

Their Secret Obsession

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Chapter 31 How Can I Help

Kane POV

“How do you plan to keep her from attending?” Knox asked as we stepped outside Lilly’s room.

“With him.” I stated, nodding to the male walking towards us, dressed in a plain black suit, no doubt one my sister had picked out given the expensive sheen to it.

“Sebastian!” I nodded, holding my hand out for my sister’s mate to shake. After leaving my sister’s room earlier, I had sensed the drama about to unfold, and to ensure everything went smoothly tonight, I had taken matters into my own hands, something that I had apparently become accustomed to doing. Having called a meeting with my father and her mate, I filled them in on our situation, both of them understanding that something had to be done to keep Lilly in check tonight, not just for Charlotte but for her mate’s reputation and our families.

Sebastian needed this alliance just as much as we did. My father wouldn’t be around forever, and it wouldn’t do him much good, having already made enemies of the future Alpha and their Luna. Because despite what my sister thought, Charlotte would be our Luna!

“What am I walking into?” He asked with a sigh.

“A nuclear explosion!” Knox laughed, resting **up** a wall beside us; unlike me, he wasn’t keen to welcome Sebastian. He couldn’t see past the threat he

posed to our pack with the Lycan blood running through his veins. But my brother failed to understand that he was also from one of the most influential families in our world, which gave us unlimited possibilities! Although it also meant he had the power to obliterate us if he so chose to. Our saving grace was that **he** genuinely seemed to love Lilly, and despite this tiff between us, she would be what ultimately kept us safe!

“If I can contain the blast, will she be able to attend?” He asked, looking over at the door to my sister’s bedroom longingly.

“No.” I declared. My sister needed this lesson, and I knew missing out on the season’s greatest event would be just the way to punish her.

“She has made her bed... Good luck with her!” Knox grunted, pushing off the wall to head to his room. Flashing Sebastian a smile, I followed my brother, pausing, hearing Lilly’s bedroom door open.

“Bash! My brothers have..”

‘Hush, my love!’ He sighed, closing the door behind him; the unmistakable sound of the door locking reassured me he would play his part, as promised. Catching Knox up, I pulled on his arm and nodded for him to follow me, not wanting to say too much as we neared Charlotte’s room. I watched him stiffen as her scent wafted through the door to him, his body instantly relaxing. I knew what he wanted; I wanted the same thing: To be in there with her. But we had one last thing to arrange.

“Come on... I want to do something for Charlotte.” I announced through mind link, not wanting her to hear and ruin the surprise. I watched his eyes flash to me, that longing replaced with excitement.

“What is it?” He asked as we approached the Luna suit that my mother occupied; pushing the door open, I smiled, seeing my mother standing in the floor-to-ceiling mirror, already dressed in a stunning gown of gold and emerald her statement colors. Her hair was swooped into an exquisite circular braid, all pinned perfectly. She looked beautiful!

“**You** look hot, Ma!” Knox whistled. “Pa is gonna die when he sees you!”

“I hope not!” She chuckled elegantly, spinning, her eyes levelled on us both. She wore very little makeup, but that was also her style, subtle and elegant! Like someone else I know. And the mere thought of Charlotte, my cock throbbed to be inside her!

“F***, this mate bond is going to have me hard all the time!” I muttered, trying to reach my wolf, but still, I was met with silence that was starting to worry **me**.

“What he means is you look beautiful!” I laughed, nudging Knox and stepping into my mother’s room, holding my arms open to embrace her. My large body swallows her 5’4 petite figure. Pressing my lips to her head, I grinned as the mint shampoo she always used invaded my senses.

“So, I hear from your father there is to be an announcement tonight?” She asked, pulling from my arms to take Knox in hers. Walking to the window that looked out over the captivating grounds, I nodded, clenching my jaw. I wasn’t sure what my father had told her, but I suspected only half the truth.

“Yes, which is why we are here... We need your help!” I started to say, but my mother cut me off with questions that confirmed my father hadn’t told her everything.

“I thought Charlotte was engaged to Michael Green.” She asked something in the way she said his name let me know; like Knox and I, she wasn’t a fan of the kid.

“She was- until this morning,” Knox answered for me.

“I see. And what changed this morning?” She asked, and I could tell from her tone that this question was aimed at me.

“Everything!” I answered honestly.

“I need more than that, Kane!” My mother sighed; the sound of the moving bed springs announced she had sat beside Knox, who was waiting for me to speak.

“What do you want me to say, mother?”

“The truth... What is Charlotte to you both? Because I saw how you and Michael were interacting with each other at your sister’s ceremony when you dragged him in front of your father!”

“Did you punch him?” Knox grinned. “Not that he wouldn’t f**king deserve it!” He added with a chuckle that made me snort.

“And you...” She warned, and **as** I turned, I saw her eye my brother with interest. “I hear you threatened him in the yard?”

“I did!” Knox grinned, pecking my mother’s cheek with a wink. “When I caught him pulling Lottie’s skirt around her hips while ignoring her pleas to stop.” Knox shrugged, my jaw tightening, wondering why he hadn’t told me about this.

“I wanted to ram a branch up his ass, but Lottie wouldn’t let me! She’s such a spoilsport. Something about how it was bad luck to kill someone on a wedding day!” He shrugged, smiling at our mother with sincerity. He shrugged, smiling at

“So, this is a game to you both?” She groaned, standing and smoothing her dress out.

“No, it’s not a game! It’s HER life! You raised that girl; do you want her to be with someone like him? Who disrespects her by shoving his cock in anything he can!”

“Kane!” She breathed, covering her throat in shock at my outburst.

“What? Come on, we have all heard the stories! He is sleeping with every unmated she-wolf! And even those who are mated! Charlotte deserves

better!" I breathed, letting out a sigh. "She deserves to know love! To be adored and protected! Goddess knows she didn't get that from her father! The only love that girl has ever known is from our family!"

"And now she has us!" Knox added, coming to stand beside me protectively.

"And what exactly is: 'us'?" She asked, her lips twitching into a smile.

"She is our mate." Knox voiced, pulling his shirt aside and nudging me to do the same. Sighing, I rolled my eyes at how proud my brother was to bear her mark.

"You're so whipped!" I laughed but did as he requested and showed her my mate's mark. If only to silence any doubt in my mother's mind.

"F*** off like you ain't too!" Knox grinned like a fool.

"Knox!" Our mother scolded before grinning slightly.

"So, boys.." She smirked, her arms wrapping around us in support. "How can I help?"