

## CHAPTER 3

I looked at them as they were staring at me, but it seemed a little strange to me so I put my head back down and I kept drawing on my book.

When the teacher nally came into the room, he ordered everyone to sit down and I was surprised when the triplets sat at the desks directly in front of me and Izzy sat on the end, but she still managed to throw her glares over at me over her shoulder.

She kept trying to talk to the triplet on the end, the one that she hugged, but he barely even realized that she was there. He wasn't responding to her at all, which only caused her to stare at me with more intensity.

I saw a girl sitting on the other side of the room and she turned her head to look at the triplets and she actually nodded her head slightly like she was talking to someone, but no one was saying anything.

That girl moved from where she was sitting and came to the back of the room and sat next to me.

I looked at her a little suspiciously but where she was sitting I could barely see Izzy now. So I guess I should be happy about that.

"I'm Lexie." She said.

"Nova." I said.

"It's nice to meet you. I see you've already had your introduction to this school by Izzy." She said.

"How can you tell?" I asked.

"I heard her and her friends over there bitching about you to anyone who would listen. She doesn't like to be disrespected in front of her friends. And it looks like you did that. So, you're pretty well marked now." She said.

"I can take care of myself." I said. And she nodded her head.

"Yeah. I'm actually getting that from you." She smirked.

She grabbed my book that I had been drawing in and all it said was English which is the class that we're in with a lot of graphics around it.

"Damn. You're good. Do you draw a lot?" She asked.

"Not a lot. But I do like it." I said.

"You should. This is incredible." She said.

That class went by pretty quickly and I noticed that the triplets didn't get up to leave when the bell rang. But I gathered my books and I got up and as I was walking past them the one on the end grabbed my wrist and stopped me from walking away.

I looked at him strangely and then I looked at Lexie and she just shrugged her shoulders.

I could see that he was looking at the bruise on my hand from the fridge this morning.

"Is there something I can help you with?" I asked.

He just looked at the bruise again and then looked up at me before he let my wrist go without saying anything. So I walked out of the room and Lexie followed me.

"Okay. Who the hell are those guys?" I asked.

"They're the Blackstone triplets. Koda, he's the oldest and he's the one that just grabbed you, Dean is the youngest and he was in the middle and Tyler is the middle triplet. He's the one that has had this weird sort of relationship with Izzy." Lexie explained.

"Explain weird." I said.

"Well, it's only s\*x to him but she thinks it's more." Lexie said.

"That's not weird. That's just a teenage girl who thinks the sun rises and sets with him. Pathetic." I said.

"You don't believe in that stuff?" She asked.

"No. Not really." I said.

"Well, every girl in the school wants their attention. You might have bigger problems than just Izzy. Because they were paying attention to you and you didn't even do anything to get it." Lexie said.

"Great. That's just how I wanted to start my new school." I said sarcastically.

"Well, I'll help as much as I can." She said.

"Thanks. But that was just f\*\*\*\*\*g creepy. He never said anything to me, he just grabbed me." I said.

"I know. He's not much for words. Koda is the strong silent type." She said.

"Speaking of which, what the hell do they feed the guys around here? I've noticed that they're a hell of a lot bigger than back in California." I said.

"It must be something in the water." She joked. "Listen, I'm sure Koda had his reasons for doing what he did. I've known them my whole life, they are harmless." She said. And I nodded my head.

"So, you're from California. No wonder you're wearing a jumper in summer."

"It's still cold here for me." I said.

"I can tell." She chuckled.

I could hear movement in the classroom that we had just walked out of and it could only be the triplets and Izzy because they were the only ones left in there.

I saw Izzy's friends leaning against a wall up the hall waiting for her, but I started walking, quickly, to get away from the classroom. I didn't want to get too close to the triplets again.

I heard Lexie laughing as she ran to caught up with me and she just walked around with me and showed me around the school as we went from class to class since we had all the same classes.

The problem was, the triplets were in all my classes as well. And so was Izzy. I had to try and ignore them throughout the whole day. So I was glad when it was lunchtime. Even though we would see them in the cafeteria, it would be easier to keep my distance from them. That's all I wanted right now.

The triplets were starting to making me uncomfortable. They sat directly in front of me in every single class so far that day.