Chapter 0314

I launch Nickolas off of me and run for the house, both guys laughing at my retreating form. I barrel into the door, just as my phone indicates another message coming through and Mina moves to see what it says.

"Don't even think about it." I laugh at her.

"You have no idea how torturous this is. I know better and yet my semi-nosey nature just wants to invade your privacy." She laughs back.

"Are you really that attention deprived?"

"Attention, no. Affection, probably. But I wouldn't know because all of that is being suppressed." She groans. "I actually just have a good feeling, hmm, or maybe it's a bad feeling, that these guys are involved somehow and I want to get moving on something other than new versions of school work." She makes a crazy face and we both start laughing. "Well...what does it say?"

I step away from her so I can read over the messages first. I have no idea what this guy would say, but I don't want something personal or private being seen by anyone but me.

Hot Ecology Guy: We meet up at the Student center for a 'normal' trail run, the real run happens about 5 miles in.

Hot Ecology Guy: I bring a bag for clothes, if you want me to hang onto yours.

Hot Ecology Guy: Always here to help!;D

Hot Ecology Guy: Bonfire after, we take everything out

before so don't worry about anything,

Hot Ecology Guy: We take care of everything

Hot Ecology Guy: This is Tyler by the way ;)

Hot Ecology Guy: Is there anything you prefer to drink

Hot Ecology Guy: Your sister too

Hot Ecology Guy: Headed to the gym if you want to join,

seems like your thing

Hot Ecology Guy: No response and no show are you

avoiding me?;)

Hot Ecology Guy: I'll leave you alone for the night, see you in

class Sky

Me: "Hot Ecology Guy" Presumptuous name don't you think?

Me: Not avoiding you, family stuff came up

Me: Mina and I will drink almost anything but beer

Hot Ecology Guy: Well I'm glad I didn't scare you off.

Hot Ecology Guy: Mike made fun of me for being too eager

Me: If I was in his place I would have done the same

Hot Ecology Guy: Am I coming on too strong?

Hot Ecology Guy: I tend to go after what I want.

Me: 'eye roll'

Me: Does that line actually work?

Hot Ecology Guy: You tell me

Me: Nope

Me: Let's start with 'classmates' first, I've known you about

4 hours

Hot Ecology Guy: How about we start by you coming with

me on this run

Me: Fine, what time should Mina and I meet you

I wanted to make it clear I was going to be with someone,

not alone with him.

Hot Ecology Guy: We meet at 6, come in workout gear

Hot Ecology Guy: The smaller and tighter the better;)

Me: Baggy sweats, got it!

Hot Ecology Guy: Give me something to dream about

Me: I'm sure you have plenty of images to fill your spank

bank

Hot Ecology Guy: Not any more, you erased them all

Me: That's a good line! You should save that for someone interested in being chased

Hot Ecology Guy: And waste an opportunity to make you smile, never

Hot Ecology Guy: You don't like to be chased?

Me: I'm usually the predator not the prey.

Hot Ecology Guy: That sounds like a challenge

Me: Just stating facts, ask Mina

Me: I'm changing your contact name to Tyler *eye roll* is

there a last name

Hot Ecology Guy: There's only one way I will give you my

last name;)

This boy and his wink emojis are ridiculous, but I know I have been smiling and laughing this whole conversation. He's a shameless flirt, but nothing vulgar or obscene. I think I might actually be enjoying myself.

Me: Smooth. Are you just going to keep trying to play me with pick up lines?

Hot Ecology Guy: Depends.. Are they working?

Me: I am laughing if that was the goal

Hot Ecology Guy: Ouch, harsh!

Me: I have to run, some of us have to do homework and care about our grades

Hot Ecology Guy: I care, this is just more fun and way more appealing.

Hot Ecology Guy: Can I see you tomorrow?

Me: Maybe...

Me: Goodnight

"Dang! He is crushing hard." Mina is sitting on my bed reading through the messages.

"Yeah, or he's part of the group that kidnaps girls. Have you thought about that? He's trying to get us out in the middle of the woods alone and has no real explanation as to where we are going."

She looks up at me slowly. "But he's so nice, why would he do that?"

"I don't have any other proof, but that's what I would do if I were in their shoes. Find the most charming of the group to approach people and make it some kind of invite only thing. It seems legit and the others talked about it too, but how do we know? There aren't any other wolves we know that run in this circle yet. It just seems too convenient and I can imagine more desperate girls trying to fit in would jump at

