

Chapter 46 Lilah

The plan had been for us all to crash at Indie's but now she was going to go back to Dan's which I totally got,

"Del do you mind?" She looked at me with her big brown eyes, as if I was going to say no to her! "I'm scared as hell but Lexa is telling me to go be with him, I want to go with him, I....." Indie stuttered looking at me,

I reached for her hand "Hunni you don't need to explain to me, it's fine, I understand I truly do. You shouldn't be scared though, you can see that dude would walk over hot coals for you! He's hooked and he's known you a matter of a few hours Indie, he's your mate, you'll be fine, he'll make sure of that, Lexa will make sure of that....." I reassured her,

She flung her arms round my neck "thank you for understanding, I love you baby doll" and she shot off to fling herself at Dan again, but she'd given me her house key before she went so i could still go to hers to crash so to avoid awkward questions from my mum and dad as to why I'd stayed out as long as I had, they thought we were having a movie night so they didn't need to see me walking in completely stinking of drink and male wolves, because I knew my dad would pick up on that straight away. And I truly did not need that hassle on top of everything else at the moment.

Indie had her own place despite only being 19, it was a smaller house near the pack border edges as she liked her space, she didn't get on too well with her parents so as soon as she shifted she'd spoken to our Alpha, Alpha Grayson along with the help of my mum and they'd sorted her the small house, with enough room for all her art supplies. I liked Indie's little house, decorated in style as quirky as she was, but cosy and homely and peaceful, I'd be quite happy to be there on my own to chill after our night out. We would often crash there together chatting until the early hours, and of late had been crashing there after nights out to try to cheer me up.

"Hey, I'm going to take you guys back" Gabe interrupted my thoughts

"You've been drinking though cuz" Lexi pointed out, which to be fair was a valid point.

Werewolf or not, and even with having the ability to drink more we had knocked back an impressive amount of drink between us all tonight and driving on that was most certainly a bad idea.

"Haha no shit Chica" Gabe laughed at Lexi liked she was stupid "we had been at work so our cars are not far from here, Knox called a few of our warriors to come out in another car, they'll drive us and take our cars back" he explained

That made sense I could only assume they had offices nearby to here, which wasn't unusual, a lot of Alpha's used the towns and cities as bases for their businesses as they had better access to more contacts there and meant it kept people away from the pack. Knowing now that Knox was the Alpha made sense that it was likely his business they had been working at.

There was a crowd of people outside the bar where we were all now stood, many looking for taxis, many aimlessly wandering, a few I noted throwing up - I quickly looked the other way or else I was likely to throw up too. I heard some shouting over to our right as I looked it seemed two guys were fighting, I couldn't tell what over as their words were more a drunken slur, but whatever was said was enough to cause the taller of the two to throw a punch at the other.

"Right let's get you out of here" I felt Knox's presence almost immediately by my side, not like the guys were near us, but still I felt safer with him there "we will head closer to our offices, the cars will meet us there" he explained, guiding me away with a hand on my lower back.

I saw Indie walking ahead of me, snuggled into the embrace of her mate, I have to say I envied that right now as it was cold! Probably the fact I was wearing a small dress...

Lexi was now holding her heels in her hand, and jumped onto Gabe's back for a piggyback, leaving Rae walking alongside Jake and Manuel all talking quietly between each other between laughing at Gabe and Lexi's antics as he ran along with her on his back and she whooped in joy, spinning her arm around in the air like a lasso. "Come join me Rae?" She screamed.

Rae looked at Jake who was similar to her in height so a piggyback likely wouldn't have worked on him, then to Manuel who was a few inches taller, knowing what the answer would likely be she shook her head in Lexi's direction, but Manuel surprised us all when he stopped walking, stood in front of Rae and said "Jump on"

Rae did as she was told wrapping her hands round Manuel's neck as she got onto his back and he looped his arms round her to support her before setting off running after Gabe with a laugh, Rae squealing as she went. I couldn't help but laugh as they went, I watched as they were almost level now, Manuel was quite quick on his feet "Gotcha!" He poked Lexi as they ran past laughing.

I threw my head back with a laugh, this was not the Manuel who had been sat with us at the booth, he'd barely spoke and seemed shy, yet he was here fooling around having fun and seemed so light-hearted and sweet. I thought he was a moody and grumpy guy who didn't want us there, yet here he was laughing and joking now with Rae and Lexi as he ran to make sure Gabe couldn't catch him. Guess I shouldn't judge a book by its cover.

I felt Knox looking at me, "He's not that bad you know, Manuel?" Had he read my thoughts?! "he's just a bit shy, him and Gabe are cousins and best friends they are some of my best warriors and really competitive, he probably saw this as chance to beat Gabe" he chuckled "he is a good guy though and while you didn't see it tonight has a crazy sense of humour" he explained,

Wait he was Gabe's cousin? So was he Lexi's cousin too? No that couldn't be the case could it or they'd know each other, must be on the other side of his family I tried to work out in my drink sozzled brain.

I wasn't sure how to answer him so I smiled, Gabe and Manuel had stopped running now and were sat on the kerb with Lexi and Rae beside them the four in fits of laughter, clearly having had fun "I'd have offered a piggyback so you could join in but figured you'd have said no..." Knox said with a smirk on his face, his right eyebrow raised slightly clearly teasing me.

Dick, I thought.

"Oh really? Don't think you'd be strong enough or fast enough for me" I bit back with a smirk and eyebrow raise of my own, not knowing why I'd said that, especially to an Alpha who are renowned for being both strong and fast.

A look of shock but amusement crossed his face, then he chuckled, "You asked for it" he lifted me up before I had chance to react, putting me over his shoulder, in almost a fireman's lift, his arms below my butt holding me in place, my head hanging down over his shoulder as he set off running toward where Gabe, Lexi, Manuel and Rae sat.

I squealed "Put me down!" as we ran past Jake, Indie and Dan who all looked shocked at what was going on but were all laughing their heads off at the sight of me being carried away by Knox. I was screaming but laughing so hard as he ran with me, I could feel him laughing too, his chest rumbling with his deep throaty chuckles.

"Go Knox!!!" I heard Lexi and Rae squeal in delight as we approached. The other two sat with them laughing their heads thrown back in amusement at what I imagined was an unexpected sight of their Alpha running with a random she-wolf thrown over his shoulder laughing and screaming so hard her sides were hurting.

He gently raised his hands to my waist before placing me on the ground "You were saying my lady?" He winked with a grin.

I was still laughing "You're an idiot" I said between laughter without thinking.

Not knowing this guy and normally I wouldn't insult an Alpha, especially one I didn't know but we'd been sat drinking together for the last goddess knows how many hours, my best friend was now mates with his friend, and he'd literally just thrown me over his shoulder and ran with me teasing me I think he deserved it.

He was looking at me intently, his eyebrow raised, the four of our friends sat on the floor were watching in shock at the scene in front on them, and I stopped, realising what I'd done, what I'd said, I stopped laughing quickly thinking I may have done the wrong thing. I shouldn't be acting like that to an Alpha I don't know, what if he was pissed off, my heart was pounding now.

"Maybe" he grinned at me.

My heart eased slightly knowing he had dismissed it as light ribbing, as Jake arrived followed by Indie and Dan hand in hand, "What was that?!" Dan said to Knox with a grin.

"She questioned my strength and speed, I'm an Alpha I have things to prove" he laughed as three large black Range Rover cars pulled up.

I guessed it was time to go.....