

Chapter 179

We had been home for around half an hour, and he hadn't stopped fussing since the minute I walked through the door. I loved him dearly, but I didn't want him smothering me.

I was fine, I was okay.

I was dealing with it in my own way.

"Do you need me to get you anything?". He asked.

"I'm okay for now". I was comfortable on the couch with a cup of tea.

"Are you comfortable enough? Maybe I should get you a blanket? And food you need to eat something".

"Hey, hey". I grabbed hold of his hand as he laid the blanket over my lap. "Stop fussing I'm okay".

"I just want to look after you Leah. Please let me do that".

"All I'm saying is you don't need to be here if you have stuff to do. I'm only going to be sitting here anyway. Besides your phone's been vibrating since we got home".

"Yeah, they can wait. How about a grilled cheese sandwich and some chips on the side?".

"Sounds good". I smiled.

I thought I'd want to be alone, to deal with this on my own. I thought I'd want to shut the world out and push him away, but I didn't. Surprisingly, it was nice just the two of us. Hanging out on the couch with snacks and watching reruns of real housewives.

A yawn escaped my mouth as I stretched out my arms. Lunch was good, I forgot how hungry I was by only eating a little the past two days.

"How about I bring the pillows from upstairs down here and you can go for a nap?".

I nodded. "Could you get me the hot water bottle that's by our bed?". I now knew what the doctor meant when he said the cramps would get worse but hopefully the warm water would soothe it.

"Sure baby". He kissed the top of my head before heading upstairs.

Pushing the blanket off I took my dirty dishes into the kitchen and placed them into the sink. Going into the pantry I pulled down more snacks and made my way back to the couch.

"I brought the duvet down just in case".

"Thank you".

I got myself comfortable again. I had my snacks, the tv remote and my hot water bottle. This is exactly where I wanted to be two nights ago.

"Go do what you need to do. I'll be fine". I spoke.

"I won't be long. I'll bring in pizza for dinner". He placed a kiss on my lips before heading out.

I turned the volume on the tv down and pulled the duvet up and around my neck. I could already feel my eyes growing heavy, I knew it wouldn't be long before I was sleeping.

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As I stirred, I could hear voices. Hushed voices but they were close like in the same room. Peeling open my eyes I frowned.

"Alanna?". I spoke.

"Hey girl".

"Oh, she's awake". Lana added.

Wait, what was going on?

"How are you here?".

I was so confused. Alanna moved away days ago so why was she back? Was Carter with her? And Lana, Lana still lived here, she was just living her best life with Pete.

"Where's Lacey?". I sat up switching off the tv as I did.

"She'll be here soon. We thought you needed some girl time". Lana spoke.

"I see". I nodded. "Did Jake send you?".

"He didn't send us he asked if we could come". Alanna said.

I didn't mean to sound ungrateful. I was glad they were here. It had been forever since we all had a girl's night.

"I'm sorry". I sighed. "I'm glad you guys are here".

"About that". Alanna grinned. "We're coming back".

"You are?". I frowned.

She nodded. "Turns out it's not for us. Carter is coming down tomorrow with the rest of our things".

Wait, what happened for them to come back home?

"Did something happen?". I asked.

"Just wasn't working out".

"But you've only been away a couple of days".

"Do you have wine?". Lana asked.

She was always great at changing the subject.

"In the kitchen". I spoke.

"Great". She grinned. "I'll get us all a glass".

"You and Carter are okay though right?".

"We're great better than ever. I just hope my mom doesn't mind us staying with her until we find a place".

Oh, right, because Lacey and Jack were now staying where they used to live. Speaking of Lacey I hadn't seen her in what felt like forever.

"Can always stay here". I shrugged.

"Living with Jake again?". She made a face. "No thanks".

A laugh fell from my lips. "It's good to see you".

"You too Leah. You'll talk to me if you need to, right?"

I loved that they didn't push me to talk about anything. I loved that they were here just to comfort me and take my mind off everything that had happened. I really did miss hanging out with them.

I missed us all being together.

"I'm okay I promise".

"I got the goods". Lana grinned.

She was carrying three glasses of wine with the bottle under her arm. I had no intention of drinking any. It was the furthest thing from my mind. But I would hold it and keep the glass warm.

"Oh, gimmie". Alanna spoke. "I've had a long day".

"Are you guys staying the night?". I asked.

"I am I already told Pete not to expect me home".

I couldn't hide my smile. Lana had never changed. I loved that she was here. We may have gone through a rough patch, but I couldn't imagine my life without her in it.

Overall, she was my ride or die and she knew me better than I knew myself.

"Beats staying at my mom's". Alanna made a face as she took a sip of her wine. "I'm not ready for the hundred questions I'm going to get".

"Wait, your mom doesn't know you're home?".

She shook her head. "That's a conversation for tomorrow. Should we get dinner? Oh, should we go out for dinner?".

"Yes, I like that idea". Lana added.

I wasn't in the mood for that, I was still sore. My body still hurt, and my face wasn't much better.

"Could we just stay in?". I asked chewing the inside of my cheek. "Not really in the mood to go out".

"Sure, of course, whatever you want". Alanna smiled.

"There should be some menus in the kitchen just pick anything I'm not bothered. I'm going for a pee".

"Chinese?".

"Sure". I headed into the bathroom downstairs because it was easier. I wasn't sure I'd make the upstairs one without help.

I was still bleeding, and it was just as heavy. Hopefully it wasn't going to last much longer. After finishing I washed my hands and headed back into the living room.

Jake was home.

"Hey baby".

Oh, I forgot he was bringing pizza.

"Will I still order Chinese food?". Lana asked.

"Are you okay?". He whispered.

I nodded. "Could you get me some Advil and refill my hot water bottle?". I hadn't taken anything for the pain, but I needed something to take the edge off. I tried my hardest to just deal with it, but it was becoming too much.

"Go sit down please". He kissed my forehead before heading into the kitchen.

"Still order the food". I smiled. "I don't think one pizza is going to cut it".

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My cheeks hurt from smiling, my tummy sore from laughing.

I missed this, missed them. I was lucky to have the friends that I did.

"Where's Lacey?". I asked. "I thought she was coming?". It didn't feel right that she wasn't here with us.

"She wanted to but-...". She paused. "Do you want a drink? I feel like I need a top up". She got to her feet, but I was quick to stop her.

"What aren't you telling me? Why isn't Lacey here?".

"She's pregnant. She didn't want to come because...".

"Because I lost the baby". I nodded.

Well, that was silly. I would never expect her not to come around because of what happened. I was happy for her, thrilled that she was starting a family. It was exciting news, and she should be here.

"What's she going to do avoid me for 9 months?". I joked.

She shrugged.

"Please tell her not to be stupid. Call her and tell her to come over. It's not the same without her here". Sitting on the couch I pushed the covers to the side and grabbed the blanket instead.

"I'll call her now".

I was in a daze when Jake came in. I was happy for Lacey. I really was but I couldn't help the little bit of jealousy that crept in. Was that wrong?

"Water, Advil and your hot water bottle".

"Lacey's pregnant".

"I heard". He sat beside me, his arm going around my shoulders. "It'll happen again for us baby, I know it will".

"I know". I bit my bottom lip until I drew blood. My emotions were still all over the place, but I didn't want to cry. I was all cried out and yet I could feel the tears welling in my eyes.

"Do you want me to get rid of them?".

I shook my head.

"We'll get through this Leah and when the time comes it'll be our turn again".