## **Chapter 76 Knox**

Why was I disappointed I couldn't keep her here and talk to her some more? Fuck am I really that desperate now?!

We were making our way to the hallway of the pack house where the others were waiting from what I could see. The pack house was busy today, lots of pack members around enjoying the weekend. Many stopping to chat to me as I walked through the hall ways, and as Alpha it was only right I chatted to them. Though right now I just want to sit and talk with Lilah again....

Lilah and I reached the others, and we headed for the front doors.

"Cars all loaded" Manuel called to me. he's a good 'un I think. I'd mind linked him when I'd bumped into Lilah, as I'd been on the way to go and put the things we'd need for the trip to the lake in the car, but when I realised I wanted to stay there with Lilah instead I thought I'd try asking my friends to help out....

Turned out Gabe and Manuel were happy to help out and had sorted out the towels, seats, plates, disposable grills, meats, drinks etc for the lake. And I'd got to spend a little time with Lilah.... Why was that so much of a big deal?!

"Cheers dude" I acknowledge what he'd said. We were taking two cars as there wouldn't be enough room for us all in one car. The lake was about half hour drive from here, and was a great place to visit when the weather was nice like it was today. I was glad Lilah was getting to see it too, hoping that one day we would convince her to move here from her pack to get her away from the crap going off there. Plus having fun and having a laugh would do her good.

We piled into the cars, me driving one with Lilah, Indie and Dan in the back and Jake, Gabe and Manuel in the other car which to be fair was pretty jammed packed with most of the stuff we'd need for the lake, the sun was shining, the atmosphere was good and we headed off.

We had music on as I drove along, Indie and Lilah were singing along to the tunes and I couldn't help but smile at them. I knew from our night out they could sing well, but they were clearly singing badly to the tune on the radio, breaking into fits of giggles with each others. The sooner we could get Lilah back here with her friend the better...anyone could see how close they were... how well they got on... how much they needed one another.... Plus she'd have all of us here for her too..... I'm sure we could help make her smile too....

We pulled into the lake, parking the cars on the rocks near it...Dan took no time grabbing Indie from the car, whipping her dress off, it was similar to the short slip dress on that I had seen Lilah wearing earlier, leaving her in a small pink bikini, he grabbed her again this time running with her toward the lake, kicking and screaming....

He was obviously going to have fun, I smiled as I heard Lilah laughing, watching her step from the car to watch as her friend got dropped in the lake.... I stood alongside her, Gabe, Jake and Manuel coming to join us, all watching as Indie splashed in the lake, gaining her balance, the shock of the water, while it will be relatively warm from the sun, still clearly took her breath away, she went and grabbed Dan pulling him down to her, he easily allowed himself to be pulled in next to her before they started kissing .....

"Erh, yeah we'll get the car emptied I think" Gabe said,.

I had to agree not fancying watching my friend making-out with his mate. Lilah must be thinking the same as she followed us to the car.

We worked together to get the seats set up, towels out, ice boxes out, Manuel was already getting the grills on, he was good at that so I was happy to let him take charge with that to be fair, plus it gave me chance to chat more with Lilah.

I closed the trunk of the car and walked round to where we'd set up by the lake, as I approached I was distracted as Lilah slipped off her dress, underneath she had on a tube-type top which finished midway down her body and black short type panties, they accentuated her curves, she was tall, but she had womanly curves to her chest and hips....

Wait....my eye was drawn to Jake, I swear he was checking her out too, he was sat down on one of the seats not far from her with a can of soda enjoying the sun and clearly now enjoying the view....that's a new development... I found myself thinking was he interested in her? I could feel irritation pulsing through my body, though I had no right for that as Lilah was not mine, and wouldn't be.

Don't worry boss I ain't checking out your girl Jake linked me, maybe having felt me watching him. yeah ok I may have quickly looked, bit hard she's right there, but she looks like she got some bruises, did Gabe hurt her?

Wait he'd seen them too? Wasn't just me then....

Yeah I noticed them earlier, I wondered the same.... Oh and she not my girl.... I link him back, as I go to sit next to him. He throws me a soda from the ice box.

Not your girl? Haha who you kidding? Jake was looking right at me now. I knew he was doing his best to wind me up.

Piss off I growled through the link.

"Lilah you want a drink?" Jake asks her. I look to him, wondering what he's up to.

Lilah looks up, "Hmm yeah please, what you got?" She walked over.

Jake gently takes her hand, pulling her onto his lap so she can see into the icebox "Come here I can can show you what I got...." He says suggestively, giving me a dirty look as he said it "Shit that sounded dirty... sorry Lilah"

I heard her giggle, as she shoved him gently in the chest.

Jackass I link. I know that was all for my benefit. This was routine between me and my friends, going out of our way to find ways to wind each other up, but fuck me this bugged me he had his hands on her ....

I watched Lilah grab herself a can of soda, Jake offered for her to stay on his knee, again raising his eyebrows at me when he said it, so I knew that was for my benefit, thankfully for my sanity Lilah knew he was teasing and declined. Standing and walked to one of the towels before laying herself out on it to enjoy the sunshine.

I'll fucking get you for that... I hiss through link to Jake.

He simply grins but she's not your girl so it don't matter, right? He simply walked down to the lake, and dived into the warm water, a big smile on his face, clearly having enjoyed winding me up. Gabe made a point of noisily chasing him down to try to catch him.

Indie and Dan were still splashing around in the lake, alternating between swimming and hugging and kissing. Manuel was off to the side of where we were sat; now grilling some of the meat after he'd let the coals burn down slightly. I looked down to Lilah she was peacefully laid out on the towel, her long blond hair splayed out around her, her eyes closed she looked quite content

"You fancy a swim Lilah?" I ask.

She quickly opens her eyes to look up at me, a small scowl on her face as she looks to be thinking.

"Erh no I'm good thanks, think I'll stick to sunbathing today, but thanks for asking" she lay herself back down closing her eyes.

Wow nothing like cutting me off.... Maybe she was upset with me.... Guess I'll go for a swim.... I took off my shirt and headed for the lake.