

## Chapter 65 Knox

I saw Lilah the moment she came round the corner headed toward the house, her long blond hair blowing in the slight morning breeze. She was dressed today in an oversized checked black white and red shirt as a dress, with a chunky black belt around the middle to extenuate her waist, her long tan legs were again bare, and she had a pair of chunky black boots on, not too unsimilar to those that Indie was wearing.

Her makeup was less heavy than when I'd seen her on Friday night but I have to say I think she was even more beautiful without it. Gabe had run to give her a hug, clearly glad she was ok, and judging by the smile on her face she was happy to see him.

We all headed to the small house that appeared to be Indie's home, it was a small stone cottage, which wasn't unusual in itself, a little quirky and old in its style, which I imagine is why it appealed to indie, but the fact it was so far away from the rest of the pack really bothered me.

"Hey" Lilah's voice reached my ears as she began walking alongside me.

"Hey to you too" I smiled as I let her walk into the small cottage.

Wow in here was cosy! And definitely quirky! The stone walls made it very cool and echoey, but there was lots of wall hangings I noticed. The whole house looked to be on one level. And I could see Indie taking Dan's hand to show him round.

"We brought food and snacks, where you want them?" Jake asked to Lilah, lifting the multiple bags he had carried from the car. She signalled to the kitchen.

"There is definitely room in the cupboards" Gabe joked.

I went to help Jake sort the food and drink we'd bought, the kitchen was a weird mint green colour I don't think I've ever seen on kitchen cabinets before. There was one thing I could say about my Gamma's new mate looking at her style going off her look and her home, she was most definitely unique!

Once we had sorted things the best we could we walked back to the lounge, Lilah was sat on the sofa chatting to Gabe who was sat on the armchair opposite. I went and slid in the space next to Lilah, looking round realising there was a serious shortage of seating for us all. Jake walked back to the kitchen and grabbed a stool from the breakfast bar and sat it next to the arm chair as Indie and Dan walked back up the hallway into the lounge

"I've shown him round so we ok to leave you guys here for a little bit while we got to speak to mum and dad?" Indie asked.

I'm sure I detected nerves in her voice, but I don't know her well enough to actually be able to tell.

"Yeah sure thing, let us know if you need us" I look to Dan.

Any shit you call or mindlink and we'll be there dude I link him. Hoping that it wouldn't be necessary.

Will do he links back as they walk from the house, Indie closing the door quietly behind her with a thought filled look toward Lilah.

"You guys want a drink?" Lilah asks politely.

She seems really nervous around us, even more so than on Friday night.

"I'll grab some" Jake says smiling at her and walking into the kitchen. Gabe following him, no doubt on the prowl for the half tonne of food he made me buy on the way here.

I look to Lilah next to me "It's nice to see you again sweet" I say as she nervously looks up at me, her blue eyes still mesmerising me as much as the first time I saw them "did you manage to get your extra five minutes in bed?" I asked.

Not sure why I asked.... I swear this girl makes me a blathering fool! I can't even blame the drink tonight either....

"Sadly no, so if I fall asleep on your shoulder you didn't bore me to sleep I was just tired" she grinned and I couldn't help but laugh.

"Well you've napped on my warrior on this sofa haven't you? You wanting to try to see if the Alpha is more comfy to nap on?" I tease.

She looks at me clearly not knowing what to say to me, I wish she didn't feel so uncomfortable around me, "I'm teasing sweet" I say brushing her hair away from her face.

There is a small part of me that wants to slide my hand up into her hair and pull her face close to mine so I can put my lips onto hers, I wonder what she'd do.... Wait.... I shook my head slightly... where?... What? Seriously now! Where the fuck did that come from. I do not want this girl! I just carried away flirting is all right?

"Oh guys, come check out the mural in Indie's bedroom" Gabe speaking broke my chain of thought thankfully, "it is amazing, and Lilah did it!"

I raised my eyebrow slightly at her, to indicate I was impressed.

I then stood to follow Gabe to the bedroom..... and that's a phrase I didn't think I'd say!

We walked into the bedroom, it was quite cramped, most of the space taken up by the bed, but there was enough room for us to walk down the edge of the bed. The walls were a silvery gray shade, but on one wall was a large mural painted of a forest scene, the detailing on it was amazing, and a wolf sat howling to the moon.

Gabe hadn't exaggerated when he said it was amazing, I couldn't believe Lilah had done this, and Indie said she didn't think she was good at art?!

I looked to her "You did this? It's beautiful"

"I told you!" Gabe said, though I wasn't sure if that was aimed at me or Lilah to be fair.

Jake spoke up "You should be doing this for a living Lilah, this is gorgeous"

I looked to Lilah who looked clearly uncomfortable at being praised, "Erh I don't think so, you should come look at Indie's art work, most of the pictures you've seen on the walls both wall hangings and paintings are made by her, but she has loads of art work she's working on in the dining room, come see " she walks quickly from the bedroom.

It's clear to me she doesn't want to be hear anything about herself.

We move a couple of doors up from the bedroom, into a room full of canvases and easels, again the room is echoey and cold, but the the room clearly had purpose and is well used, There is a real mixture of artwork here, from portraits, landscapes to pop art style and it is amazing.

I walk to one that instantly catches my eye in the corner, it's a portrait, and the blue eyes are unmistakable...."Wow this is beautiful " I say without realising I said it out loud.

Lilah is instantly at my side "Oh Indie made me sit for ages while she painted that!" She smiled as if remembering "she'll be happy to know you like it"

"She is really good" Jake speaks up from behind us. "Do you do painting like this too?!" he added, I was curious about that too as Indie mentioned that she painted and we'd seen the work she did on the mural so it made me wonder.

"Hmm yeah, there a few of my paintings here" she walked around the room picking up some canvases of landscapes, some portraits - some were life like, others were done in a cubism style, then there is this one, she passed us a painting of what looked like a lunar eclipse, and a beautiful woman with long white hair stood in front of it, in a beautiful long white gown, at her feet lay many wolves.

"Wow" all three of us said.

"It's meant to be..." she started

"Selene? Our moon goddess?" I wanted her to know we could see her vision and it was clear on her picture what it was meant to be, her work was beautiful.

She nodded with a smile, seeming to be looking me right in the eyes, and I swear that smile felt like it warmed my heart a little.....