

## Chapter 0179

Saturday, late morning, Thea, the triplets, and Lizzy met Davie, Quinn, and Jane in the coffee shop. Maggie was getting their offices set up, but they weren't ready to be used yet.

"Thank you for meeting with me," Thea said after a server took their orders. "I'll get right into it. It sounds ridiculous, but I have amnesia. I don't remember anything before this week. They've been filling me in on things," Thea pointed to the triplets and Lizzy. "I brought them because I figured they may know things I don't. I gather that we were finalizing the decor of the bar." She looked at Jane.

"Yes. There are just a few more things to go over," Jane said.

"I don't remember what I was going for, but everything I saw looks good," Thea said. She turned to Quinn. "I thought that since I trusted Quinn here to manage the bar, he would know best what we want. Could we do that now?"

"Absolutely," Quinn and Jane said together.

Jane retrieved her laptop and started pulling up

pictures. She went over all the details, explained the ambiance they wanted, the functionality of the space, how the different elements worked together, everything.

Servers brought out coffees and pastries for everyone and peaches for the triplets and Thea. The triplets twisted their peaches into perfect halves, plucked out the pit then started eating.

“I’ve missed these this week,” Kai said. The coffee shop and pack house kitchen usually had peaches on hand since they were the triplets’ favorite, but they’d been out all week.

Thea copied them and twisted her peach in half. She watched juice run down her forearm as the smell of the ripe peaches filled her senses. A feeling of déjà vu overwhelmed her.

Suddenly a sharp pain filled her head. She dropped the peach halves and grabbed her head before passing out.

She came to a moment later. Without opening her eyes, she could tell she was in Alaric’s arms.

“Ric?” she said.

“Yes, my love,” he said.

She heard several voices overlapping.

“Are you okay?” Conri said.

“What happened?” Kai said.

“Thea, are you okay?” another voice said she didn’t recognize.

“Why are you all talking at once?” Thea said.

“No one is talking,” Alaric said.

Thea rubbed her temples and opened her eyes. Everyone was staring at her, including Owen, Logan, Hunter, and Chase from Delta team. She could hear Conri’s and Kai’s voices, but their lips weren’t moving.

“Where are we? What’s going on?” Thea said.

“You passed out. We’re at the coffee shop, meeting with Quinn, Jane, and Davie,” Alaric said.

“Bar stuff?”

“Yeah.”

“Okay. Let me gain my bearings. I’m sorry I bring so much drama wherever I go,” Thea said.

She could still hear Conri asking if she was okay.

“I’m fine, Con. I think. Just a little dizzy. Is that—you

have a mark?" Thea reached out and touched the mark on his shoulder. Sparks erupted, and she felt the connection between them. The memories of the last week flashed through her mind.

The group watched as Thea's past and recent memories meshed together.

"Thea! Answer me! Can you hear me?" Thea recognized the voice of Zoe in her head.

"Yes, Zoe. I can hear you, and I remember everything," she thought to her.

Thea smiled and turned to Alaric. "Quick. Ask me something about the past."

"What happened when Kai punched you in the back of the head when we were kids?"

"I tackled him and punched his face until he cried," Thea said. She looked at Kai, smiling.

Kai's face lit up. "You have your memory back?" Kai said.

Thea nodded. The triplets pounced and squeezed her in a group bear hug.

Lizzy cleared her throat. "There are other people who want to say hello," she said.

The triplets reluctantly released her, and Lizzy hugged her.

“I’m glad you’re back,” Lizzy said.

“Me too. We need some quality one on one time later,” Thea said.

“Yes.” She let go. “I don’t think I’m needed here anymore. I’m going to go tell everyone that you’re back.” She skipped out of the room.

Thea faced Davie, Quinn, and Jane.

“I’m sorry for that interruption,” Thea said. She couldn’t stop smiling. “I remember you now, and I remember what we were doing.”

“Welcome back, Luna,” Davie said.

“Welcome back, Luna,” Quinn and Jane said.

“Thank you,” Thea said. “Going back to the decor. What do you think, Quinn? Are we ready to pull the trigger on this?”

“Absolutely.”

“I agree,” Thea said. “Let’s get it started. I feel good about it.”

“Okay,” Jane said. “I’ll get things ordered and

schedule things with the contractor.”

“Perfect,” Thea said. “Quinn? Where are we?”

“I’m gathering staff. I have a chef creating a menu. We need to schedule a time where he can present the options to you, and you can give feedback.”

“How soon can we set that up?” Thea said.

“I bet we could get it set up for tomorrow,” Quinn said.

“I believe I’m free all weekend. Is that right?” Thea turned to Alaric.

“Yes. We have nothing planned,” Alaric said.

“Would it be appropriate to bring my mates?”

“Of course. I assume your Delta team will accompany you?” Quinn said.

“Yes,” Thea said. “I’d also like input from Davie and Jane.” Thea turned to them. “If you can make it, I’d love for you to be there.”

“Give me the details. I’d love to come,” Davie said.

“Me too,” Jane said.

“One more to add to the guest list, if she can come. My friend Misty,” Thea said.

“Done,” Quinn said. He pulled out his phone, tapped on it, and almost immediately got a response. “How’s tomorrow morning at nine?”

Everyone present said it worked for them. Thea texted Misty. She was in too.

“By the way, I got my memory back. I’ll tell you all about it tomorrow,” Thea texted to Misty.

“Yes! I’m so excited!” Misty texted back.

“Okay,” Quinn said. “It’ll be at his current restaurant before it opens for regular business. I’ll text you all the address.”

They parted ways, and once they were alone, Thea turned to the triplets.

“Before anything else happens, I need to mark Ric,” she said.

Alaric stepped up to her, slid one hand around her waist and the other into her hair and to the back of her head. He pulled her into a kiss.

“I love you,” Alaric said to her in mind link.

“I love you too,” Thea thought.

“I missed you,” they said in mind link at the same

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time.


“Where do you want to go to get marked?” Thea asked.

“You want to take a run into the woods?” Alaric said.

Thea smiled. “Yeah.”

They went to the edge of the woods, stripped, shifted, and started running.

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