

**Chapter 57 Jake**

The silence in the room was deafening, and while it was only for a minute or so it seemed to last for an eternity. I initially didn’t know what I was walking into, I was literally grabbing a coffee to try to wake myself up after hardly any sleep last night thanks to our night out and the antics that followed, thinking I’d walked into Knox welcoming Indie to our pack and asking what her and Dan wanted to do, but clearly there was more plans to his conversation than I realised and it was a lot heavier and more difficult than both Dan and I anticipated.

I know Knox as well as I know myself, and know he wouldn’t talk about Cleo to just anyone, that was a dark time in all of our lives but it nearly broke Knox, and while we were sat waiting to hear from Gabe last night we had pondered if the protectiveness Knox and his wolf Knight had displayed toward Lilah was due to similarities between her and Cleo.

Knox is a protective Alpha anyway to all in our pack, and those that need help, probably to a fault sometimes, so he tried to dismiss most of his actions as that, but part of me still thinks it’s because he is attracted to her too but hearing the things I’d just heard and knowing what Gabe had told me it makes sense that Knox is wanting to help Lilah to make up for not being able to help his sister. To make peace within himself for failing his sister but don’t think I dare say that to him.

It almost broke me hearing him talk about Cleo, she was his sister but because our families were so close she was like my annoying little sister too, and finding her fragile body hanging there, knowing she’d been alone and scared as she’d left our world destroyed both Knox and I.

I wished she’d been able to speak to one of us, found a way to let us in, so we could find a way to help her, she deserved a way to build a life, find her mate, see how she should be treated by a man, to be loved and worshiped, the things that happened would have been understood, they weren’t her fault, she was in the wrong place at the wrong time, and that filth took advantage of her, not just taking her innocence that afternoon but taking her future too....

“Oh baby I’m sorry” Dan’s voice interrupted my thoughts as he hugged Indie, who was clearly struggling with what she had told us, it can’t have been easy seeing her friend struggling the way she was, and it can’t have been easy to share the information she just had....

“So that pain you mentioned in your sister” Indie whisperer, barely audible “ it is there in Del too and I don’t know what to do to help her....” She burst into a flood of tears

I looked to Dan, then to Knox, the same look of shock on all our faces.

I think Knox’s fears were being realised, we had teased him for checking her out last night, the same as we’d done with Dan for checking out Indie, but was this fate? Indie and Dan were mates which was the plan of our goddess, so that in itself is fate, but could the way they have met been fate too?

A way for us to help Lilah, no she wasn’t from our pack but she was struggling to the point she was contemplating taking her own life, she needed our help, our support and by the sound of it nobody but Indie and now us knew what was happening for her, maybe the moon goddess had found a way to help us help her and help us heal from the hurt of what happen to Cleo in the same situation.

The thing was, we just needed to find a way to help her and I wasn’t sure that would be straight forward.... a Beta’s daughter from another pack, who by the sound of it the Alpha was a little possessive of... may have to find out more about....wait didn’t Lexi mention an Alpha last night..... I sat trying to think....I was too tired to remember clearly....

“You ok dude?” Dan asked “ you look like your brain frying itself” he added as he rubbed his hand up and down Indie’s back, clearly trying to reassure and calm his mate who was still sobbing softly.

“ Just trying to think, ways to help etc...” I began, feeling Knox look to me, he knows what my brain is like for making plans and being organised so no doubt he’d be glad to hear may input I had, though right now without a decent night sleep there wouldn’t be much help I feared .

“You said the upcoming Alpha probably wouldn’t want her to go even if her dad actually agreed right?” I asked Indie, she nodded, looking confused, not sure what it was I was getting at.

“Not sure if you will have heard as you two were otherwise occupied” I gave a wink in Dan’s direction, he grinned in response “ but last night Lexi joked about Lilah’s dick of an Alpha ex and his psycho new mate, I’m sure that’s what she said” the colour drained from Indie’s face and Knox looked at me.

“Yeah she did say something like that didn’t she, I remember that too!” he says.

I looked to Indie “ Is this dick of an ex of Lilah’s Alpha Grayson’s son? Upcoming Alpha, Logan?”

Her face had completely drained of colour now and she dropped her head to her hands “this isn’t my place to talk about but I will say yes that Lilah and Logan were dating....”