Chapter 5

Lexi's pov

I spent the school morning with Mini and found her companionship refreshing. I also noticed that Sloan and I were in all of the same classes as well and the three of us were on our way to lunch when the shit hit the fan.

Sitting at the table with my new friends Nathan came into the lunch room and spied me laughing with the Beta's son.

Hearing growls coming from across the room I glanced up to see Nathan storming toward us with his fists clenched.

When he grabbed Sloan by his shirt and jerked him to his feet I scrambled up and wedged myself between the pair.

"What is wrong with you," I snapped and glared at him seething with anger.

He was panting heavily and stepped back releasing his hold on Sloan.

"You will know exactly what is wrong once your birthday comes, little step-sister," he snarled in response and I looked at him like he had gone rabid.

"Well it's not for two months so back off me and my friends," I warned and the entire room grew quiet.

Glaring at me with his shifted wolf eyes I could hear Nova chortling in my head.

Telling her to knock it off I watched Nathan retreat from the lunch room and purposely knock down a stack of plastic trays as he stormed through the doors. The noisy chatter started back up and I turned to Sloan to see if he was alright.

I wasn't expecting to see him laughing wholeheartedly over the incident.

Raising my brow I asked him what he found so funny about being manhandled.

Shaking his head he said, "I've never seen him jealous and found it humorous."

Glancing back at the doors Nathan had exited from I shook my head.

"I don't think he's jealous of me. He is just a stupid butthead," I stressed and sat back down with them snickering.

Glancing between them I started giggling as well. Their laughter was contagious.

"What classes do I have next, Mini?"

"Physics and then physical education," she said with a blah.

I pouted over PE and had no desire to do it.

"We could skip and go run in the forest," she suggested and Sloan hissed.

"Coach will probably plan on everyone shifting and running a mile on the trails and you both will get caught," he asserted and wiggled his black brows.

I smiled and his blue eyes followed my lips.

My cheeks reddened and I looked down at my hands as I started to feel hot suddenly.

"Lexi, are you the step-sister of the two Alpha's sons," a girl who had come to our table asked. I looked up at her and nodded.

"Oh you're so lucky, those two are so hot," she squealed and I frowned.

"If you're into that tall tan athletic aggressive type, I suppose," I mumbled and she nodded enthusiastically.

"We should hang out sometime, maybe at the Alpha's," she prodded and I glanced at my friends for help.

Thankfully Mini cleared her throat and said, "Lexi is going to hang with Sloan and me so move along, Courtney."

The girl looked dejected when Sloan told her yep. Getting the hint she huffed and strutted away.

Rubbing my eyes I asked them both if the brothers were hooking up with randoms at the school and Mini laughed.

"They haven't shown interest in anyone since they returned from their mother's across state. Rumor has it that they were both refused by who they thought was their mate after getting stood up by her," Sloan said firmly and I looked at him and choked.

There was no way in hell it was me that they thought was their mate and certainly not both of them, right?!

I would have to convince them that they were both extremely wrong if that were the case.

Grabbing Mimi I smiled at her coyly.

"You think that we could skip the remainder of the day," I asked curiously.

She contemplated for a moment and gestured toward Sloan.

"Want to go to the lake with us," she asked him with an encouraging smirk.

Grinning slightly he hummed and tapped on the table.

"Alright but if we get caught we're blaming it on the Alpha's stepdaughter," he chuckled and I balked at the pair.

Narrowing my eyes at him I noticed that he was just teasing me and I giggled at him and watched as he ran his fingers through his ebony hair. I almost moaned in appreciation, stopping myself before I got embarrassed. He was cute and his eyes were staring back at me gawking at him openly when he winked.

My view darted away quickly and I focused on Mini.

"Am I blushing, Nova," I questioned my wolf with a thought.

She growled a low no and I relaxed as Mini announced excitedly that we should hurry and go before the lunch period was over.

The three of us sneaked out of a side door exit that butted up against the forest.

"Should we race," Mini questioned and I shook my head.

"I'm unfamiliar with this forest or lake for that matter," I muttered, causing them both to laugh.

Placing his hand on my shoulder Sloan suggested that I allow my wolf to lead the way.

"She will be able to scent the water, silly," he grinned.

Nova was telling me that he was correct as I watched both Mini and Sloan dash off through the dense woods.

"The last one there has to kiss the winner!"

I gasped and started my way through the branches.

Jogging while following Nova's direction I ran for several miles and finally heard my friend's laughter coming from up ahead.

Breaking through the treeline my eyes widened at the lake I knew for certain wasn't drawn on any map.

"You are the loser and owe Sloan a kiss," Mini shouted out playfully.

Seeing a pile of their clothes my brow rose seeing them both frolicking in the clear blue water.

Breaking the surface, Sloan flipped his wet hair back and my eyes traveled down his bare torso.

"Wow," I muttered seeing that he also had firm abs and tawny skin.

Swallowing nervously my eyes went to Mini splashing around and waving for me to come in.

"Just stay in your bra and panties if your chicken," she laughed.

Shaking my head I unbuttoned my jeans and slid them down my legs.

I wasn't wearing a bra but a bralette and pulled off my light sweatshirt to expose the matching lavender lace set.

Feeling Sloan's eyes on me I quickly dove in and immediately went to the surface and cursed.

"The water is freezing! You both are insane," I snapped.

Mini laughed as she swam over toward me and began to pull me to Sloan.

"You owe the winner a kiss," she teased and I glanced at her and over at the glistening Beta's son as my lips quivered from being chilled.

Once his hands were holding my hips I felt warmth from them. Looking up I see Sloan smiling and following his mouth until it connects briefly with mine.

Mini was cheering and I grinned over the chaste kiss before I splashed him and giggled as I tried to escape.

All of us played far after the end of the last school period and Sloan plopped down beside me on a rock where I was drying.

"You should probably get dressed and head back to the Alpha's or the Alpha will send out a search pack and they have great noses," he said firmly while tapping his straight nose.

"Shit, I gotta go!"

Laughing he laid back on the rock and gazed up at me.

"I had fun Lexi, we should do this again without Heather."

Eyeing him incredulously at his directness. I curled my lip and told him, "Maybe."

After quickly dressing I waved farewell to my two new friends and followed Nova's directions to the Alpha's house hoping that I didn't get my butt chewed.

Pulling my cell phone from my pocket, I called my mom.

"Alexandria Mitchell! Where are you, everyone is looking for you," she said angrily with a touch of worry.

"Sorry Mom, I met a friend and I hung with her after class to work on an assignment," I responded, and could hear her relaying what I had said.

"Well hurry home you already missed dinner," she scolded.

Ending the call my stomach rumbled from hunger and I frowned as I shuffled my feet up the long driveway. Hearing a vehicle racing toward me I turned to see Nathan and Nolan.

Both of them looked pissed and I groaned inwardly as I looked skyward.