become the enemy of the entire school?"

Winona clenched her fists, not turning back.

"How could I? Even though you don't like me, no matter what, you're still my sister, still a Sinclair. How could I be happy seeing you do something like this?" Winona replied hypocritically.

"Heh." Tessa couldn't help but sneer. "The thing I hate most is people like you. If you had even a bit of guts and confronted me head-on, I wouldn't dislike you so much."

"Tessa, you've really misunderstood. This time, I had nothing to do with it. She would never admit it, even if they beat her to death.

"If you say you had nothing to do with it, then I guess it's fine!" Tessa sneered and walked upstairs.

Winona watched her back, her expression twisted with anger.

"Tessa, what are you so smug about? What kind of person is Sharon? Do you think you'll be a match for Sharon?"

Just thinking of Sharon's background, Winona was certain that this time, Tessa was done for.

Tessa pulled out her laptop, quickly opened it, and placed it on the coffee table before going to get water.

"Tessie, are you really not going to deal with that post?" Ysabel still thought the post should be deleted. It was damaging to Tessa's reputation.

Tessa poured a glass of water for Ysabel and took a cup herself before sitting down on the couch.

Then, she hacked into Winona's phone, found those unedited photos, and even a short video.

"Come here." Tessa gestured for Ysabel. Winona had really gone to great lengths to set her up.

"D*mn!" After watching the video, Ysabel couldn't help but curse, "Of course, it's her."

Tessa took a sip of water.

"I just want to tear that little b*tch Winona apart."

The photos had been edited, so they caused misunderstandings, but the video was crystal clear.

Tessa had simply fallen asleep there, and Nico had only taken off his shirt and draped it over her.

Yet, she had been slandered like this. People's hearts were truly evil!

"But here's the problem, Tessie. When Nico covered you with the shirt, the tenderness in his eyes could melt honey."

That was clearly a boy who had fallen for her!

Tessa could tell that too, but she really hadn't done anything with Nico!

"Tessie, you sure have a lot of admirers." If Landon saw this video, he would probably go crazy with jealousy!

"But right now, the most important thing is to clear the rumors! We should release this video, and then let's see who dares to slander you."

Ysabel was dying to see the reactions of those people once they saw the video.

But unlike Ysabel's impatience, Tessa remained calm and collected. "Wait a little longer. The timing isn't right yet."

Chapter 195 He Still Cares About Me

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Connor had unknowingly arrived at Navoris High. When Winona's friends saw him, they immediately ran over. "Mr. Connor, are you here to see Winnie? She's not here right now, but you..."

"I'm not here to see her."

As soon as the girls heard Connor say this, they immediately became dissatisfied.

"Are you here to see Tessa? Mr. Connor, Tessa is nothing but a cheap she-wolf who only knows how to go into heat and flirt with men all day. Don't let her fool you."

Hearing them speak about Tessa like this, Connor's face immediately darkened, and the aura of a future Alpha radiated from him. "Watch your words."

The girls were stunned, but for Winona's sake, they suppressed their fear and pulled out their phones.

"Mr. Connor, we're not lying to you. If you don't believe us, look at this." The girls showed him a popular forum post. "Look for yourself. Tessa is always messing around at school. Do you really think she's some pure woman?"

After reading the title of the post, Connor's expression grew even darker, and his high-level wolf pheromones started to leak out in anger.

Seeing Connor like this, the girls couldn't help but feel a sense of pride.

Now Mr. Connor clearly sees Tessa's true nature, and he definitely won't think of her anym

ight?

Connor didn't say anything more, handed the phone back to the girls, and then walked away quickly.

When Winona entered the classroom, a few girls immediately surrounded her.

"Winnie, Connor came to Navoris High today, but he wasn't here to see you. He must've been here for that little b*tch Tessa, but it's okay, we got back at her for you. We showed him that post."

"Yeah, this time, Connor will definitely see Tessa for what she really is."

"What?" Winona was shocked.

"What's wrong? Tessa's the kind of person who could only confuse Connor for a moment. After seeing those photos, he'll stay far away from her."

"You guys..." Winona didn't want Connor to know about this. It was something she had deliberately spread about Tessa.

Now, he knows. What will he do? Will he investigate the truth? What if it all points back to me?

"Winnie, what's wrong?" The other girls were confused. They just wanted to help her, but they couldn't understand why Winona was acting like this.

Winona tried to calm her anger and spoke in a calm tone. "It's nothing, I'm just feeling unwell. How about this? Can you help me excuse myself from the evening class?"

"Winnie, are you really okay?" The others were still concerned.

"Don't worry, I'm fine."

Once outside the school, Winona immediately called Connor.

However, the phone rang for a long time, and he didn't answer. Winona couldn't

help but become even more anxious.

She refused to give up and kept calling.

Finally, Connor picked up the phone.

"Connor, where are you?"

"Club Eclipse."

Winona immediately took a cab to Club Eclipse. She was still in her school uniform, and when she arrived at Club Eclipse, the security wouldn't let her in.

She had no choice but to call Connor again. When he came out and saw her standing there, shivering, he frowned.

"Is there something?" Connor's tone was always cool when facing Winona.

"Connor, I heard you came to Navoris High today."

Winona was still trembling. Connor couldn't bear to watch her like this and took off his coat, draping it over her.

The coat still held his warmth and scent, and Winona couldn't help but look up at him.

He still cares about me, doesn't he? He doesn't feel nothing for me!

"This isn't a place for a student like you to be." Connor spoke, "Go back."

Connor turned to walk back into Club Eclipse.

"Connor!" Winona ran up from behind and hugged him.

Winona felt wronged. Everything she had done was just to be with him.

"Conner, is this because of Tessa?"

"Winona!" Connor's tone held a warning.

"Connor, I'm also upset about how Tessa turned out, but this really isn't something

we could control! Please, don't be like this."

Connor lost his temper. He shoved Winona away.

Chapter 196 She Is Disgusting!

Winona stumbled back a few steps after Connor shoved her. She stared at him in disbelief.

"Tessa isn't that kind of person. Someone must be slandering her behind her back." Five years ago, he ended up like this because he didn't believe in Tessa. Now, five years later, no matter what happened, he stood by her side.

Hearing this made Winona even more furious.

He really trusts her that much?

Connor ignored her and walked into Club Eclipse.

Winona tried to follow, but the security guard stopped her again. "Students aren't allowed in here."

"I'm an adult." Winona said.

"Sorry, you can't come in."

The guard firmly refused to let her through. Winona was furious, but there was nothing she could do. She had no choice but to stand there.

By the time Connor came out of Club Eclipse, it was already past two in the morning.

Since he had been drinking, he didn't drive. Instead, he called a ride and headed to Wisteria Apartment.

As soon as he got in the car, Winona called one too and followed him.

He drank so much. She was genuinely worried something might happen to him.

But she never expected him to go to Tessa's apartment-Wisteria Apartment! Seeing that, Winona clenched her fists in rage.

Tessa, why did you have to come back? Why did you come back just to steal Connor from me?

Winona's pheromones began to spread unconsciously from her body due to her anger. Afraid Connor might notice, she tried hard to control her emotions.

As long as Tessa got expelled from school because of this, her filthy reputation would be set in stone! Now even Nico's mother had gotten involved. There was no way Tessa could turn things around anymore.

Just as Winona expected, the next day, Sharon specially called a board meeting to expel Tessa.

It had been a long time since Navoris High held a board meeting. No one expected the next one would be to kick out a student.

Inside the meeting room, more than a dozen board members had already arrived.

"Mr. Lambert, it's just expelling a student. Why not handle it yourself instead of making a

"Yeah! We're all busy, you know."

a scene?"

"Mr. Lambert has his own ideas now, of course he won't listen to us," Sharon mocked.

Under pressure, Lambert wiped the sweat from his forehead. "Board members, this situation isn't clear yet. I think..."

"Not clear? What's unclear? Nico practically grew up in front of you. Don't you know what kind of person he is? This whole mess at school is because of you. I heard you were the one who let Tessa in. What, did she give you something in return?"

She was already in twelfth grade and suddenly transferred to Navoris. That was suspicious.

Lambert frowned. "Madam Dawson, isn't it normal for students to transfer? WWhy is that when it happens under me, it's suddenly favoritism?" Lambert couldn't help but stand up.

"Look at that. This is Mr. Lambert's attitude," Sharon snapped.

"Mr. Lambert, the school can't even function without us, right?" one of the board members threatened.

As soon as Tessa arrived at school, a group of girls surrounded her.

"Tessa, how do you even have the face to show up here?"

"Yeah! How shameless are you? If it were me, I'd be too ashamed to live!"

"You think everyone has a sense of shame?"

Tessa pulled off the hood of her sweatshirt, revealing a pair of icy blue eyes that made everyone freeze.

None of the girls dared mess with this version of Tessa, and instinctively stepped aside to let her pass.

Tessa let out a cold laugh.

"Was she just laughing at us?"

"She was! This woman's disgusting!"

"She won't be smiling for long. The school called a board meeting just to get rid of her."

"Yeah! What is she even proud of? She's nothing but a public toilet. Anyone can use her."

Tessa turned her head and looked at them. Just one glance, and a wave of invisible pressure swept from her.

It didn't have a wolf's strength behind it, but it carried the aura of someone who stood above others.

The girls immediately shrank back in fear.

Tessa pulled out her phone and uploaded an unedited video clip to the school forum.

Then she headed straight for the meeting room.

Ten minutes later, the forum's servers almost crashed.

Chapter 197 She Had Been the Victim

"Oh my! What the hell was this? I didn't expect things to take such a wild turn!" "Oh my goodness! Nico was so gentle! Does he like Tessa?"

"This is a total slap in the face! They kept saying it was essa who seduced Nico. Looks like Madam Dawson just got served!"

The girls who had been cursing Tessa for days suddenly had nothing left to say.

The photo hadn't shown anything conclusive. They had just made up the rest with their own imagination.

And now, Tessa hadn't even said a word. She just posted a video, and the slap to the face was loud and painful!

Anna's face went pale the moment she saw the video clip.

How does this video even exist? What do I do now? What the hell? Tessa's terrifying. Where did she even find that video?

Tessa walked straight into the school conference room without knocking.

The board members inside all turned toward the door when they heard the noise.

There she stood, backlit by the hallway light, wearing a black hoodie with the hood up, hands shoved in her pockets, her posture relaxed and her aura cold.

When Sharon saw Tessa, her expression turned ugly.

"See that? Even now, she's still so arrogant," Sharon muttered, itching to throw Tessa out of the school on the spot.

Lambert hadn't expected Tessa to show up at a moment like this and quickly stepped forward.

"Tessa, go back for now. I'll take care of this and give you a proper explanation."

"Mr. Lambert, I'm the one involved. I think I have the right to be here," Tessa replied. She knew he meant well, but since Sharon wanted a fight, she wasn't going to hide.

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"Tessa..." Lambert sighed helplessly. Why is she so stubborn? She hasn't even awakened as a wolf yet. One wrong move here, and it could end badly for her...

"There's nothing more to say, Lambert. Since you've made it so clear that you're on Tessa's side, then you can leave Navoris High too. I think Mr. Chad's more than capable of filling your position," Sharon said coldly.

They didn't want someone who acted on their own. They wanted someone who followed orders.

Vice Principal Chad Fisher lit up with a grin the second he heard Sharon's words.

"Madam Dawson, I told Mr. Lambert from the beginning, Tessa shouldn't have been admitted. She was rejected by her pack and abandoned by her family. Bringing a delinquent like her into Navoris High would only ruin our reputation. But Mr. Lambert insisted on taking her in. I wonder how much he got out of it."

Chad and Lambert had been at odds for years, Lambert had always held him down. Now, finally, Chad saw his chance.

"Mr. Chad!" Lambert snapped, warning him. That man really was a spineless sycophant who only knew how to suck up.

"What do you all think?" Sharon turned to the other board members.

They nodded one by one.

"In that case, Lambert, take this student and leave with her. Let's not make this messy. We'll go our separate ways and keep things civil, so it's not weird if we run into each other again."

Chad was practically giddy now that Lambert was actually getting kicked out.

He had been stuck as vice principal under Lambert for more than ten years. Today, he was finally rising above.

"Wait a second. I did nothing wrong. You can't expel me."

Tessa walked over to the conference room's computer, turned it on, and plugged in her USB drive.

"Tessa, you've already been expelled. If you keep acting out, I'll call the police right now."

Sharon was fuming at how bold Tessa still was. What does she even think she's going to do now?

"Call the police? Go ahead. I wish you would. You're wrongfully accusing me. I trust the police will give me justice. What's the holdup? Don't know the number? Want me to tell you?"

"You!" Sharon trembled with rage. "Tessa, you're outrageous. Has no one ever taught you what respect means?"

"Respect? Why should I respect someone like you? What right do you have to ask for my respect? Who the hell do you think you are?" Once Tessa got angry, she never held back.

"Don't you want to know if I was wronged? Watch this video. After that, I hope you, as an adult, will admit your mistake and apologize."

"What's wrong with you? Apologize to you? Are you joking? You think you deserve that?" Chad immediately stepped in front of Sharon, looking like a knight in shining armor.

Tessa scoffed. So this is how these so-called adults act? Pathetic.

She hit play.

The short clip lasted just over ten minutes and made everything perfectly clear. Tessa had been the victim all along. She hadn't done anything. She hadn't even known what was happening.

Chapter 198 Let It Go

Sharon's face looked terrible. Even though Tessa hadn't done anything, the fact that she posted the video at this moment was clearly a move against her.

How could Nico look at a filthy girl-someone who only hang out with Rogues-with that kind of expression?

Her son was supposed to like the noble werewolf heiress she had chosen for him, someone whose power and family background matched the Dawson family, not a disgrace like Tessa.

Lambert walked over to Tessa and spoke up to defend her. "Everyone, this whole thing was really a misunderstanding. And Tessa is actually very talented. Mr. Clark wants her to represent us in the physics competition. She'll definitely bring honor to our school

"Lambert!" Sharon snapped. He knew perfectly well she had wanted Nico to enter the competition.

"Are we still calling the police?" Tessa asked lazily. "I already posted the video on the school forum. I wonder what those students-who can't even tell right from wrong-will say now?"

"Madam Dawson, let it go. This matter has already drawn serious concern from higher up. If it keeps going, it'll only hurt Navoris High."

"That's right. What matters most now is minimizing the damage this incident caused to Navoris High. This could affect both next year's admissions and our investors."

Navoris High, as a top private school, mostly admitted students who were either exceptional in ability and grades or came from powerful families.

The school also relied on those families' investments to maintain its elite faculty and its reputation as the number one academy.

"Wait a minute, this was obviously someone trying to frame Tessa on purpose," Lambert said. They're even trying to stir things up. If those pictures are fake, then what's their real motive? Why would someone go after a regular student like her?

"Tessa, do you know who posted those pictures?" Lambert asked more politely this time.

"Yes."

"Tessa was clearly the victim here. I think the school owes her justice." Lambert wanted to stand up for her.

"No need. I'll handle it my own way," Tessa replied calmly.

She wasn't a child who ran to teachers to complain every time something happened.

"Then let's end this here," one of the board members said. "Madam Dawson, this was Nico's fault. We shouldn't push this too far."

Sharon was unwilling to let it go. Now more than ever, she didn't want Tessa to stay at Navoris High.

But the other board members had already stood and begun walking out of the meeting room.

Chad rubbed his nose. He had clearly offended Lambert today. The days ahead wouldn't be easy.

"Mr. Lambert, I have a few words for Tessa. You can go now," Sharon said coldly.. Lambert stood off to the side, not budging, still afraid Tessa might get bullied. Sharon glared at him. Lambert pretended not to see. No way was he going to walk away. Tessa belonged to Beta Nathaniel. He wouldn't let anything happen to her on his watch.

"Out!" Sharon barked, her voice filled with power. The aura of a high-ranking werewolf spread through the room, making the air itself tremble.

Sweat appeared on Lambert's forehead under the pressure of her energy, but he still wouldn't leave.

Until Tessa gave him a look. Lambert understood and finally walked out.

Now, only the two of them were left in the room. Tessa pulled out a chair and sat down, resting her elbow casually on the table.

"So, Madam Dawson," she asked, "what else do you want to say?"

Chapter 199 He Is a Good Person

"You can stay at Navoris High, but you're not allowed to participate in the physics competition," Sharon said, as though she were doing a favor.

"Heh," Tessa scoffed.

Even now, she remains unyielding. Nico is truly unlucky to have a mother like her.

"Also, don't ever appear in front of Nico again. His future has already been planned, and there is no place

for you in it." Sharon only wanted Nico to follow the life path she had mapped out for him.

"I will definitely participate in the physics competition. As for you, I advise you to be kind."

Tessa didn't give her any face.

"You!" Sharon hadn't expected Tessa to be so stubborn.

"Do you really think I can't do anything about you?" Sharon released her high-ranking werewolf pheromones without hesitation, hoping to make Tessa, a wolf-less weakling, submit.

However, Tessa was unaffected by her pheromones and merely shrugged indifferently.

"Well, go ahead and try! Let's see who leaves first." Tessa stood up. "Honestly, Nico is really unlucky to have a mother like you."

Nico was genuinely a good person. She believed he would achieve great things in the world of werewolf physics.

Unfortunately, he had such an unreasonable and forceful mother. It was truly pitiful for him.

As soon as Tessa left the conference room, Sharon, furious, couldn't stop herself from extending her claws, splitting the conference table in half.

Tessa is really too arrogant! She is just a wolf-less weakling! How dare she challenge me? If I don't teach her a lesson, she'll never learn what respect means!

Because of Tessa's behavior, Sharon's resolve to drive her out of Navoris High became even stronger.

Winona arrived at school in the afternoon and found out about what was happening on the forum.

"Winnie, who do you think is behind all of this to mess with Tessa?"

They had originally believed it was Tessa who had seduced Nico, but now their faces were all swollen from the slap.

"Yeah! Someone even edited the photos, who hates Tessa this much?"

"Who cares who it is! I just can't stand Tessa."

"True, Tessa has so many enemies, who knows who did it. Too bad the board of directors decided not to expel Tessa anymore."

Winona logged into the forum, and when she saw that video, her face turned pale.

She hadn't sent that video to Anna, and her phone had always been by her side, yet the video somehow appeared on the forum.

Winona felt a fear she had never experienced before.

If Connor finds out I'm the one behind this, what will he do?

She couldn't even bear to think about it!

"Winnie, what's wrong? Didn't you hear what we said?"

"Yeah! Winnie, don't worry! There are so many people who can't stand Tessa. It's

only a matter of time before she gets kicked out of Navoris High."

"I'm going to the bathroom." Winona stood up, pale-faced, and left. "What's up with her? She was fine just now."

"I don't know. She's definitely acting weird ever since Tessa came back."

Winona found Anna on the playground. Anna had been there for a long time already. She didn't dare return to class, afraid her actions would be exposed to her classmates.

She was worried about being ostracized, and even more afraid of Tessa's revenge.

"Anna!" Winona called out.

Anna turned around and, seeing Winona, her eyes were filled with hatred.

"Winona, it's all your fault. If it weren't for you, things wouldn't have turned out like this. How dare you show up in front of me?"

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Winona frowned. "Anna, what does this have to do with me? Did I edit those photos? Did I tell you to post them on the forum? Did I tell you to write those things? You did all of this yourself, what does it! with me?" Winona just wanted to distance herself from the situation.

She couldn't be involved in this.

"You!" Anna was so angry her eyes turned red, as if she wanted to tear Winona apart.

"Anna, you should leave Navoris High! Soon everyone will know that you are the one spreading rumors. If you stay here, it won't end well for you."

Winona's only plan now was to get Anna to leave. As long as Anna was gone, she could shift all the blame onto her, and the whole thing wouldn't be her problem anymore.

"What do you mean? You think this has nothing to do with you? Now you're trying to put all the blame on me. Winona, I really didn't expect you to be like this."

"You should think about it. If you don't leave Navoris High, staying here in your current state, do you really think you'll get into a good college? If you leave Navoris High, I can help you with both school and money."

Anna hesitated for a long time before finally nodding.

Although she hated Winona, Winona made some valid points. Staying at Navoris High was torture for her every second, and in her current condition, she really had

no chance of getting into her ideal college.

She was also more afraid of Tessa's revenge.

"Alright, you can arrange it." In the end, Anna agreed.

"Okay, you don't need to stay at school today." Winona just wanted Anna to leave.

Once she was gone, everything else would be easier to deal with.

Chapter 200 I Like You

"Did you guys hear? The post was made by Anna."

"I totally didn't expect that! She's usually so quiet, and now she's the one who did something huge."

The other students all started talking after they found out.

In Class Eight's room, Ysabel sat down in front of Tessa and turned around to talk to her.

"Tessie, now that Anna's gone, Winona is pushing everything onto her. Winona really will do anything."

Tessa was using her laptop to help Lina break through a firewall.

"Tessie, I'm talking to you! Can you take this seriously for once?" Ysabel was annoyed. What was so interesting about the computer anyway?

"I heard you," Tessa answered calmly without stopping her hands on the keyboard. "Let her keep being proud."

During the break, Tessa went downstairs with Ysabel to get snacks from the school store. On the stairs, they ran into Winona, who was coming up.

Ysabel gave cold snort when she saw her.

Winona noticed Tessa too. This time, she didn't dare go head-to-head with her and just tried to pretend she was invisible. The girls around her, after the recent turn of events, didn't dare act up either.

"Oh, what happened to all that attitude? Didn't you say you weren't smearing Tessie on the forum? Now that the truth's out, don't you owe her an apology?"

"Apologize? Why should we apologize? Tessa offended people herself. We're victims too, okay?"

"Forget it, let's go," Winona said. She didn't want to stay here any longer. She just wanted this v to end.

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Tessa gave a cold laugh. "Winona, this isn't over. Do you think Anna leaving means you're off the hook?"

Anna had just been used as a pawn.

Winona froze halfway up the stairs. She didn't even dare to turn around.

"Tessa, don't go too far, okay? Anna caused the mess. What does it have to do with Winnie?" One of Winona's followers stepped in front of her again.

"Idiot," Ysabel muttered when she saw the girls.

"Who the hell are you calling an idiot?" One of them immediately snapped back.

"Whichever idiot answers, that's who I'm talking about, Ysabel scoffed.

"You!" The girls couldn't take it anymore and looked like they were about to rush forward.

Winona quickly pulled them back.

"This is school. Forget it. If we fight, we'll get a serious demerit," she warned them, worried they might provoke Tessa.

"Hah, see that? Even this b*tch doesn't dare go against Tessa. You all better get lost while you still can."

"You!"

The girls were furious, but they had no way to fight back. They left, filled with anger.

Back in class, the group of girls grumbled under their breath.

"D*mn it, that Ysabel seriously needs to be put in her place. She and Tessa are both useless nobodies. What are they even proud of? I swear, I want to slam her into the desk so hard she couldn't even be scraped off."

"Just don't mess with Tessa for now," Winona said. She still didn't feel safe. This version of Tessa wasn't someone she could afford to mess with.

"Winnie, what's wrong with you? Why are you afraid of Tessa?"

"Yeah, Winnie, you're really not the same anymore. Ever since Tessa came back, you've changed."

Winona was annoyed, but there was no one she could talk to about it. She had to keep it all bottled up.

Nico came to the door of Class Eight. A few girls noticed him and started whispering.

Ysabel saw him too and walked over to Tessa's desk.

"Tessie, it's Nico."

Tessa had been napping with her head down. When she heard Ysabel's voice,

she looked out the window and saw Nico standing there.

He looked like he had something to say but was holding back.

Tessa got up and walked out.

"What is it?" she asked. This had nothing to do with him. She had never taken any

of it to heart.

"Tessa, I'm sorry." Because of him, she had gone through all that.

Tessa stood quietly in the light autumn rain, saying nothing.

Nico turned his head and saw her hair blowing in the wind. He reached up, wanting to smooth it down.

But she tilted her head, and his hand froze in mid-air. He awkwardly lowered it. "Tessa; I like you," Nico finally said.

No matter what happened, this was the first time he had ever had a crush on a girl.

Fuen if it led nowhere he still wanted to say it