

Chapter 127 Knox

We are sat around the booth, Manuel is totally engrossed with his mate and I couldn't be happier for him... Lilah was telling me how nervous he was... quite sweet really.... He deserves to be happy...

Indie and Dan are up on the dance floor. Indie has got him whipped... he never used to dance.... But again I'm glad he's happy...

Lilah is snuggled up by my side.... My vision of perfection...

"You ok sweet?" I ask her as she looks worried about something.

"Yeah worried about Gabe... you think something was wrong?" She pouts. I want to kiss her when she does that....

"I'm sure he's ok... though he's not answering his mindlink" Jake says from the other side of Lilah in the booth.

Hmmm that seems odd....

"Manny..." I have to interrupt him.

He looks away from chatting to his new mate with a smile. "Yeah"

"Was Gabe answering you?" I ask.

"He did to start with but said to leave him to it so I did. Said she's his mate and they needed to talk..." he says.

Wait.... Esme is Gabe's mate?! Fuck....this night has turned out unexpected....why did she run then?!... did she reject him?!

"Whar?! She is his mate? She ran though.." Jake says looking puzzled, him likely going over the same doubts I am.

Gabe?! You ok?! Dude getting worried... I link him.

"I'm all good" I hear him say, and look up to see him approaching the booth, hand in hand with Esme, a massive grin on his face, his hair all ruffled up... yeah I'd say they are all good...

He leans down to sit down in the booth and Esme smacks his butt, we all look at each other awkwardly....but I hear Lola chuckle. While Gabe smiles, grabs Esme and sits her on his knee... seems his mate is a little feisty...not that he looks to be complaining...

"Wow tonight has been chaos!" Lilah grins at me "we maybe should stop coming here!" I laugh at her.

She's not wrong, one time me and my friends came we left with Dan having met his mate and me ultimately finding my mate, then tonight we come and Manuel and Gabe find their mates....

"Knox? I was telling Esme she can continue her studies can't she, she was worried she would have to give them up because she met me. Explain please as Alpha that wouldn't happen. She had to fight to be allowed to take her place at Uni. And doesn't want to lose that, I said we'd never expect her to... Told her we'd encourage her to do whatever she wanted..." Gabe looks at me.

What? Is this why she panicked? She thought meeting her mate meant giving up her future? Poor girl... I had heard Crimson Night pack were pretty old fashioned.... Seems we're saving two girls from that...

"Absolutely, I'd be disappointed if you gave your studies up for him, Esme, you will have worked hard for that, so go out and do what you have worked hard for. It's your mate's job to support you, not hold you back. And trust me Gabe will be behind you one hundred percent, you couldn't ask for a better mate.... A little crazy... but I see you are feisty so will keep him in line, he needs that" I grin at Gabe. He nods at me in thanks.

"Lola however, Manny is a little more sweet and shy... so be gentle with him" Gabe says with a grin.

I see Manuel blush. Gabe is a dick....

Dan and Indie come and sit back down at the table with us grabbing a drink each from the ice bucket. "Have fun?" I look at them. Indie nods, Dan rolls his eyes, I can't help but laugh, knowing he is doing it to make his mate happy.... Ah the things we do....

I look across to Jake who I see is looking round at our group, with a look in his eye I can't quite work out what it is....upset? Envy?.... Happiness for his friends?... he is the only one of us now not to have found his mate... I imagine seeing all his friends now with their mates must be hard for him...

You ok dude? I link him.

Sure, why wouldn't I be? Way things go right... sure she's out there somewhere...he links back. So he is thinking of his future mate. I hope he finds her soon, hope Selene blesses him with meeting her soon... he deserves her...I just wish I knew a way we could help him find her...

"So are you girls going to be joining us when we head home?" I ask "if so I'll sort out an extra car"

I see Gabe whisper in the ear of Esme and she grins. And looks across to Lola who is talking to Manuel, who is looking adoringly at her.... This dude is smitten already.., I knew he would be the second he met his mate...

"Is that ok?" Esme asks.

"Of course, figured you'd want to be with these two now you've found them" I smile.

"Aww they are so sweet" Lilah whispers in my ear nodding her head toward Manuel and Lola "he is going to worship her"

"Definitely.. hey you know I do with you" I feel I have to remind her, she smiles and kisses my cheek "besides he can woo her with all the Spanish words in the world" I say with a laugh.

She laughs at me "I don't think that will have the same effect babe, she speaks fluent Spanish, I heard her in the bathroom cursing in Spanish worse than I hear Gabe cursing!! The air was blue!!"

I laugh "Ah maybe won't have the same effect it did with you then, or they can woo each other.." I wink at her. "I'll keep learning for you though.... make you weak at the knees and all that Mi Amor"

She giggles and fans herself with her hand pretending I've made her all hot and flustered "Oohh I don't know how you do it!"

"Oohh I can do more than that... you wait til I get you home..." I whisper into her ear before kissing her.

As much fun as this is gorgeous... Lilah links me I feel bad leaving Jake.. maybe we should talk to him? Maybe she has a point..

I sit back and rest my arm around Lilah's shoulder still wanting her close but so I can still talk to Jake.

"Dude, you ok to travel down to Crimson Night Pack with Gabe and Manny when they go down to meet their mate's families? Represent the pack so to speak?" I ask him,

Jake looks at me puzzled, "You sure?" I nod.

"Yeah, nice trip for you, and like I said represent the pack for me. I need to be here so who better to send than you.."

"Yeah no worries bro. Let me know when."

In truth I planned to be sending him out on more business meetings in the hope he would find his mate on one of these trips as she clearly wasn't at our pack or at the local packs... and I hate seeing him struggling... this is one of my closest friends....

"Aww Del you ok to come do your sweet talking for me this week at a meeting with a new client?" Jake asks Lilah.

"Yeah course J, but you best have coffee and hash browns waiting for me" she grins.

"Jeez so demanding" he laughs "though I had already planned it" these two got on really well, and Lilah had been one hell of an asset for us in work, Jake respected her opinion massively and enjoyed having her in work. Though she generally worked from the pack house like me now, especially since having Kai, only going to the offices when there was meetings she needed to be part of.

We sat drinking and talking between us, Lola and Manuel engrossed in one another, he could barely take his eyes off her, like he was scared if he did she would disappear again... Gabe and Esme were alternating between talking, laughing, teasing and kissing each other, they seemed to have similar quirky personalities so could see them being quite a pair.

Dan and Indie snuggled together, and talking to us, "You coming to dance guys?" Indie asks.

"Oohh let's!" Esme smiles at Gabe who smiles back at her, his eyes filled with affection already for his mate. Amazing how meeting your fated mate can change you so quickly.....

They followed Dan and Indie to the dance floor, "You coming Manny?" Lola slid across the booth seductively motioning him to follow with her finger. He grinned at her and was there in a second flat... yeah Lilah was right he is going to worship his girl....

"Come on guys" Manuel smiles at us "come have some fun"

Lilah looks up at me with a smile, dammit.... I can't say no to her.... "Come on then... dude you're coming if I am" I tell Jake.

Ain't making a fool of myself on my own I link him.

He grins. All of you are whipped!!! He links.

We head to the dance floor, finding our friends on the busy dance floor. It makes me smile seeing both Lola and Esme with Manuel and Gabe as they are both petite and so the height difference is quite big, both girls barely reaching the middle of the upper arm of their mates even in their heeled shoes. Yet they looked somehow perfect with each other.

Gabe had picked Esme up, she had her arms round his neck, her legs hooked round his waist their foreheads touching and they looked to be singing along to the music.

Manuel was stood behind Lola with his hands around her waist, holding her close to him, she is looking up at him smiling, his head resting down near her shoulders whispering in her ear... he looked like he was in heaven.

I think my friends are happy... I felt Lilah grab my hand, I spin her round and pull her to me. Dan and Indie come over to join us, Lilah and Indie begin dancing with each other so Dan, Jake, and I stand chatting.. saves me having to dance and make a fool out of myself...

I loved watching Lilah enjoying herself with Indie, dancing around having fun....laughing... singing.... both of them completely out of tune.....

Dan grins at me, save my ears he linked.

"Wow you guys are so lucky! What amazing voices they have!" Jake laughed as he motioned toward the girls singing.

"Awww Jakey you picking on our singing" Lilah was suddenly next to us, putting her arm round Jake's neck grinning.

Indie came and joined her doing the same thing "Yeah Jakey, we thought you loved us! You got to come sing with us now!!" She grins.

Haha, that's serves him right... though he wasn't wrong...

"Hey... come on girls... you know I love ya... besides you got your mates to sing with you..." Jake was doing his best to get out of it.

"Awww no, we want our Beta! Bet he has the voice of an angel right babe?" Lilah grins at me. I love this girl...she has one hell of a sense of humour....

"Oh I don't know about that!" I say with a laugh.

"You really don't want me to sing..." Jake laughs.

"Aww Manny would sing with us wouldn't you?" Lilah grinned at Manuel.

"And Gabe I bet too, they love us..." Indie said with a grin.

Manuel looked up "Aww is Jakey being mean to my girls?" he says taking Lola by the hand and leading her closer to where we are stood.

Gabe walks over, now walking alongside Esme holding her hand "What's that I hear? Jake being mean to our girls?"

"Yeah he was saying we can't sing! Then he refused to sing with us. I was just saying you'd sing with us wouldn't you" Lilah smiles at the guys.

Lola and Esme are probably wondering what is going on....

"Always Chica... you two have the voice of an angel, no?" Manuel said with a smile.

"Dude they sounded like dying cats.." Jake says with a laugh.

Manuel starts to laugh.

"You going to sing with us Esme? Lola?" Lilah asks, trying to include the girls. "Manny and Gabe will be singing, I'll make sure of it, I'll get my big bad wolf to hunt them down if they don't ...." she grins.

"Oh there you go Jakey, she'll set her big bad wolf on ya so you got to sing now..." Gabe grinned.

"I'm not scared of her big bad wolf though.... And if I'm singing he's singing..." Jake said with a sly smile. Dick...

So there we spent the rest of the night... all of us drinking, singing and dancing together... having fun.... My beautiful mate looking more carefree than I have ever seen her.... Two of my friends looking happy to have found their mates finally....life was good.....