

Chapter 61 Knox

We look to Indie as she lifts her phone “ Hey Baby Doll!” She greets her friend.

“Can I speak?” Gabe signals to Indie. It takes me back a bit, but considering how I’d been with him earlier I bite my tongue and let him carry on.

Indie nods, putting her phone down, putting it on speaker “ Lilah you’re on speaker hun, someone wants to say hello”

“Huh?” She sounded surprised “ okay”

“Hey Chica!” Gabe greeted her, a friendly smile on his face despite the fact she couldn’t see him “ you sleep ok?”

“Oh hey Gabe! Yeah I only just woke up! My head feels like it has a full band playing in it right now”

I had to smile at the way she was describing her headache, yeah the girls had definitely been drinking too much last night, Indie maybe got away with that as her focus has been more on Dan than drinking once they were sat with us.

“Haha, oh really? Those naughty beers, eh Chica? Find a way of getting you to drink them, don’t know how they do it!” I heard Lilah laugh at Gabe, he clearly had a way of putting her at ease with his sense of humour and friendliness.

“I’m glad you managed to sleep though, I’m sorry I disappeared on you and wasn’t there when you woke, I needed to get back but didn’t want to wake you, I knew you’d need some sleep” I realised again how wrongly I’d read the whole situation with Gabe earlier, he was one of the decent guys and was just being a good guys looking out for her.

“Oh it’s ok, I hope I didn’t get you in trouble” she said, I raised my eyebrow at Gabe, he winked at me with a smile.

“Nah, you know the big bad Alpha has got to keep a tight ship Chica, it’s their job, or so I’m told” I heard Lilah laugh again, such a sweet sound and Gabe seemed to have the ability to make her laugh so freely and easily.

“I just wanted to check you you were ok Lilah, you were upset last night, not sure if you remember to be fair as you had a bit to drink.....” I could see Gabe who moments earlier had been full of things to say now struggling to find the right words to say “ but yeah you were a bit upset, I didn’t like leaving you like that after, but I needed to get back so that’s why I wanted to speak now Chica..... Sorry for taking over your call with your friend”

There was a small silence, I think Lilah was likely taking in what Gabe had said “Erm, yeah I’m fine honestly Gabe, just a few drinks too many I think, you know how it can be.....” I looked at Indie, it was clear Lilah was trying to dismiss her upset as drunken slurs.

“But I’m good, talking of too many drinks, Indie if you can hear where the hell do you keep pain killers in this house?!” Yeah she was definitely trying to distract from what Gabe had said.

“Hmm well I want you to know Chica that I will be asking both Indie and Lexi to give you my number” Gabe spoken again, and both Jake and I looked at him wondering where he was going.

“While I know I’m irresistible, and a vision of everything a she wolf dreams of it’s not for a date” he glared at Jake then at me, clearly making a point. “though if you’re really stuck.....” I heard her laugh again “ but seriously Lilah it’s so if you do need me you can get hold of me, you don’t need to be a pack member to be a friend”

I felt like a dick again, and going off the look on Jake’s face so did he. Gabe was being a better guy than most. “though being a friend has rules, I don’t do ice cream runs at crazy hours, and don’t watch chick flicks...” she was laughing yet again and I couldn’t help but smile at Gabe, he smiled back.

“Thanks Gabe, I’m sure Indie can give you my number” Lilah replied.

“Hey Lilah” Jake suddenly spoke, I looked at him in shock, he simply shrugged “make sure you drink plenty and get some food down you, it might get rid of them drums playing in your head”

I laughed “Oh thanks, is that Jake?” She replied

“It was and Painkillers are in the bathroom cupboard hun” Indie said

“Thanks hunni, I definitely need them. You all having a meeting or something? Did I disturb you?” Lilah asks.

“Hey sweet” I spoke, all the guys raising their eye brows at me at my term of affection as I spoke to her.

“Is the big bad alpha here.” I heard her giggle “You’ve not disturbed us, we were just trying to sort out getting Indie settled here. Seeing as we probably going to be seeing a bit more of you now with your friend being the mate of my Gamma, perhaps we could ask Indie to forward you the numbers for me, Jake who is my Beta, Dan obviously Gabe has already said he plans on being your new bestie, and perhaps even Manuel too?”

Jake nodded in agreement, Indie smile at me in thanks. “Erm you don’t need to....”Lilah was stuttering her words a little “I..I mean don’t feel you have to... I’m not in your pack”

“No, but like Gabe said and I hate admitting he’s right as it gives him a big head” she giggled again “ you don’t have to be a pack member to be a friend sweet. And your best friend, Indie I mean, not your new bestie obviously, is going to be a pack member here so really it isn’t a problem”

I did my best to make it sound as casual as possible, hoping it not seem we were forcing our numbers on her.

“Ok thank you I guess, you really don’t have to though you know right?” She said

“I know, but maybe we want to?” I suggested “I’m maybe not the big bad wolf you seem to have me pinned as sweet and even if I was would having some big bad wolves on call be a bad thing?” I heard her giggle again, man that sound made me smile.....

“I’ll hand you back to Indie now Lilah, but make sure you get something to eat and drink, it might help you feel better, I’m sure we’ll see you soon or at least I hope so and look after yourself sweet”

“I don’t think I can feel much rougher” she chuckled “ and yeah maybe see you soon Knox”

I was hoping there was no maybe about it, as I passed the phone back to Indie, who took it off loud speaker and started to speak, this time a lot more hushed and there was some giggling. I figured it was time to leave her and Indie to catch up, no doubt finding out how her night with Dan had gone and I really didn’t want to hear any details of that!

I got up to walk to my office, though the place I really wanted to go was my bed! I noticed the others were making a swift exit too, all of us rushing through the heavy wooden framed door,

“I do not need to hear any details of Dan and her doing the dirty” Gabe said as we walked down the hallway of the pack house toward my office

I laughed, knowing exactly what he meant.

“Too right, was like get me out of there before I hear something I can’t unhear” Jake joined in laughing.

“You talking about me?!” Dan appeared behind us laughing, obviously aware of what we were talking about but clearly not bothered in the slightest.

“Yeah, kinda don’t want to hear Indie sharing all the details of your night” I grinned at him as I opened my office door, they all piled in after me.

“Awww you mean you were waiting to hear all the details from me instead?” He grinned right back

Dick.

We all laughed.

“So long as all is good and you’re happy dude then that’s all we need to hear” I say.

“Yeah everything is amazing bro, I can’t believe I found her” the look in his eyes told me he was beyond happy with the fact he’d found his mate, I was genuinely happy for him. “Who knew when she’d walked past and winked at me that that’s who she was” he smiled.

“Haha yeah, there was us just thinking you were being a dirty perv’ staring at her all night” Gabe laughed.

“Nah that was Knox wasn’t it?” Dan winked at me then continued “Anyway what did I miss with Lilah? Everything I heard in there was pretty intense, is she in trouble?”

I rolled my eyes at him and chose to ignore his reference to me looking at Lilah last night, like I’d told them, I’m sure it was that I was drawn to her because she needed my help, because she reminded me of Cleo “we don’t fully know bro, we know what you heard, but what you maybe didn’t know was when Gabe dropped her off she was in complete bits, something is going on for her and we need to find a way to help her, for Indie, for Lilah and for Cleo.....”

Dan nodded “let me know what I need to do to help as always bro”

I nod at him, with a smile, going to lift the paperwork on my desk, the letters on it making little sense.... Yeah I couldn’t do any work, and I doubted I was the only one.

“You know what, first, we need to sleep” I said, going to stand up “let us rest and then tomorrow we will catch up to see what we can think of for Lilah before heading to the offices on Monday”