

Their Secret Obsession

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Chapter 59 Don't Drink It

Turning to look at Lilly, I rasped, seeing Connie had joined her in the doorway, still wearing her dress although her make-up had worn off. I had always envied the attention she got from boys. However, something clicked in me today, making me realize that the attention she got was not because of her personality nor her pretty face that she hid under mountains of make-up, but because of how she flaunts her body.

Today is an important event that should set our standing within the community, and her dress is so short and low-cut that I am confident she will have a wardrobe malfunction by the end of the night and embarrass herself and us!

"It isn't my style!"

"True, but neither is throwing yourself at every male!" Sage interjected, making me smile. If this is what it took to make Connie happy, feel confident or whatever... who was I to judge?

"I am totally judging her!" Sage laughed. Connie locked her dark eye on me with no remorse; she desperately wanted to seem unfazed by the fact that I held the night's fate in my hands.

"She can come, but she stays away from MY mate's Lilly!" I warned without looking at Connie. "You will be responsible for her!" Knox quickly on my heels, his hand settling at the base of my spine.

“Geez, thanks ‘Luna’” they both giggled from the doorway before the door slammed shut, and the fear that I had made a colossal mistake licked up my spine.

“That isn’t a good idea!” Knox cautioned me, my eyes meeting his angrily just as Kane’s voice cut through my head, stopping me from giving him a gob full.

“Charlotte, what are you doing? We are trying to protect you!” Glaring at Knox, I mouth ‘Snitch’ at him, to which he shrugged, leading me from Lilly’s room and down the beautifully decorated staircase.

“She is my best friend! I want her there!” I snapped, standing my ground as much as I could. I loved the boys, but I loved Lilly too. She had been there for me when they hadn’t. She had picked me up more times than I could count: when my father, Mike or pack life knocked me down. I understand she is angry, but she will calm down; our friendship has to mean as much to her as it does to me.

“After what I witnessed today, I want her as far away from the ball as possible so she can’t cause a scene!” Kane growled. “Even Sebastian agrees!” He added as if that made everything ok.

“A scene is what we need, Kane! If we are going to pull this shit off and fool my father, we need something or someone to set off the spark. And Lilly’s jealousy over having me outshine her tonight, mixed with Connie’s bitterness at not getting one of you two... will be just that!”

“I don’t like it!” Kane growled, “I don’t want you upset!”

“I know, and I love you for it... but... we need them if we are going to fool my father and Mike.” I tried to get him to see reason. I could sense his unease through the bond, but ultimately, he knew I was right, and given the way Knox was looking at me, he did, too.

“It’s ok... Seriously, I am not going to break over some mean girls.” I grumbled

“Have you seen the film Mean Girls?” Knox asked through our heads, allowing his hand to slip around me.

“Yep! She gets pushed in front of a bus, right?”

“YEP!” He grinned wide with a wink. “Something I should remind my sister of.”

“Twat!” I laughed, rolling my eyes. “But seriously, I need you both to have some faith in me!” I sighed, feeling pride wash through the bond. I beamed softly.

“We do have faith in you; we know you can do this. That’s not why we banned her from coming.” Knox admitted, his hand poised at the bottom of my back as he hovered his lips close to my ear while leading me towards the great hall.

“Then... why?” I asked my mates, half distracted by Knox’s lips. I did not understand the issue if they believed I was strong enough to put up with a bit of catty behavior.

“Because I don’t want to start a war with Sebastian when I remove his mate’s tongue for insulting you!” Kane growled possessively.

“That is your sister!” I reminded them, knowing they were just being dramatic. There was no way they would hurt Lilly.

“And YOU are our priority... Always! So, make no mistake, Charlotte... Sister or not, Lilly will give you the respect you deserve, or she will need to learn sign language...”

“And fast!” Knox added with a sly smirk that made heat pool between my thighs.

“So, what is the plan, then?” Knox asked through mind link, his hand falling to the bottom of my back. We had arrived at the entrance to the main hall; its beautiful white flower displays hung from the ceilings, fairy lights that

glistened with the warm glow of sunshine entwined with the enchanting flowers, making the whole area look magical.

A curtain of white and gold velvet hung at the door Knox kept us behind. Peeking through it to get a glimpse of the hall and how many people I would be facing, I sucked down a gasp seeing over five hundred people crammed into our great hall. Packs from all over had sent their Alpha and Beta to show respect to Lilly and her mate; I guess that made sense, given Sebastian's standing.

My eyes settled on Mike, standing at the bar chatting with the bartender. I watched him like one might watch a shark, trying to work out its next move and who it had in its sights. My lips curled into a snarl, watching him openly pour something into each of the drinks on his tray, all but two, which he moved to one side.

"It's that shit he made you drink!" Sage growled through my head, her eyes narrowing on the vile he was slipping back into his pocket. Unrivalled anger rippled off her at Mike's blatant attempt to hurt and betray those I loved!

"Are you sure?" I asked, watching as Mike took the tray and approached a group of people I recognized immediately. Seeing him hand drinks to those I loved, my eyes almost popped out of my head. Even with their masks, I recognized Alpha Leigh and our Luna instantly.

"Kane!" I whispered, even with his back to me; I knew the large male my eyes were glued to was that of my mate, Kane... Mike grinned as Kane took the offered drink before he handed my father one of the 'clean glasses' and took one for himself.

"KANE! Don't Drink it!" Sage roared through our bond, panic exploding in my core.