

Chapter 47 Jake

I couldn't believe what I had just seen, I'd been friends with Knox since we were pups, he was always light-hearted and funny with family and friends, but I'd not seen him act like that with a she-wolf before. He'd not taken his eyes off her for a lot of the night, I know him well, he'd tried to not make it obvious, I could see his eyes drawn to her, he'd kept conversations flowing and kept the drink flowing too to try to cover it up I could see that.

It was maybe easier with the fact Dan's eyes were near enough popping out of his head like an old cartoon character when he saw a hot woman's at the sight of who we now knew was his mate. I'd seen Knox trying to make Lilah smile, I'd seen him go to protect her at the bar when that guy slapped her ass, though to be fair I'd have done the same I think in that situation, but seeing him casually put his arm round her in the booth earlier looked so unlike Knox, he distanced himself from she-wolves and relationships now, and the fact he then let Lilah fall asleep on him too, anyone watching from a distance would say they were mates but that couldn't be the case as they'd know, we'd seen the draw and pull, the effects of mates meeting in Dan and Indie tonight.

They couldn't scent each others as we were all wearing de-scenting spray so not to draw attention to ourselves with us being out in the human world tonight, but the effect of the touch was enough to know and they'd touched and had clearly felt nothing, they'd have known from that alone, their wolves would have known, yeah Lilah was young but she'd shifted so she had her wolf now so they'd know if their mate was in front of them.

But watching Knox with her just now seemed so odd, he had obviously enjoyed her company tonight, I had even heard him call her sweet a few times, an affectionate name I know he uses for the females close to him, which seemed odd in itself, he doesn't know her, yet he obviously felt drawn to this she wolf but she wasn't his mate, I don't want my friend getting hurt, was it my place to say something? Or would a fling do him good? He'd yet to find his mate, though wasn't exactly looking anymore, I wasn't sure what was best, but I didn't doubt we'd see her again knowing that her friend was the mate of the Gamma of our pack. Perhaps if she was good for him she could be a chosen mate? Though he had always spoke wanting a fated mate.....

"Cars are here. Gabe you take the front one with the girls, make sure they get back to their houses safely, yeah?" Knox's Alpha voice interrupted my thoughts. Looked like we were heading off now "Indie and Dan you take that one" he signalled to the middle car. "We'll go in this one" he said opening the rear door of the the third car.

Indie ran to Lilah and gave her a big hug, I could see them whispering and giggling between themselves, no doubt discussing the inevitable of what would be happening for Indie in the next few hours and I doubted much of it would include sleep I chuckled to myself.

I noticed Manuel give Gabe a high five and then he actually hugged Rae and Lexi goodbye - how odd I thought, though that's a development for him, he is usually uncomfortable around women, maybe we'd given him just enough drink tonight to soften him up, or maybe the fun atmosphere beforehand had eased him up as I know he can be like that at pack BBQs and parties too.

We just like to tease the poor guy more than we probably should, he was just shy around people he didn't know, especially women, yet he was an undeniably powerful warrior, one of our pack's best and he was a loyal friend to us all so we should probably be less of a group of dicks to him but is what we were like, had been since growing up, always winding each other up, always taking the piss out of one another, playing pranks, joking but always having one another's back and supporting each other it was just how we were.

"See you later dude" Dan said with a slap to my back as he walked toward Indie, no doubt desperate to get her to himself.

"Later man" I nodded in his direction, leaning by our car, watching as Lexi and Rae stumbled into their car, they'd definitely had too much to drink tonight, and we're meant to be able to manage our drink better than most, they'd clearly gone way past that level bless them, Knox had the right idea making sure they got home ok, I would have suggested the same thing, you never know who was around at this time of night, and then going through pack lands late at night too there was chances of rogues especially with young she wolves on their own would be risky.

I felt a warm touch to my arm and looked down "Nice to meet you Jake" it was Lilah, smiling up at me.

She did have a beautiful smile as I'd said earlier, not that I'd meant it in a pervy way that Knox seemed to have took it, it just lit her entire face up when she smiled, and it made her beautiful blue eyes crinkle slightly, softening her whole face.

I smiled back "Yeah you too, I apologise for my big bad Alpha over there feeling the need to show off how strong he is" I teased with a laugh, and she laughed with me.

"Hmmm wasn't what I expected of my evening let's just say that" she chuckled " came out for a night with the girls, to dance and drink my sorrows away, instead our night was overtaken by some big, butch Alpha and his homies..." she poked me in the chest with a grin " one of which stole my friend, got us all drunk, kept us out a lot later than we planned, then the cheek of the big bad Alpha thinking he can fling me over his shoulder and run off with me..." I couldn't help but grin at the animation in her face as she exaggerated the events of the night and the fact she hadn't realised Knox was now stood behind her and could hear every word she had said "I guess I should be grateful he didn't run off with me to his cave" she winked.

This girl was funny, I cracked up laughing, as did Knox behind her, her face dropped the realisation clearly hitting home he'd heard what she said

"Big bad Alpha hmm?" He grinned "my cave? Think that's a bit far to run from here, even for a big strong Alpha like me....." he teased and I laughed again as I saw Lilah blush and drop her head, biting her lip, clearly embarrassed by the whole situation.

There was definitely some sexual tension between these two whether they knew it or not, but the crazy thing was she obviously had a funny sarcastic sense of humour in there that I knew would make Knox laugh, as his was much of the same sort of humour. Yet she seemed too shy to let that out with him, perhaps the Alpha aura intimidates her, that's what it is meant to do but I'm sure Knox wouldn't want it to in this case, the small piece of her humour I'd seen just now and the snippets of teasing I'd seen slip out in her conversations with Knox and her friends tonight I could see she had a great personality and would be a great laugh that Knox would want to be part of and he wouldn't want her scared of him because he was an Alpha.

I looked to him and raised my eyebrow at him "So big bad Alpha we going?"

He looked down to Lilah, I swear there was a trace of longing in his gaze "Sure" he looked up toward the front car to see where Gabe was, currently chatting to Manuel. Indie and Dan already in the safety of the second car, probably already eating each other alive I imagine.... No I don't want to imagine, don't want to think of my friend like that!

"Gabe will make sure you get back ok Lilah, he is known to guards on your pack land with him being family to Lexi so they won't make a fuss" I reassured her with a smile as I went to get in the car, she looked up "Yeah thanks, like I said nice to meet you Jake" she smiled back at me.

"Not so nice to meet the big bad Alpha though eh?" Knox said as he hooked his finger under her chin to raise her face so she was looking at him.

I could see he was smiling so I knew it was done in a teasing way again. Oh goddess, whether he'd admit it not, he clearly liked this girl.....