

Fell for the Alpha-less Queen

Chapter 46 He Could Wait

Does he want to walk around campus?

Tessa had no objections. She walked alongside him at a leisurely pace.

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Navoris High was a picturesque high school, designed like a park, with a river winding through the entire campus. Tessa led him along the meandering stream.

Neither of them spoke. The only sounds were the murmuring of the water and the rhythmic chirping of cicadas.

"You have a beautiful campus."

"Mr. Thorne, you've seen so many breathtaking places. What's Navoris High compared to that?"

Tessa nudged a small stone with the tip of her shoe. She had no idea why he had sought her out tonight, but at least it meant skipping Freya's class. That alone made this evening worthwhile.

Lost in thought, she failed to notice the step in front of her. Her balance faltered.

Before she could steady herself, Landon, who had been watching her intently, moved swiftly, grasping her hand and pulling her back with effortless ease.

Tessa stumbled straight into his chest. The rich scent of pinewood enveloped her in an instant.

She didn't understand why, but every time she caught his scent, a peculiar thrill coursed through her veins.

She liked the way he smelled, so much so that she wanted to stay there, nestled against him, absorbing his warmth and his scent.

It wasn't until Landon's deep voice broke the moment, "Are you okay?" that Tessa snapped back to reality. She quickly stepped back, standing upright.

"I'm fine."

Realizing where her thoughts had strayed, a rush of heat crept up her neck.

Why do I always lose composure around him?

Bathed in moonlight, her downcast gaze and slightly parted lips made something in Landon's chest tighten.

He clenched his fists, suppressing the impulse to pull her close again, and instead, he maintained his composed demeanor. "Let's go. I'll walk you back to class."

Emotions churned within him. Being around her always made it far too easy to let his guard down. He wasn't an impulsive teenager, but in front of this 17-year-old girl, he felt an uncharacteristic longing.

The location was a high school. She was still too young. He could wait for her to grow up.

By the time Tessa returned, the first evening class had already ended.

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"Tessie, what did my uncle say to you? You were with him for an entire class period!" Ysabel's eyes sparkled with curiosity. "My uncle isn't exactly the warm and friendly type. He definitely treats you differently."

At the memory of that embrace, Tessa's face betrayed her, flushing red once again.

"Why is your face so red? Are you running a fever?" Ysabel reached out to touch her forehead.

"I'm fine. It's just too warm here." Tessa brushed her hand away.

"He probably treats me differently because of you." Tessa made up an excuse, unwilling to linger on the subject.

She had no desire to dwell on it.

The weekend arrived in the blink of an eye.

Tessa had no plans and intended to sleep in before visiting her grandpa in the afternoon.

But before she could enjoy a peaceful morning, the doorbell rang.

When she opened the door, Ysabel stood outside, dressed in vibrant, youthful attire, brimming with

energy.

"Tessie! You're still in bed? The weather is gorgeous today! How could you waste it by staying inside?"

"Where are you going?"

"The water park!" Ysabel had been wanting to go for ages. She adored everything about water parks.

"Come on! You're coming with me."

"Alright."

Since Ysabel had already shown up at her doorstep, Tessa had little choice but to change her plans.

She kept her outfit simple-a white T-shirt layered with a light blue batwing-sleeve blouse, paired with snug blue jeans.

Even with such an effortless outfit, she looked breathtaking.

Ysabel stared in awe.

"Tessie, you're unreal. It's not fair!" She wiped the corner of her mouth exaggeratedly. "Look, I'm practically drooling."

"Let's go! You look wonderful too!"

At the water park entrance, Ysabel pulled Tessa into a quick photo session. Both of them were beautiful, and every shot was effortlessly picture-perfect.

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They selected a few of the best photos and posted them on Facebook.

Ysabel wrote a caption, "With my idol. She is gorgeous, right?"

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Meanwhile, Landon and his group were at Willow Ridge Resort, playing golf.

Landon's technique and power were unparalleled. Nathaniel and the others didn't stand a chance.

"Alpha, does completely destroying us at this game give you a sense of satisfaction?" Nathaniel grumbled in frustration.

Nathaniel was Landon's beta, but he was also his close friend. In private, they spoke freely, without the usual formality.

After suffering defeat after defeat, Nathaniel gave up on playing altogether. He leaned back and scrolled through his phone, until something caught his eye.

"Oh? Mr. Thorne and Tessa went to the water park together? And they're dressed up, too. They're bound to turn some heads." Nathaniel deliberately raised his voice, knowing full well how Landon felt about Tessa.

As expected, the moment he finished speaking, Landon strode over and snatched his phone,

Tessa's image filled the screen. Her beauty was so striking that she looked as if she had stepped straight out of a magazine.

Without a second thought, Landon tossed his golf club aside.

"Go get the car. We're going to the water park."

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Landon, are you going to the water park?" Cameron was shocked. He couldn't even imagine what someone like Landon would be like in a water park..

"Yeah."

"That's not normal for you." Cameron looked Landon and down.

Landon said, "You guys keep playing here. Tonight, I'll bring a friend for you to meet." Even Tessa hadn't had the chance to meet his friend yet.

"A guy or a girl?" Cameron was even more curious.

"You'll find out when the time comes."

By the time Nathaniel and Cameron arrived at the water park, Tessa and Ysabel were already in line for the log flume ride. Since it was the weekend, the place was packed.

Tessa was on her phone, but Ysabel was the first to spot Landon.

"Uncle Landon? What are you doing here?" Isn't he the last person who would ever come to such a childish place?

"I saw your Facebook post, so I came to check things out."

Check what out?

Ysabel still didn't get it.

In Navoris, even in September, the weather was still scorching. Tessa was already sweating from the heat.

Noticing the beads of sweat on her face, Landon spoke up. "You two, come here. Nathaniel, get in line."

Nathaniel immediately stepped forward to take their place in line, exchanging a subtle glance at Ysabel, who looked flawless with her perfectly done makeup.

Landon couldn't stand seeing Tessa out in the sun. And Nathaniel didn't want Ysabel to be exposed to it either.

Even though Ysabel was a wolfless girl, he had liked her from the moment he first laid eyes on her. But he wasn't ready to let her know that yet.

She was still young, and he was afraid of scaring her away.

Landon led Ysabel and Tessa to the shade of a large tree

"Just wait here."

He was dressed casually today, which made him look a few years younger. With his naturally striking features, he was already drawing the attention of many girls around them.

Noticing a vendor selling straw hats, he bought one for each of them.

He handed one to Ysabel but personally placed the other on Tessa's head.

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Tessa had fair skin, and now, after being under the sun, it was already turning red.

"Did you put on sunscreen?"

"No."

She never liked the stuff. It always felt uncomfortable on her skin.

Landon turned to Ysabel. "Give me your sunscreen."

Squeezing some onto his hand, he reached out to apply it to Tessa's face.

She instantly grabbed his wrist.

"What are you doing?"

"Don't move." Ignoring her resistance, Landon began smoothing the sunscreen onto her skin.

His fingers glided across her face, and the slight flush she already had deepened.

He had absolutely no sense of restraint. People were everywhere, and Ysabel was standing right beside them.

Even though she felt a little embarrassed, Tessa didn't push him away, letting him carefully apply the

sunscreen.

Ysabel, watching from the side, was completely stunned.

What is happening right now? Since when did Uncle Landon care about anyone like this?

Once Landon finished with her face, he squeezed more sunscreen onto her arms and gently spread it over her skin.

Ysabel almost thought she was hallucinating.

The Landon she knew was always cold and untouchable, yet here he was, unexpectedly gentle and considerate.

When Nathaniel returned with the tickets, he froze for a moment. It was the first time he had ever seen Alpha acting this attentive.

Realizing what was happening, he quickly grabbed Ysabel and pulled her away.
"Tickets are ready. Let's go!"

"What the hell? Did Uncle Landon take the wrong meds or something?" That was the only logical explanation.

"Maybe." Nathaniel didn't say much more.

No one could predict what would happen between Alpha and Tessa in the future.

After all, Landon wasn't just anyone. He was Alpha of the Nightshade Pack and the strongest werewolf in Montedra. Every decision he made affected the safety of countless packs.

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That meant his choice of mate wasn't just a personal matter. Whoever became his Luna had to be strong enough to shoulder the responsibility that came with the

title.

Even if Landon truly fell in love with Tessa and wanted to make her his Luna, the elders of the Nightshade Pack would definitely oppose it.

And even if he used his authority to silence all objections and made Tessa his Luna, behind the glory lay endless dangers.

Landon's position meant that he had enemies lurking in the shadows, watching his every move, including the people around him.

And Tessa, without a wolf of her own, had no natural defense against the dangers of their world.

Nathaniel couldn't say for sure whether she could survive in such a treacherous environment on her own.

Indeed, she had the skills to perform surgery and remove bullets from Alpha. And sure, she could handle trained werewolf mercenaries.

But at the end of the day, she didn't have a wolf. And in the werewolf world, that was a fatal weakness.

Unless one day, she awak

her wolf.

In any case, Landon and Tessa's future was full of uncertainties, and Nathaniel wouldn't jump to any conclusions.

For now, though, Landon was already 28 and had never dated anyone before.

If he really was interested in Tessa, maybe it was a good thing.

At least he'd finally experience love, instead of always being a cold, work-obsessed machine.

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Landon carefully applied sunscreen to Tessa, and by the time he was done, her face was as red as an apple.

"Thanks." She lowered her head as she expressed her gratitude, feeling as if the areas he had touched were growing even hotter.

Seeing her shy reaction, Landon chuckled. "Let's go."

The two of them walked side by side toward the entrance of the whitewater ride. Suddenly, Ysabel turned back to Tessa. "Let's sit in a row together, all four of us!" Hearing her, Tessa instinctively tried to pull away from Landon, but Nathaniel beat her to it, dragging Ysabel aside. "Don't bother Alpha. You and I will sit together."

Ysabel stomped hard on Nathaniel's foot.

"Why are you stepping on me?!" Nathaniel winced in pain. Ysabel didn't even have a wolf, but she still packed a punch.

"Serves you right! I want to sit with Tessie!"

It was only then that Ysabel belatedly realized, Is Uncle Landon into Tessie? But he's 11 years older than her! That's way too much of an age gap! No way am Somebodyting Tessie fall for this!

However, by the time she reacted, Landon and Tessa had already taken the back row.

Left with no choice, Ysabel sat with Nathaniel in the front row.

She turned back, only to see Landon fastening Tessa's seatbelt. Their movements seemed far too intimate

"Oh no, this is bad," Ysabel muttered in distress.

"What's bad?"

"Uncle Landon is way too old! How can he even think about Tessie?" she wailed. "He's completely lost it! Tessie's not even an adult yet. She's still underage!"

Nathaniel didn't say a word. He was trying not to laugh

Someone had actually called Landon old, and it was none other than his own niece. But honestly, only Ysabel would have the nerve to speak about the Alpha this way.

As the ride started, Ysabel's excitement took over, and for the moment, she forgot all about her concerns.

All along the ride, only Ysabel's thrilled screams echoed The other three remained suprisingly calm.

When the boat reached the peak and plunged down into the water, a huge splash erupted.

Landon shielded Tessa with his body, blocking most of the water.

Being protected like this, Tessa felt a little conflicted.

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"That was amazing!"

Ysabel was drenched, but she was still buzzing with excitement.

When they got off the ride, all four of them were wet to varying degrees. "What do we do now?" Ysabel frowned, looking at her soaked clothes.

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The damp fabric clung uncomfortably to her.

Landon spoke up smoothly, "Let's go to Willow Ridge Resort." Cameron and the others were still waiting there.

Tessa's light-colored clothes were now completely soaked, sticking to her and outlining her curves.

Landon's gaze darkened slightly before he quickly took off his jacket and handed it to her to wear backward.

Tessa didn't refuse.

At the parking lot, Landon instructed Nathaniel, "Take care of Ysabel. Don't bully her."

"Alpha, you should know her temper by now. It's a miracle if she doesn't bully me. How would I even dare bully her?" Nathaniel sighed, looking at Ysabel helplessly yet fondly.

"Uncle Landon, you're the one who shouldn't bully Tessa!"

Ysabel had originally wanted to ride with them, but after receiving a single look from Landon, her voice grew smaller and smaller.

Nathaniel promptly shoved her into the car.

"Enough. Tessie's smart enough to know what she's doing."

Landon opened the passenger door and guided Tessa inside.

Then, he retrieved a clean towel from the trunk, got into the car, and leaned over to dry her damp hair.

Tessa reached out to take the towel from him, but instead, she accidentally grabbed his hand. She immediately recoiled as if burned and retracted her hand.

"Mr. Thorne, I can do it myself." The action felt too intimate, and she wasn't used to it.

"Alright."

Landon didn't insist and handed her the towel.

Tessa absentmindedly patted at her hair.

"Do you want to dry off too?" she asked once she was done.

"You do it for me."

Seeing her hesitate, Landon continued, "Didn't I just help you?"

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Tessa fell silent but still leaned forward and started drying his hair.

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Tessa leaned forward slightly, while Landon lowered his head, his gaze inevitably falling on the graceful curves beneath her white T-shirt.

She appeared slender, yet every curve was perfectly proportioned where it mattered.

In this posture, her slightly open neckline revealed a glimpse of her soft, full chest, the delicate contours searing themselves into Landon's vision.

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Flex became excited again. "Oh, my! Tessa has such an amazing body. I can't wait for her to come of age so we can make her our mate and show her the pleasures of adulthood..."

"Flex, stop your fantasies!"

Although Landon's mouth had gone dry from the seen just now, he quickly averted his gaze like a gentleman and sternly reprimanded Flex for his inappropriate thoughts.

Part of it was because he felt it was disrespectful to Tessa, and part of it was because if he kept thinking about it, he wouldn't be able to control his own desires

He was a normal man, after all. Having a reaction to the girl he liked was only natural.

But she was still so young. Just the thought made him feel like a monster, and the last thing he wanted was to frighten her.

Meanwhile, Tessa, who was seriously drying his hair, remained completely unaware of Landon's brief internal struggle.

"All done."

After drying his hair, Tessa sat up straight and folded the towel.

"I'll take you to meet some friends. You might find them useful in the future." Landon spoke, his voice slightly hoarse.

Tessa noticed and asked with concern, "What's wrong? Are you feeling unwell?"

"I'm fine."

Landon was just about to start the car when he heard someone mention Tessa's name.

"What did you just say? Tessa got Queenie thrown in jail?"

Margot Shelby and Winona had just arrived at the water park. Their voices involuntarily rose upon hearing the news.

"She got sentenced to five years." The thought made Winona uneasy. "Do you think Tessa came back to get revenge for what happened five years ago?"

Margot sneered. "Winona, what are you so afraid of? What does Tessa even have?" She didn't see Tessa as a threat at all. "Besides, she'll never find any evidence of what happened five years ago. There will always be an indelible stain on her name."

Inside the car, neither person spoke.

Tessa has no background? Isn't my background enough?

Tessa shot a cold glance at the two women.

They really think I won't find any evidence from five years ago? If they want to play, I'll make sure they pay the price.

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Landon finally pulled out of the parking lot, one hand on the steering wheel, the other grabbing Tessa's hand.

She turned her head

at him. What is he doing?

"Mr. Thorne, are you getting a little too comfortable with touching me?" They weren't at the point where casual hand-holding was

ceptable.

"Those two framed you fi on Tessa's past.

years ago?" Landon's voice turned colder as he recalled the information he had

"I'll handle it myself." She didn

care about the rumors, but if she didn't make them pay for every bit of the damage they had done, she wouldn't be Tessa.

"You really don't need my help?"

He wanted her to say yes, but the girl simply responded with an icy "No," making it clear she wouldn't allow him to interfere.

Landon could only respect her decision. "I'll always be here. If you ever need anything, just ask."

"I know." Tessa's tone softened slightly.

Landon took her to the presidential suite at Willow Ridge Resort and had someone send over a fresh set of clothes.

"Take a shower and change." Her clothes were dry now, but they had to be uncomfortable to wear. "I'll come get you for dinner later."

After he left, Tessa grabbed the box he had someone deliver and went into the bathroom. She took a quick shower and came out wrapped in a towel.

Hearing the phone ring, she walked over, picked it up, and pressed the answer button.

"Phantom, it's me." Lina's voice came through the receiver.

"What is it?"

Tessa sat down on the couch, undoing the messy bun on her head. She gave a slight shake, and her chestnut-colored hair cascaded down.

"Someone's been looking into you lately. Are you okay

Tessa frowned. "Again? Who is it this time?"

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Hearing Lina's response, Tessa's eyes narrowed with a hint of danger. "Got it."

"Be careful. They aren't here with good intentions," Lina reminded her.

"Alright. By the way, I've already handled Mr. Young's matter."

"As expected of Phantom, clean and

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always!

"Just transfer the money to my account. If there's nothing else, I'm hanging up."

The moment Tessa ended the call, a knock sounded at the door.

She walked over and opened it, seeing that Landon had arrived.

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She was only wrapped in a bath towel, her smooth shoulders and delicate collarbones exposed to the air.

Below the towel, her slender, perfectly shaped legs made it impossible to look away.

Landon was momentarily stunned, his Adam's apple bobbing as he swallowed. This girl is only 17 years old, yet she already has a charm that could steal a man's soul.

"I'm not ready yet." Tessa planned to change. "Do you want to..."

"I'll wait here. Go ahead and get dressed, take your time

Tessa didn't say more and grabbed her clothes before heading into the room.

Opening the bag, she saw that everything she needed had been prepared.

She put on her bra, it fit perfectly!

Then she slipped on her underwear.

But when she saw the pale green mini skirt, she hesitated.

This skirt was way too short!

However, she had already tossed her previous clothes into the water while showering, so she had no other choice.

She pulled on the pale green mini skirt and paired it with a matching ruffled blouse. The top was cropped, raising her arms even slightly would reveal her navel.

After getting dressed, she quickly tidied her hair and walked out.

The first thing Landon saw was her long, slender legs.

Smooth and fair, they were impossible to ignore.

This was the first time he had seen Tessa in an outfit like this.

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"Mr. Thorne, this outfit doesn't really suit me." Tessa felt uncomfortable. With one sudden movement, she might expose herself.

She usually preferred pants, which were both practical and convenient in case of unexpected fights.

Landon stepped closer.

"I agree." His voice was deep, low, and intoxicating as it brushed against her ear.

Tessa instinctively wanted to step back, to put some distance between them. "But it looks good. You can only wear it for me."

Landon made another call, and soon, a staff member delivered a new set of clothes.

"Put this on."

Tessa took the bag and went to change. This time, it was a red dress, much longer, so she reluctantly accepted it.

When she stepped out, Landon was on a call by the floor-to-ceiling window.

Not in a hurry, she sat on the couch and played on her phone while waiting. After finishing his call, Landon walked over.

Tessa stood up. Dressed in red, she was still stunning, though at least her legs were more covered this time

"You must be hungry. Let's go eat." Landon put away his phone.

"Okay."

Tessa thought it was best they didn't stay alone any longer.

His gaze was too intense, as if he wanted to devour her.

"Why is Uncle Landon taking so long? It's just a change of clothes! I don't feel good about this, I'm going to check." Ysabel, worried about Tessa, got up to rescue her

Just then, the private room door was pushed open by a server, and Landon walked in with Tessa.

Hearing the noise, Cameron and Hudson looked up, immediately noticing the girl beside Landon.

Landon entered and pulled out a chair for Tessa, letting her sit.

Hudson had seen Tessa once before.

During Ysabel's kidnapping trial, Landon had specifically called him, partly for Ys:
this girl named Tessa.

But for Cameron, this was the first time.

but also to back up

And seeing the usually cold and unattainable Landon personally pulling out a
chair for a woman, he immediately turned to Hudson in shock, signaling with his eyes.
What's going on? Since when is Landon this

attentive to a woman?

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