Chapter 107 Lilah

Bang bang bang!

I jump, wondering where I am. I realise I am still sat on Knox's knee on the recliner..... we must have fallen asleep. I was all cosy on his knee.... In his arms....

I look to him in panic. "It's ok sweet, it will be Mum and Dad" I feel my heart racing now, in even more of a panic. I wasn't ready for this.....

"Erm... Knox..." I begin.

He is lifting me up so he can stand to go and answer the door. "Hhhmm?"

"I don't think I can do this...." I tell him.

He looks to me, his eyebrows raised "Do what? Be my mate?" He looks hurt, letting go of me quickly.

Woah! Where did that come from? I hadn't said that had I?! Well I had..... a few dozen times when we'd spoken originally...but not since....

"You not think you should have thought of that before letting me mark you Lilah? He says his voice somewhere between hurt and annoyed.

Ooookkkayyy! He was pissed off. I reached for him. Yet he moved away.....

This wasn't going to plan..... "Knox?!" I say "let me speak at least before jumping to conclusions you dick." I say a little snappily.

Now he looks more shocked than angry. Ok perhaps I shouldn't have said that.....

"I meant I wasn't ready for meeting people.... I'm scared...I'm not good enough....." I began.

"Woah stop right there!" Knox says, I was suddenly wrapped in his arms "firstly I am sorry, I panicked and thought the worst. Secondly never say you are not good enough you are more than good enough for me Lilah, you are perfect. Third, you have no reason to be scared, it's just my mum and dad today....they're excited to meet you"

And as if they were reminding us they were there, there was another knock at the door.

"And I should go let them in. I am here sweet. Trust me they will love you, who wouldn't?" He smiles, heading for the door.

I sit down on the recliner anxiously fiddling with my hair, I can hear them talking in the hallway.... Jeez I wish I could disappear.... Can't even hide in the bedroom cos I'd have to walk past them now.... Oh fuckity fuck fuck! I'm going to have to meet them now!

"Hello Dear" I hear a voice, and look up to the doorway and see a man walking though, he is tall and muscly much like Knox, clearly a former Alpha. He has the same dark hair as Knox, the same strong jawline and similar facial features but striking green eyes instead of Knox's beautiful brown eyes. I assume this is his Dad.

I stand up with a smile "Hi" I say nervously, Knox is suddenly by my side with his hand around my waist.

A woman has walked in behind him, she is beautiful, slim and quite tall, shoulder length dark hair, and the same beautiful brown eyes her son has, there is no denying this is Knox's Mum. He is definitely a mixture of his parents. She looks to me, I feel suddenly even more anxious.....

.....but her face breaks in to a big smile, and she comes to me and flings her arms round me in a big hug.....oookkaaayy! I wasn't expecting that!

"Oh Lilah I am so pleased to meet you love! Knox has spoke about you a lot, to hear you were mates...." She paused with a smile "well it's wonderful!"

I look to Knox and he grins sheepishly and shrugs. Had he been talking about me before he knew we were mates?

"Nice to meet you too" I smile nervously.

"Lilah, this is my Mum, Ava Winters and my Dad, Jacob Winters. Mum, Dad as you may have gathered this is my beautiful mate, Lilah Patterson" Knox says proudly.

I can't help but smile. I can't believe he has spoken to his parents about me before he even knew we were mates....

"She is certainly beautiful son. You weren't exaggerating there" his Mum says with a smile. "Was he Jacob?"

"No love. Seems you'd caught his eye a while ago dear...." Knox's Dad said with a chuckle.

I could feel my heart racing, wait did they know everything?!

Lilah I can sense you panicking sweet, it's ok, they know everything.... And they understand.... They are fine with it all, they just want us to be happy. Knox mindlinked me.

He'd told them? Well I guess he would have too..... considering everything that went down.

They must think so bad of me....I link him back.

No they don't. Stop that. They understood. I explained it all and they could see why you did what you did. They were sad you went through what you did. Mum cried for you sweet. It's not an issue. It will go no further now. He reassured me again through link. As he lifts me onto his knee on the recliner again.

"You have been through so much sweetheart. I know you must be scared to have shared it, but know we understand...." Knox's Mum, Ava reached for my hand to squeeze it. Had he linked her? Told her I was worried?

"Th...th..thank you" I whisper.

"No Lilah we mean it" Jacob speaks up "I know Knox maybe was upset when you told him and he found out everything, which I can understand but you were going through so much, you were young and going through that alone was difficult. We understand you did what you thought was right....because from what Knox said had you not done that you may not still be here sweetheart, so perhaps it was part of the moon goddess's plan... who knows....?

Wow, I hadn't thought of it like that.... I feel Knox tighten his arms around me and gently kiss my head again.

"I think he's right" Knox whispers in my ear, "it's only when Dad put it like that I realised...."

Wait... so Knox now thinks I did what I was meant to do? Like this was part of our fated path to being together? I hadn't thought of it like that.....his dad seems pretty wise....

"Well thankfully the moon goddess made sure she found her way to us" Ava said smiling.

"Us?" Knox grins. "I'm sure she is my mate"

"You know what I mean clever clogs" his Mum replies.

I can't help but smile.

"Now I hear you're a bit of an artist dear, we were just admiring those paintings as we came in, they are amazing....." Jacob says.

"I told you didn't I!" Knox says proudly.

"You did. Though I would say considering what Knox said about when you painted them, he must have been on your mind as much as you were on his before you knew you were mates..." Ava says with a wink.

I feel myself blushing. Dammit.... Why do I let this happen?! The same thing happened when Knox saw them.... Why couldn't he wait a few weeks and then put them up?

"I'm teasing Lilah, sorry, I couldn't help it. I could see Knox was smitten with you well before he knew you were his mate, he was forever talking about you, but he was adamant it was because you were his friend and he had to help you not because he had feelings for you.... Think he was trying to fight his feelings....." Ava said with a smile.

Ooohh the truth is coming out now! I look to Knox and he is blushing now! Haha he can get embarrassed then....though to be fair I knew most of that anyway....

"Right who wants a drink?" Knox lifts me gently so he can walk to the kitchen. Clearly embarrassed by what just happened. Awww so sweet.....

Jacob gets up to go and help him. So I am left with Ava. She smiles kindly at me.

"All teasing aside Lilah, he loves you more than you realise. You made him so happy agreeing to be his mate. I was terrified when he said he was giving you chance to see if you wanted a mate or not.... Scared you may decide to reject him... I didn't want to see my boy hurt" she said.

I felt bad hearing her say this. Knowing I could have caused that pain.... Knowing I was close to doing it too.....

"Though I can understand why you were scared sweetheart. But to hear you say you'd give him a chance to prove himself, I knew he'd do all he could for you, he'd walk to the ends of the earth to show you how well you deserve to be treated. Then when he messaged last night to say you were mates I was so happy!" She smiled.

I smiled back, this meant a lot to her clearly.

"He can be a pain in the butt sometimes sweetheart, but he will love you so much. We all will. If you ever need someone to talk to I am here ok? I know you have your mum at home, but think of me as a second one ok?" I feel her hand on mine again.

You know what?..... I may be ok here.... She seems nice and seems to care.....

"Thank you" I whisper to her as Knox and Jacob walk in with mugs of steaming hot coffee.

I see Ava nod at me. Before she speaks again "And would you mind teaching me to paint Lilah? I'd love to learn"

I smile as Knox sits himself back in the recliner and sits me back on his knee, despite there being another empty seat next to us "I can certainly try, Indie could help too".

"Perfect" Ava smiled.