Chapter 70 Knox

"Knox?" she asks

I look to her, raising my eyebrows waiting for her to speak.

"Come here" she asks, so I stand, and walk around to the other side of my desk, where she is currently sat, she pointing to the papers in front of her " why is this deal not linked to...."

"You know what Lilah, my brain not on form right now, you fancy some lunch?" I ask.

Being that close to her is distracting and I am not able to focus on the words in front of me. "there is a nice café near here"

She smiled, "Aww you having a brain fog kind of day?" she fussed up my hair with her hand, it sent shivers down my spine as she did it... "I hate them days... but lunch always sounds good"

"Lets go then" I say, quickly moving away from her.

Her touch had me feeling good but I know I shouldn't be wanting it to.

We make out way down the corridor to the elevator, this time she presses the button and we wait for it to arrive.

"You were good sorting Adam Robertson Lilah, Thank you. "I tell her, wanting her to know I was impressed with how she had handled the situation.

She looked at me as we walked into the elevator with a shy smile "Thank you, I feel stronger dealing with business stuff, because I know the stuff... I ... understand what I'm talking about" she tries to explain.

I smile back at her "You can tell. I think you could be good helping with the business deals if you'd like sweet? I plan to talk with Jake and Dan about it but Jake was impressed with you, so can't see him disagreeing"

She looks surprised, "Why would you do that?" her big blue eyes are gazing into mine.

I swear I'm a mess when she does that....

"Because I want to...." I say gently without thinking, as the elevator pings as the doors open at the lower floor.

Again, made myself sound like a dick..

I followed Lilah out of the elevator feeling like a fool, watching her check her phone as she walked. She stopped in the centre of the foyer of the our building reception.

"Erm, Alpha Knox" she look to me awkwardly.

Alpha? That's not right.... It doesn't feel right her calling me that even though that is what she should be calling me....

"I know we planned to get lunch, but I was wondering with you saying you weren't sure what you

needed me to do today with the possible software changes if it might ne ok for me to head back now as there has been some issues at pack I'm afraid...."

She avoided making eye contact with me, had that been what she had been looking at on her phone? Or had I made her feel that uncomfortable?!

I looked to her, hoping she would at least look up, so I could see if she was ok, I guided her toward the sofas in the small lounge waiting area of our foyer so we could sit down.

She was still avoiding my gaze....

"Lilah are you ok?" I ask.

"Yes." She answered abruptly.

Great she isn't for giving anything away....

"I'm sorry Alpha Knox...." She began

"Lilah, stop, I've never asked you to call me that....what is wrong?" I interrupt. I know something doesn't seem right, still unsure if it is that I made her uncomfortable being too full on, or if this thing she referenced at camp was true and if so what was going on...

"Its your name though...." She looked up at me for a short moment, I swear there was a tear in her eye, then she looked away.

"I just need to get back, I know I planned to work all day, I'm sorry, maybe this wont work" and then she got up, walking quickly toward the doors, which were conveniently for her currently propped open due to the glorious sunshine outside.

She picked her speed up as she exited the building making her way across the car park.... I was in two minds, do I follow or do I let her go.... We are meant to be helping her.... I ran after her...

"Lilah wait!" I call after her.

She doesn't even look back, heading toward her car at the bottom end of the car park, I manage to catch up with as she nears her car, so I reach out to grab her hand, to stop her moving away.

"Lilah I said wait..." I breath.... But then I look to her and see there are tears coming down her face. I instinctively pull her to me and hold her in my arm.

"Did I upset you?" I ask. I am hoping I didn't as I hate the thought of me being able to make her cry like this. I feel her pull away and look up at me.

"Why would you have upset me?" she asks.

Oh thank the goddess, she looked confused. Ohh how do I explain this?

"I don't know" We will try the easy option.... "what is wrong sweet?" as I see tears still falling down her face. I find myself reaching to wipe them away, she jumps slightly at my touch.

"I just need to get back to pack Alph.." she stops herself, smiles at me and then starts again "I just need to go Knox"

"Hey I have no issue with you leaving earlier Lilah, but I'd like to know why, as whatever the reason has clearly upset you, and I am meant to be a friend no?" I smile.

Resisting the urge to kiss her gently on her head.....this girl messes with my senses I swear.....

"You not got enough friends?" she asks.

Wow, harsh. That her way of saying piss off? I don't want a friend?

"Like that huh?" I struggle to hide the hurt in my voice, stepping back from her.

Maybe she doesn't want our help....

"Knox..." she starts.

"Nah is fine" I step back again to give her more space.

I know I'm probably acting a bit of a dick, maybe just that my pride is hurt.

"Please don't you be mad with me too..." she starts to cry harder.

Shit I hate crying women.... Though this one is kinda my fault I think.... I go to hold her again, but she stops me.

Great, I definitely upset her..... wait who else was mad at her?

"Lilah can we sit in your car?" I suggest so we don't have the possibility of people watching from the office. She nods, fishing the keys from her bag and clicking the doors unlocked. I walk to the passenger seat and slide in. Her car felt tiny compared to mine.

She came round and got into the drivers seat and looked at me, "What?" she asked, the tears still evident in her voice and on her face.

"Who else is mad at you?" I ask.

"It doesn't matter. Its pack stuff so I cant go into it. I just need to go ok?" she sobbed, wiping tears away.

I reached out to put my hand to her cheek gently, "Sweet, you shouldn't be feeling like this about going back home" I whisper.

She looks across at me and gently nods. We just look at one another for a few moments, a small part of me wants to lean across and kiss her, to see what her lips would feel like against mine, but I know that I cant.... She isn't mine.... Not my mate... not my girl.....but the attraction to her was stronger than I'd felt to any other she-wolf before.... But she is depending on me..... I cant let her down.....

"I know, and I'm sorry about work..." she says, still not moving away from my hand, if anything she seems to be resting her cheek on it....or am I imagining that? Hoping that?

"You seemed so happy about starting this morning" I say to her.

"I wasn't even meant to come this morning...." She mutters...

Wait..what?! Yeah she was, we'd arranged it...

"What do you mean? We'd sorted it Lilah.." I question gently.

She sighed, glancing down, the sweep of her long eye lashes clear from this close... "Logan told me it was not authorised for me to work off pack..." she began.

What?! That fucker was trying to hold her back? He had his mate yet he still tried to keep a grip on Lilah?

"But Alpha Grayson had given permission" I point out.

She simply nods, a stray tear coming from her eye, I reach out with my thumb to wipe it away as she carries on "He is off pack for a few days on pack business with my Dad.... Logan told me authorisation had been withdrawn.... I couldn't get hold of Alpha or my Dad.... So I snuck out this morning....." she admitted.

"I'm guessing he had realised, hence the messages and you needing to go back to pack?" I ask.

She nods again "I'm sorry Knox, I'm nothing but a hassle... so I think its better I don't come back" she states.

I hold her face a little firmer, pulling it closer to mine so her eyes are looking straight into mine " listen Lilah, you are not a hassle, he is a dick, and nothing more who that for some reason sees you as his own possession, which from everything you have said you do not want, you are unhappy, Indie is worried for you, we all are sweet, we want to help and that is what we are going to do. You will be coming back, even if I got to call for you every day and blow a kiss to Alpha Logass as we drive past as we leave" I reassure her.

I have no intention of giving up on this girl. She needs us.... She smiles, her blue eyes, looking into my brown eyes, I watch as her long lashes flutter.

I really shouldn't have moved her this close.... Her lips are so close to mine..... my heart is racing.... Though I'm sure I can hear her heart racing too.....I need to stop this! She moved closer slightly, just as I started to move away! Wait?! was she about to kiss me?! I'll not know now.... She moved back in her seat, biting her lip, looking awkward...

"I should go now Knox" she says the situation completely gone... I do wonder if I had waited a second later she would have kissed me, or was she moving in her seat? Was I overthinking? She doesn't think of me like that...

"Ok. But I will be wanting you back in Lilah, you could make a big difference here. And we still want to help. I will get in touch with Alpha Grayson directly as I bet he doesn't know what his darling son is up to. If there is any problems when you get home you need help with Lilah you can call us, we will come to help. I will call you later is that ok?" I say trying to act normally with her.

She nodded, now looking really anxious. So I dreaded to think what awaited her back at her pack. I would be calling her later to find out she was ok as I knew I wouldn't get away with going back to pack with her.

"Thank you for today by the way, you have definitely given us somethings to thing about" I tell her, and she smiles.

"Pain in the ass aren't I?" she laughs.

"I'm not complaining sweet" I laugh, leaning over to give her a hug, she tense slightly at my touch.

Ok maybe too much, I'll not go for the peck on the cheek then....I let go of her. "See you later Lilah, and call me if you need me"

"See you later you" she leans across and lightly kisses my cheek as I go to leave the car. I walk across the car park with a smile on my face.