

## His Beta 348

### Chapter 348

Xander

Lanie had called us all to the training grounds without much of an explanation, but once let it all out.

She needed to test her ability to compel people.

Of course I wanted to be there. If Lanie was going to be exploring any new range of absolutely going to

be with her to make sure nothing went wrong.

powers,

“It’s going to be fine, love,” she said, hanging back from the others for a minute. “I promise you. My

grandfather would never risk me, and Charlotte would never risk her mate.”

“Why can’t they have you test this on me?” I grumbled back at her.

She slipped her hand into mine and leaned against me. “Because I’ve already shown that I have the

ability to compel you. We already have a connection.

My mind shot back to the night we’d met the dealer who was giving us the wolvesbane we needed to

break the agreement between Zane and Rhiannon. That felt like a lifetime ago. She’d had to compel

me that night to get me to back off, but I'd also agreed to do it once I felt her strength.

"We need to find out if I can truly compel someone against their will, when they're actively and strongly

resisting" She paused, her brow creased with concern. "It seemed like I could do it with Orion, but

everything was happening so fast, and then he was killed, so...it's really hard to say. I need to be able

to practice and test my limits, in a safe environment

Which this is"

I grumbled again. Of course I trusted her, but that wouldn't stop me from also wanting to protect her.

"She will be fine with us, you know Malachi greeted Lanie with a kiss to each cheek.

ouldn't tell if the vampire had been able to read my mind, or if my thoughts were just that clear all over

my face. "Then she'll be fine with me here watching"

Malachis cold gaze flicked past us to the doorway His mouth thinned into a smile. Apparently, your

ulher mates feel the hate way it will be quite the party

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them being any part of what for learning

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Zane laughed er der le men detras to the other of the “hey

“Chill, bro. Mason thought to me in a private link.

“He’s allowed to have other friends.”

I rolled my eyes as I turned to my brother and thought in reply, “Don’t act like I’m some kind of control freak.

Mason didn’t reply with words, only raised eyebrows and a smug grin. I frowned, but backed off from calling after Zane as he went to greet the dragon shifter kept close to Lanie, though.

“Greyson.” Malachi said this smoothly, waving him over. “Thank you for coming.”

“Charlotte said there was something special she needed me for?” Greyson gave us all a curious look.

“You should go over there and wait for her,” Lanie said calmly without a hint of tension in her voice. She

pointed to a bench on the other side of the room.

Greyson gave her a strange look. “Sure. Okay.”

We watched him go. When he was out of earshot, Malachi said quietly, “That was a good start. But

you’re too timid, Lanie. You have to compel him to do something he absolutely otherwise would not

wish to do.”

this.

I could sense her nervousness and the tension in her muscles. “Hey. Maybe this isn’t the right time for

Does she have to do it right now? Maybe she could-

“Xander, she interrupted. “I’m fine. I promise. It’s just weird. I’m just getting used to it.”

Mason was on my side, though. “She doesn’t have to do this at all. Ever. Just because you think she

needs to be able to do some weird vamp s hit doesn’t mean she actually has to.”

Malachi rolled his eyes and shook his head. “Mason, your reluctance is understandable, and I can

sense your great love and concern for my granddaughter.

But you need to back away with that attitude.”

Mason took a step back, then another. He scowled.

“Get the f uck out of my head!”

“See? Malachi turned to Lanie with a small grin ‘It can be as subtle as that Now you go on. Give it a try!