

His Beta 289

Chapter 289

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"I'm fine," Lanie insisted. "Love, I promise you. I was just a little bit dizzy for a few seconds. I'm fine"

The moment she'd tumbled forward, I had her in my arms. Now we sat on the porch steps with her in

my lap. I was still naked. Mason had thrown on a pair

of jeans, his chest and feet still bare. Zane sat next to me, a comforting hand on my back.

"I didn't even faint," Lanie declared, pushing at my chest. "It was just a rush of...something. I'm not sure

what it was, but I'm fine now. You all felt it?"

"Yes," Mason put in.

"I did," Zane added.

I cradled her closer to me, staring deep into her eyes. "We all did. So you better tell me what the fuck

is

actually going on with you, or...

"Or what?" she demanded with a quirk of her eyebrow. "Will you...spank me?"

“This is no time for jokes,” I warned her, but her Luna light pulsed out around her, joined by Zane’s

Betal

energy.

It was almost like I couldn’t stand against the two of them. My irritation eased away. I was still upset,

but

not enraged.

ht sight of M

I caught

of Mason’s expression, looking a little confused. Then admiring. He shook his head but didn’t say

anything.

Lanie pushed against me again. “You need to get dressed. I’ll tell you everything.”

Quickly, I pulled on a pair of jeans, a flannel, and my boots. The four of us gathered again on the front

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porch. My mother hovered inside, peeking out the windows until I turned and gave her a look. Then she

backed

off, but I knew she was as worried as I was.

This

has nothing to do with homeschooling, right?" confronted my Luna, and she shook her head

"No, love. And I'm sorry I was hiding the truth from you while I worked on all of this." Lanie took a deep

breath and shared a glance with Zane.

"Hea

sounded.

already knows?" Mason asked in a low voice that sounded. hell, I couldn't tell how my brother

Zane moved forward to put a hand on Mason's shoulder, but my brother stepped neatly away from it

before the touch landed. He stayed focused on Lanie and took her hands in his to kiss the knuckles,

one at a

time, on each hand.

"You're all my mates, equally." Lanie replied in an even tone. "So yes, Zane knows."

zel Zane's Beta strength tougioune genitly back to....well, not neutral, but definitely not infuriated. It

was

ustrating. I wanted to shout and pound my fists, but he was keeping me as calm as he could.

When I shot a look at my brother who was pacing the porch as Lanie told us everything she'd been up t

nd discovered, I could see Mascosanneer practically vibrating around him. With each pulse of Zone's

energy toward him, he flinched, and his intactançoner, until finally, Mason sagged against the porch

railing with hiss

ack toward us.

"I'm going with you, I told y una with mocow

She nodded. "Yes. Not because you'regioernanding it, though."

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I frowned, and she took my hand tedinkoupenogers

"Mason needs Zane right now," she whisper-thoughtcone. He's raw from his meeting with Asher, and

the

vo of them need to learn how to accept what cecounters the other. You and I will go to the human city."

“I’m not staying wherever the fuck that source add you I had to stay, I warned her through the link. “F

uck

lat noise. I’m not

“You’ll have to,” she cut in. Her eyes bore into name as dengers tightened. This isn’t about your ego.”

“No. It’s about keeping you safe.”

“It’s about the safety of our daughter, Lanie shot back. We need to find out what this source, this

arkLuna, can tell me about hybrids. Because war is coming, Endocrinether we like it or not, and we

need to

e prepared. So that means, also whether or not you like it, that tweingya cocollow those instructions. I

will not

sk my daughter.”

Goddess, she was powerful. I didn’t agree with her, but I knew there was no way I was going to be able

to

tand against her.

All of this is fucked,” I said aloud.

But we have no choice," Lanie added quietly.

Her gaze flicked over my shoulder to my brother, leaning on the railing. Zano sonto

eren't saying anything out loud, but I could catch a hint of them communicating through priva

me, when Zane put a hand on Mason's shoulder, my brother didn't shrug it away.

When do we have to leave?" I asked my Luna.

vive to meet the source at midnight," she confirmed with a glance at her watch Whichhmmenns we

ave to leave right now"