

Part Mark Pt. 3

I got to the oce surprised I'd beaten Ted in. I swear to GOD he better not have gotten eaten by a wolf. Ted came bouncing into the oce right at nine. I raised an eyebrow, "Is that a new scarf? Boy you look happy. Are you hiding a hickey?" Ted laughed, "Maybe. It is not a new scarf. I just hadn't worn it yet. It's great though isn't it?" I laughed, "It's very you Ted. I'm guessing you tracked down the brown wolf." Ted snorted, "Did. I. Ever. Lex. WHOA you've gotta get yourself a wolf Lex. Stamina of a champion. Those boys eat their damn Wheates. I've locked this one down." I laughed, "It was that good?" Ted smirked, "It really was. Best I've ever had." I gaped, "You're serious?" Ted nodded, "Uh huh. I got myself a date later tonight." I laughed, "Go on with your bad self Ted." Ted smiled. He brieiy looked guilty then we got to work. Sally brought us lunch. She'd made fried chicken with mashed potatoes and she gave Ted a whole apple pie. Sally and I exchanged looks when Ted turned red as a tomato when she mentioned she felt bad about the other day. Sally laughed, "You do remember coming in the store DEMANDING I give you a piece of the best apple pie you've ever tasted?" Ted shook his head, "Ummm yes... Yes, I do. I feel silly, you didn't even have the pie. You didn't have to make this." Sally gave me a look, "Oh, well then... I'll just take it..." Ted slapped her hand when she tried to take the pie, "I mean you went to all the trouble to make it. Who turns down a Sally Quaid pie? Not me. This is my pie; you gave it to me." Sally and I laughed. That was the normal Ted. "I signed you both up for self-defense classes on Wednesday's at ten in the morning." Ted grumbled but agreed. Sally gave me a hug, "Thank you." I smiled, "I'll always have your back."

The day passed quickly, and before I knew it; it was time to meet Reagan for dinner. I googled the restaurant she had texted me. It was an upscale restaurant. Thank god I kept a chance of clothes in my work closet. My jeans weren't going to cut it. I quickly grabbed my dress out of the closet. I was about to put it on when a garment bag caught my eye. I saw the note and ripped it off

Lex.

I saw this dress, and it screamed LEXI MUST OWN ME. I'm f****g serious. It screamed at me. I know black's your thing, but every girl needs to rock some red every once in a while. At least that's what Torvi and Astrid say. Personally, Black is not my thing :)

Haley

P.S. I gave you your black with the shoes :) because I love you so f****g much

I laughed. That was so Haley. I pulled the dress out of the garment bag running my hands over it. Haley was right. I loved this dress. It was a scuba cocktail dress that had a plunging off the shoulder neckline. It was a tted dress. I smiled and put it on. I looked at myself in the full length mirror on the back of the closet door. I grabbed the black shoes and slipped them on. I laughed when I pulled out a tube of red lipstick in the bottom of the shoe. Haley just thought of everything. I ipped my head over a few times giving my hair that wild look. I put the lipstick on and did a three sixty turn. I looked good. I smiled and walked out of my oce.

"Ted you should pack up and get on your date." I said. Ted was looking at his computer, "I texted him to pick me up in thirty minutes. I'm just wrapping this... HOLY s****!" Ted looked up. He squealed, "GIRL!! LOOK. AT. YOU." He made a twirling motion with his hands and I spun around. He slapped my ass. "Sorry, I couldn't resist. Your ass must be slapped in this dress, and HELLO boobs. Lexi has been hiding you from me. She should be ashamed and show you off more often. Aren't you two just gorgeous! WHERE did this dress come from?" I laughed, "A fairy princess." Ted fanned himself, "If I liked the female form, I'd do you girlfriend. You get yourself LAID in this dress girl. The DRESS demands s*x. The hair, the lips, THE SHOES! They all demand s*x. I better hear all about your hot s*x after your girl time with the she wolf." I laughed, "I think you'll have to have the s*x stories Ted." Ted smirked, "Girl... I have all the stories. He's hung like a horse, and he can be so rough. Then he can be tender. He's the perfect dichotomy for TeleTed. He's perfect." I laughed, "Are you guys going to make it through this date without tearing each other's clothes off?" Ted smirked, "I make no promises." I laughed, "Make sure you use me as your one phone call if you get arrested for indecent exposure." Ted snorted, "Who else would I call?"

I said, "I don't know cause your hunk of muscle wolf would be right beside you." Ted smirked, "Go. Go on, show the world how stunningly beautiful you are." I laughed all the way to my car. I caught a faint scent of sandalwood, but I didn't see anything. I was about to go check it out when my phone beeped pulling me back to reality. It was Reagan letting me know she was already there. SHOOT! I got in my car and drove the restaurant. I was followed, but who cares. Nothing was going to happen at this restaurant. I walked in and the hostess smiled at me, "You must be Miss Lexi." I was surprised, "I am." The girl smiled, "Reagan said you'd be the stunning woman with black hair." I laughed, "Well Reagan is kind." I was led to a table where Reagan sat with the cutest little girl. The little girl smiled brightly at me. I smiled back. When I sat down, I realized no one else was in the restaurant. I said, "Did we shut them down?" The little girl said, "No silly! My daddy did! I'm his special princess." I laughed, "What's your name, special princess?" She smiled, "Susie. Mommy surprised daddy with a date night, and he needed Reagan to watch me. He got mad she had plans, then my big brother said he'd shut down the restaurant so we could all come." I laughed, "Well, that sounds like a protective dad, and a good big brother. Albeit crazy to shut down his own business." I said laughing with Reagan.

Reagan laughed, "You have no idea." Susie said, "Reagan had to ick Cameron because he wanted to be on guard outside." Reagan groaned, "I love your brother Susie, but he's being crazy." Susie giggled. Reagan's eyes narrowed, "You know. Oh my gosh! It's all three of you in on this one!" Susie said, "It's a secret project. Project cookies." Reagan laughed, "Oh gosh." I said, "What's project cookies?" Susie smiled "It's about the princess." I laughed, "Princess Haley?" Susie shook her head, "No, another princess. Every girl is a princess." I smiled, "Are they?" Susie nodded emphatically, "You are very pretty. Just like a princess would be." I smiled, "My dress is actually courtesy of a fairy princess." Susie clapped. I smiled, "So you are Cameron's little sister?" Susie nodded. I said, "So your other brother owns this place?" Susie nodded, "Chase owns lots of things and places. Which is good because he makes it so I can go out places." I laughed. Chase was the other brother. He sounded hot. I asked, "Why couldn't you go out to places without Chase owning them?" Susie sighed, "Daddy's rst wife died. He thinks it's his fault so he's overprotective of me." I frowned, "My mom died too when I was little. I have a protective big brother who feels he's also my dad because he died too." Susie smiled, "Big brothers are the bestest thing ever." I smiled, "Yes, they are."

We laughed all evening. Susie was the sweetest kid. She had to go to the restroom and a man appeared out of nowhere to escort her. Reagan smiled, "Thanks for being cool about her being her." I shrugged, "It's no problem! She's the sweetest little thing. I swear I'd have had to bring my partner Ted if he didn't have a date tonight. He told me my outt demands I get laid." We both stilled when we heard a growl from outside. I frowned, "Do you think something is wrong?" Reagan raised an eyebrow, "Oh something is absolutely going on, wrong though no. I'm just not sure what exactly is happening. Those owers you sent were quite kind, but to the wrong pack." I frowned, "Oh... was it... Chase? That's what Susie said her other brother's name was..." Reagan smiled, "The older brother is Chase. It was him and his pack." I nodded, "I'll send him owers tomorrow then." God his name sounded sexy. Maybe Ted was right. I needed to get laid. I'm practically wet over a man's name. Why did Raphael have to go back home? Susie came back, "Can you come play with me, Miss Lexi?" I smiled, "Well sure! I'd love to come play with you sometime. Are you coming to the party on Sunday that I'm planning with Reagan?" Susie looked down, "I don't think daddy will let me come." Reagan sighed, "We are trying Susie." Susie shrugged. I wanted to lift her spirits, "Tell you what. If you can't come, I'll sneak away with a special meal from my friend Sally. She's a great cook. I can't have you missing out on her food." Susie brightened, "Wouldn't you miss the party?" I smiled, "I'm REALLY fast." Susie smiled, "Are you a superhero?"

I laughed, "Not exactly." Susie said, "I think you're a princess superhero. Mommy says girls are just as strong as boys, and that we can do everything they can." I laughed, "Your mom is right. Men and women each have their strengths. We need each other for balance. A helping hand is a very good thing. Your brother actually helped me out last night. I could've handled it, but he helped me and my friend." Susie smiled, "Chase?" I nodded, "Evidently. His wolf is very handsome." Susie giggled, "He's big and black. He's the biggest wolf in our pack." I smiled, "He did look quite large." We all laughed the rest of the meal. I really liked both of them. Reagan said, "This was a lot of fun. I'm all for making Chase shut the restaurant down for a few hours so we can have girl time." I laughed, "Let's do it on a weekend then. I feel bad he lost out on Friday night revenue." Reagan smiled and a bunch of men in a black SUV pulled up. I instantly had Susie behind me. WHY was the sandalwood smell stalking me? WHY didn't I have my bow? I was going to have Haley look into enchanting it. Making it small so I could pull it out in moments like this. Reagan said, "Those are Chase's men." I relaxed and Susie came around in front of me, "You're silly Lexi." I smiled, "I have my moments Susie." The men got out of their car, "Luna Reagan, Chase asked us to escort Susie home in case you had planned to continue your night." Susie sighed and Reagan said, "Hey, I got you out of the house AND kept you up past bedtime." Susie smiled brightly, "You're right! You're the best Reagan!" Susie left with the men. "She'll be ok?" I asked Reagan. I felt oddly protective of Susie.

Reagan smiled, "She's with ve of Chase's best pack warriors. She will be ne. What do you say? We continue this girl's night?" I smiled, "Know a good place to drink and dance?" Reagan squealed, "DO I?" God, I haven't been dancing for so long." I smiled, "Want me to drive?" Reagan said, "You'd have to. I came with them." I laughed, "How did they expect you to get home?" Reagan said, "Oh I could run, or ask you for a ride. Come on! The club awaits." I laughed and led us over to my car. We got in and I said, "Where are we going?" Reagan smiled, "Just a few miles away. Go left out of the parking lot." She gave me directions, and we got out at a fancy looking club. I laughed, "Your brother-in-law own this too?" Reagan smirked, "Hell yes he does. If I have the choice of going somewhere, I buy my drinks, or they are on the house; I pick on the house every time." I laughed and followed her to the front. We bypassed the line, and the bouncer waved us in. We walked over to the VIP area, and a waitress appeared out of nowhere for our drink order. I ordered an appletini. Reagan said, "Thank god. I want a Cosmo. My husband makes fun of me for ordering girly drinks." I laughed, "We will have to sic Ted on Cameron then. He told me to call him that by the way." Reagan smirked, "I heard him. You should feel honored; he tends to stick to that Alpha title." I smiled, "I like you guys." Our drinks arrived. I laughed, "Who ordered two of those?" Reagan laughed, "Something tells me the proprietor wants us to have a good time." I shrugged and slammed the rst martini. Reagan said, "Damn. I like your style." She slammed both her drinks, so I drank my next one.

After about fteen minutes we got up to hit the dance oor. I saw the guy coming behind Reagan. He was clearly drunk. I heard growls, but the guy didn't pay attention. I grabbed her hand and spun her into me. She was confused until she saw the guy. She gave him an incredulous look before two bouncers had him out of the club. I let Reagan go. After twenty minutes she was looking all around the club, "Who are you looking for?" Reagan said, "Interesting things are happening. I have seen more people thrown out of this club tonight than the entire time I came here over the years." I frowned, "Do we need to go? Is something going on?" Reagan evaluated me, "Oh I do think it is. Let's go get another drink." I nodded and got another martini. I was feeling good and buzzed at this point. A guy that reeked of bourbon leaned over, "Hey pretty lady. Wanna go back to my place?" I snorted, "God. Does that line actually work? Don't answer. I will have to host a seminar for women telling them to aim higher." The guy scoffed, "You think you're hot s**t?" I said "OH I know I'm hot s**t. My gay best friend told me so before I left the oce tonight. Trust me when I say his fashion sense is out of this world good." The guy grabbed me. f**k that. I reversed the grip on my arm and kneed him in the balls. I leaned down, "Rest assured everyone someone and man in this damn bar deserves better than you. Never put your hands on someone who doesn't want them. Should you forget." I twisted his wrist breaking it, "That should remind you. Hope you are good with your left hand. Something tells me you will need it."

Two guys picked him up off the oor taking him outside. Reagan stared at me with wide eyes, "Umm... drinks to THAT! Where did that come from?" I smiled, "I don't like assholes." Reagan snorted, "Who does? Bartender! We NEED more drinks!" I laughed as two more drinks appeared instantly. I drank this one slowly. My phone beeped and I took it out

Heath: We need to talk

Me: Are you breaking up with me? You do know you're my brother so you can't do that. I've now grossed myself out by typing this scenario.

Heath: Funny. Where are you?

Me: Out with a friend. Why?

Heath: Come home

Me: Again, Why?

Heath: JUST COME HOME!

Me: slight problem

Heath: for god's sake what?

Me: Can't drive

Heath: I'm sending someone. I've tracked your phone. Ted isn't answering his and it's off.

Me: Ted is on a date. Don't bother him. Slightly big brother you have tracked my phone.

Heath: Just get here.

I sighed, "Looks like I have to call it a night. My brother wants to see me." Reagan frowned, "You can't drive." I said, "I told him that. He's sending someone to get me." Reagan sighed, "I suppose all good things must come to an end." I laughed, "We will have to do it sometime." Reagan laughed, "Oh I do believe we will Lexi." We went outside. The smell of sandalwood was so overwhelming I had to follow it. My body started to shake, "Lexi... are you ok? Are you feeling sick?" I heard a voice I knew, "Lexi, get in the car." I whirled, "Isaiah?" Isaiah said, "Yes. Heath sent me to get you. Get in the car." I sighed and gave Reagan a hug. "Thanks for tonight. I'll call you later." Reagan whispered, "Is this a problem? I can keep you away from him if you want." I said, "No, he works for my brother. He won't hurt me." Reagan studied Isaiah, "If you are sure." I nodded, "Yup."

I got in Isaiah's car, "Hey Isaiah, Long time no see." Isaiah sighed, "Yes, it has been. You tend to be a recluse among our people now." I cringed, "I just had to be." Isaiah said, "I know." I asked, "Any idea what this is about." Isaiah said, "I have a guess." I said, "And your guess is?" Isaiah said, "Noah heard a rumor that Henrick is in town." I said, "And?" Isaiah said, "He convinced your brother you need to stay out of sight for the time being." I hissed, "Stop the car." Isaiah immediately pulled over. I pulled out my phone. "Heath." Heath said, "Lexi, where are you?" I said, "Two steps from kicking your ASS that's where I am. I am NOT coming in to hide in the shroud because Henrick is in town. I am a grown ass woman who can take care of myself, and I will NOT adhere to the lieutenant's ridiculous notions about me. I don't hide brother. You can understand because NEITHER DO YOU! I will not be run out of my home or business because Henrick is here. I have two events this weekend. Ted cannot be in two places at once." Heath sighed, "Sally can do one event. I need you safe." I said, "Henrick is not about to attack me. He might want to f**k me again, but I can't imagine why that would bother our lieutenant. I'm going to my events this weekend. I'm staying in MY home, and I'm NOT going under house arrest in yours. Sally is the caterer who focuses on the f****g food Heath." Heath sighed, "Lexi, Henrick could be a danger to you. I don't want you hurt. We would just keep you here until your next mission. -HALLOWEEN?! Are you OUT of your mind? Don't answer that."

I took a deep breath, "I'm not coming in for this. Henrick is not a problem. Even if he saw me, I'd just tell him I was temping for someone else." Heath said, "Noah is right. We can't have you in danger. Isaiah is bringing you home." I stared at my phone, "I have bad news for you big brother. I am faster than Isaiah." I hung up my phone and turned, "Sorry Isaiah." Isaiah sighed, "I'm just going to get back into my car and pretend that I chased you." I kissed him on the cheek, "Thank you." Isaiah said, "There are ve of us around who know the truth counting you. Whatever Noah's issue is, it's about getting you and more often. I want you to be happy Lex." I smiled at him before I took off running. I heard noises behind me. Huh. I wondered if Isaiah had spotted a tail and decided to follow me. I made it to my porch breathing heavy. I was about to open the door when the smell of sandalwood hit me again. I walked back off the porch, "WHO ARE YOU?" My heart was pounding, but nothing happened. I wasn't going to follow this scent again, "I am going crazy." I walked back to my porch and went inside. Ted was going to be pissed tomorrow. I didn't want to be s*x in my dress. Heath was likely to be in my oce rst thing tomorrow too. I sighed. That was a tomorrow problem though. Right now, I just wanted to go to bed. I was practically asleep when I hit my pillow.