

Chapter 123 Knox

We are sat snuggled in the booth, Lilah is laughing at Indie, dancing away, giving it as good as any of the many drunk people on the dance-floor, despite the fact she has not drunk a drop of alcohol due to being pregnant. She is having fun, as she always does. And Dan is relishing everything his mate does. Though he always does. Always so happy in one anothers' company, such a perfect couple.

They compliment each other so well, and make other incredibly happy. The perfect pairing for mates when you sit and think about it. And when you look at them with their son you know they are a happy little family too, even if the son is a crazy little monster! I can only imagine their new little one will be the same, taking after its parents is how we see it. Though there are certainly worse people it could take after. Some of our best friends and it was great that our children would grow up together as friends to be the next generation of leaders of our pack.

Manuel had gone to the bar to order more drinks for us all, as the bucket of beers we ordered when we arrived didn't last long as predicted. He had volunteered himself, knowing I was enjoying my time with Lilah. He was a good guy, a good friend to both Lilah and myself. He had been a close friend of mine since childhood, and was now just as close to Lilah, and incredibly protective over her. Though to be fair all the guys were protective over my mate. Not that I would complain about that. The protected my mate was the better in my opinion. Looking toward the bar Manuel could be a while, the queues in here tonight are horrendous, so him offering to get the drinks was not one I would refuse!

Gabe and Jake are sat chatting. Laughing about one thing and another. This night out had definitely been needed for us all, it has been such a while since we had been out together, and no doubt once Indie and Dan have the new baby it could be a while until we get out again, so no doubt we would be making the most of tonight. Though we had many nights drinking, spending time together at one anothers' houses in pack now we have kids. And to be honest I think Lilah and I enjoy that as much as we enjoy our nights out - is that a sign we are getting old? Or just growing up? I dread to think...

Still, a night off tonight from parenting duties was a rare treat, my parents were on babysitting duties, looking after their grandson was something they love to do, so as soon as we mentioned looking after Kai for us going out they were almost shoving us out of the door! Just undisturbed sleep would be a rare treat, I think we had both forgotten what that was like since Kai had arrived!

Lilah snuggles back up to me, I can hear her singing along to the music in the way that she does. I can't help but smile, thinking back to that first night we'd met as she had done the same back then too... I love listening to her sing.

Suddenly Lilah stops singing, and she sits up, moving herself away from me. "I need to go find Manny" she says.

Wait, what? What was going on? I was quite comfortable snuggling up with my mate, why was she suddenly declaring she had to go and find Manny?

"Erh, why?!" I look at her, I know a frown is etched across my face.

I am not sure I liked her rushing off the way she was, like she was wanting to leave me to find another man. Though I know the other man in this case is technically her friend. But instinctively the mate bond makes me jealous, not to mention Knight gets on edge thinking of his mate around other males, especially unmated ones. Though I lose track how many times I have gone through this with Knight, telling him Manny, and the other guys are of no threat to us, no threat to our mate; yet when it comes to being alone with our mate Knight gets so on edge and it puts me on edge and I know I act unreasonably no matter how much I try not to. It drives Lilah mad and has been the source of much amusement for my friends.

"He needs me....." she says standing up.

Oh does he now?! What could he possibly need her for? We are in a bar, he knows where we are. This is making very little sense to me.

I grab her hand, hoping to stop her. "What do you mean?" I demand, trying to calm myself, despite the fact Knight is beyond restless in my mind over this.

"He thinks he has found his mate Knox, he is nervous. He wants me to be there for him" she explains gently, whilst raising her eyebrows as I'm slightly in question.

Hmmm, I don't think Lilah is too impressed with me right now. And it seemed Manny had simply called for her, needing a friend... yet I had thought the worst... he just needed a friend.

KNOX?! What do I do?! I think I found my mate. Oh no, I think she is going. What do I do? Suddenly I get a link from Manuel too. He sounded panicked.

Seems he wanted me too. Shit, I shouldn't jump to conclusions..... this mate bond jealousy was difficult..... but right now I need to focus.... My friend needs me.... Time to go help my friend find his mate.....