

Their Secret Obsession

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Chapter 41 Would, Not Will

Knox POV

“How did Mike take the news?” My father asked Kane and I. We had been roped into helping them check the security details for tonight; given that this ball was being thrown for Lilly and Sebastian, we had many visiting Alphas who wanted to pay their respects to the future of the last remaining Lycan line.

“I haven’t told him.” My brother replied as he moved one of the CCTV cameras slightly while I checked its angle on the laptop.

“What?” My father snapped furiously. I lifted my eyes from the screen to watch. my father approach Kane. I hadn’t been present when Kane had told our father we had taken Lottie as a mate, but I knew he was angry with us. Especially after he had already refused to end Lottie’s betrothal to Mike, her father had terms that he would be discussing with us later tonight, but my father had stressed that we were to tell Mike.

“You told me I had to tell him; you didn’t say how or when!” Kane snorted as he eyed me over my father’s shoulder; checking the screen once more, I nodded that all was good on my end. My brother clicked the camera in place before focusing on my father entirely.

“So, I will tell him tonight when I tell everyone else.” My stubborn brother announced. I narrowed my eyes on the pair of them, hoping things wouldn’t explode because I loved my father. Not just because he was my Alpha but because he had always been a good father! Not just to us but to Lilly. He

hadn't seen her as a weaker pack member like most fathers did their daughters. He adored every one of his children, including our mate.

"Father!" I warned him from my seat. However, if push came to shove when it came to my family or Lottie and Kane, I would pick my mates! Some may think it was a foolish move: that with Kane gone, I would have Lottie all to myself, but the truth was she loved him, and I wanted her to be happy. Plus, I was cool with the whole. three-way shit!

"He deserves to know before anyone else." My father growled, running his hand through his hair in frustration.

"Why does he?" I asked, sitting back in the chair to eye my father curiously.

"Because he was so good to Lottie?" I questioned angrily.

"Because he loves her too!" He barked. His words pulled a snort from my lips. and a deadly growl from Kane that had even my father tensing nervously.

"He loves the power she would have given him! That is all!"

"What power does she bring? She is Antony's daughter; Mike will have no additional standing in the pack." My father yelled. I watched Kane tense and frown, knowing if my father didn't mind his words, my brother would end up saying something he may regret.

"Would... he WOULD have had no additional power... Not will! Because Charlotte... is MINE!"

"Ours!" I pouted, trying to defuse the pure, unchecked rage that was bouncing around the room, seeing the glare I got from Kane, I had failed in that attempt!

"I just meant, could you be wrong in your assumptions."

“No!” I shrugged before Kane could answer, “Tell me, father...” I started to say, forcing my father to focus on me so Kane could calm himself.

“If Mike HAD mated Lottie, despite the fact she was not his fated or his second chance mate... and got her pregnant... would their theoretical child have Beta blood. running through their veins...”

“Well, yes, of course.” He sighed, not following.

“And tell me, what ranking in our pack does Mike and his family have?”

“BEFORE you promoted him to official ass lick?” Kane added, crossing his arms over his enormous chest.

“Well, they were omegas... He was always a decent warrior, but yes, the family were born as omegas...”

“So... he had something to gain from Lottie...” Kane declared triumphantly.

“I don’t think he would have been that cunning; he is a nice guy... he is good at...”

“Ass licking, yeah, we know!” I snorted, dismissing my father and his sentence. “I think the doorway could be, so with another camera pointing towards where the staff will enter to serve drinks and food from.” I announced, nodding to Kane, who was already grabbing a camera and walking to the doorway.

“This conversation isn’t over.” My father grumbled after Kane. Who shrugged and started to install the camera.

“By all means, continue it, Father, but I am done discussing that prick! He will find out tonight, with everyone else, for no other reason than I want to see the look. on his face when I present Charlotte to the pack as their future

Luna. I want him to know she is untouchable... that he will never again get his hands on what is mine, and if he tries... I will kill him!"

"I might kill him anyway." I snorted while checking the camera's angle. "A little to the left, Kane." I added cheerfully, like that I hadn't just threatened murder.

"What happened to you both while you father muttered, observing us. "That talking about slaughtering one of your own became so easy and everyday conversation!" My father sighed, sitting in the chair, his body evidently exhausted already.

"We grew **up**, and saw the world for what it was..." I grinned. "A vipers den, and if you want to make it out alive, you best be prepared to do what is needed for those you love... and that now includes Lottie!" I beamed at my father with a wink.

"And you and Ma... unless you give us reason to doubt your loyalty to this family..." Kane declared, his tone cold and uncaring. A gasp sounded out in the room at Kane's threat.

"Alpha, Luna has told me to tell you it's time to open the gates." A shaky voice announced from behind me; looking down at the screen, I smiled, seeing one of our omegas standing in the servant's doorway.

"Perfect where it is!" I announced to Kane, who nodded to me, clipping the camera in place with a giant grin plastered on his face.

"I guess it's time to collect our mate!" He winked at me. Closing my laptop, excited to see our girl in her dress! I froze; my body suddenly racked with a sense of abandonment that I couldn't explain.

“Havoc?” I panted through the pain to my wolf; my wolf had been silent since we had got back, no doubt exhausted from the travel and pissed at me for dragging him away from the freedom or studies offered.

Clenching the table, my body rigid from something suddenly snapping painfully inside me. Looking up into the frenzied eyes of Kane, I realized he, too, had felt

Our bond with Lottie... it was gone.