

Chapter 90 Lilah

Wow! He was sweet, and he made me smile, but he'd always been like that with me, it was just how we'd clicked as friends, it was like that before we could tell we were mates so it had nothing to do with us being mates. So I don't need to worry about that. Even if I chose I don't want him to be my mate and that I am sticking to not having a mate and reject him then we will still have our friendship right?

Anyway, I need to call Indie, need to have some clothes to wear, prepare to tell the guys here everything, see if they have a plan, then go break the news to pack I'm leaving.....what is Anya going to do? What will Logan do? Could he stop me leaving? I wasn't going to think of that now. I had Knox there for me to defend me and stand up for me, that in itself was a massive support.

I found my phone from my bag and saw my Mum had responded to my text from the early hours I'd sent, explaining I had ended up staying at the pack house here because of working so late and risk of rogues.

Hi Del,

That seems sensible sweetheart. But don't be overworking. I know you are enjoying the job and have lots of opportunities there but don't let them expect too much of you. Though I do agree with them not travelling back tonight was best, has been reports of a lot of random rogue attacks. Hope you sleep ok.

Mum

Typical mum overreacting. A lot of the overworking she thought I had been doing had in fact been staying late chatting to the guys, going for drinks or visiting Indie at the pack here. I quickly messaged her back to let her know I wouldn't be home tonight either so she didn't worry.

Hey mama,

Don't worry, I will be careful not to overwork, they let me stay in bed late today after yesterday, sorting me food out shortly too before we work again. I won't be coming home tonight though as while at the packhouse this morning I saw Indie and she's desperate for a catch up, so I promised I'd come back after work and stay over. Hope that's ok with you guys. Hope you and pops are ok. Love you

Del xx

Amazing how easy the lies seem to come for my mum, though I'd had to get into the habit of that over the last year or so to avoid Logan.....anyway time to call Indie...I dialled her number, she answered almost immediately.

"LILAH!!!" she shrieked.

"Indie please don't deafen me" I laugh.

I hear her giggle "Sorry baby doll, you ok? Dan said you stayed here last night?"

"Ah yeah worked crazy late, then was rogue attacks so Knox wouldn't let me travel home so late saying wasn't safe so stayed here" I explained.

"Aww always so protective of you" Indie teased

"Hmm about that..." I start, then change my mind, "you got some clothes I could borrow hun? I didn't bring any as didn't expect to stay"

"Of course! Anything for my beautiful Lilah, what room you in? I shall be over in a tick" I couldn't ask for a better friend I truly couldn't.

"Few doors down from the Alpha's room I think" I explain.

"Okey dokey, be a minute" I could hear her rummaging round as I assumed she was already sorting clothes for me as she hung up the phone.

So I headed to the small ensuite bathroom attached to the bedroom I was staying in, a sleek modern black marble bathroom with a shower in the corner, where I headed straight away. There was some mini toiletries on the shelf in the alcove shower that was fitted within the wall, almost like hotel toiletries, so I used them to wash myself, able to pour our just enough shampoo from the small bottle leftover from me using it last night to wash my long hair, enjoying the heat of the hot water on my achy body.

Best be quick though as Indie and Knox be here before you know it.... Urgh!

I got myself out of the shower, again finding like a hotel style toothbrush and toothpaste on the small bathroom sink and used them to clean my teeth. I should have done this last night but had been that tired I had literally just fallen asleep as soon as I had had a quick shower. I started to dry myself off as there was knock on the door, I twisted the towel around myself as I headed for the door.

Weirdly stood in front of me as I opened the door was both Indie and Knox, I hadn't expected them both to arrive at the same time, and had hoped for some time to get dressed. I opened the door to let them in, Indie looking at me puzzled why Knox was in the bedroom..... as he walked past me the most amazing smell hit me, like a combination of like a cool artie mint, and fresh pine needles, reminding me of a wintery walk through the forest....

Wait is that Knox?! Nah he's had a shower, probably just his shower gel..... oooh its strong though, and smells really nice..... Sky was howling in my head, could she smell that too? Oh, is that the scent he spoke about? It is pretty good..... I could feel Knox's eyes taking me in, as I stood wrapped in the small towel, my skin still moist from the shower....haha probably torturing him...

I need to get dressed I think before the room is reeking with arousal and poor Indie is choking on it. I chuckle to myself.

"You got clothes for me hun?" I look to Indie, doing my best to ignore Knox.

Indie's long purple hair is in a high pony tail today, and she is wearing black combat trousers and a cropped white, with her faithful chunky boots, she was looking cute as always. I could trust her to dress me well. She passed me a handful of clothes and I went into the bathroom surprised to find she had followed me and shut the door. It was awfully squished inside here with two people in it, obviously it was small room and not designed for two people.

"Okaaaay, what's going on with you two?!" Indie said clearly not missing a thing

I began sorting the clothes she had brought me, some underwear with labels still on so I knew they were new, and a long black clingy t shirt dress, slipping them on as I went, Plus a pair of cute converse. I could see her staring at me obviously waiting on an answer.

I sighed "He knows Indie"

"Huh?" she looked puzzled trying to work out what I meant.

"About the witch, about Anya, it all...." I sighed, as Indie's house flew to her mouth.

"Oh no, is he mad. Is he not going to help you now?" she began to cry, clearly realising the severity of the situation "will he kick me out and mean I lose Dan because I was involved?"

There was light knock at the door, we both whipped round, Knox opened the door, smiling gently at us both

"Come here" he said.

Indie was still sobbing, clearly scared her future was at risk of being ripped out from under her. I held her hand "Everything is ok Ind, though there was a slight twist to the tale" I smiled sadly, to a puzzled look from her.

"Well staying here meant I didn't have my lotion, turns out my scent attracted my mate..." I looked to Knox. Indie's hand flew to her mouth, her eyes at mine then she looked to Knox who grinned at her

"You?!" she exclaimed

"Yeah we were a bit surprised too Indie. We ended up having a heated discussion shall we say and I had to tell him everything, and I mean everything...." I explain.

Indie started at me in shock...

"Wow Lilah! You are so brave! You are ok with this Knox? You aren't angry?"

"Well the witchcraft I don't really agree with but I know she was young and struggling and was desperate, I am not going to hold that against her, it was dangerous and silly of you both though, you can never fully trust a witch, we are always told that. She could have hurt either of you. " Indie looked down guiltily. While Knox smiled and continued "but like I said it was a mistake, these things can happen, and hearing everything else made me realise just how much we need to help" Indie nodded.

"Thank you" she gave Knox a massive hug then looked at me "and now you don't need to worry because you have your mate to love and care for you Del"

I sighed, I doubted she would understand this "I don't think I want a mate Indie, that hasn't changed"

"WHAT?!" Indie looked at me like I had lost my mind "are you crazy? You have man here who has clearly been waiting for you since he saw you, hes been trying to protect you despite not knowing why he wanted to, he has an ability to make you giggle like nobody else I have seen, you guys just seem to click, he finds you're his mate, despite you using stuff to block a mate bond, he finds out all that stuff out and accepts it, he wants to love and care for you but you are saying no?! You make no sense"

"Indie its fine" Knox immediately spoke up in my defense "We've spoken about it in depth, she hasn't said she will reject me, it's a potential work in progress right sweet?"

Hmm, yeah I guess if you want to call it that....so I nod slowly.

"She has agreed no more witchy wash" I saw Indie smirk at his description. He's a dick

"And if after some time it's still a no and she is still sure she wants to be alone then I will have to accept that and let her reject me, I said I'd do that"

"No Knox it isn't fine, I get she was hurt over Logan back then but this is different now, this is a mate...The goddess gives us a mate who is meant for us, you don't turn away from them...."

Indie walked from the room.

What? I don't remember Indie ever walking out on me.... Even when she didn't want me to see the witch she still came.....I could feel the tears beginning to flow again. Knox was beside me in an instant, taking me in his arms, pulling me close to his chest as the door slammed behind Indie.

"I need to go speak to her" I say between sobs, pulling away from him.

He takes my hand, and pulls me back toward him "Give her chance to cool down sweet, she's had a lot of information thrown at her, let's go to my room, let me make you some food..."he squeezes my hand as he talks.

"She's never walked away from me before Knox.... She's angry with me.... I thought she'd understand...." I try to explain as he leads me from this room, down the hallway to his own suite.

"She had a lot of stuff to take in, she was scared she was going to lose her mate for a second there too Lilah... plus some people take the mate bond really serious sweet..." he tries to explain as we walk into the hallway of his Alpha suite.

"I know they do, but she should know more than anyone why I don't want a mate, why I don't want love..." I say abruptly. I hear him let out a deep sigh, as he is setting out food on the kitchen sides. "I'm not hungry Knox. A coffee would be good though please?" I say.

"You're having something to eat Lilah" he states.

The atmosphere in the kitchen is palpable, I can't stand it so walk out and down the hallway to the living room, to stand by the big window and watch the world outside. The sun is high in the sky, shining down on the trees below, I find myself sitting down on the floor, bringing my knees up to my chest, wrapping my arms around my legs as I watch the birds outside, I can smell the food cooking from the kitchen.....

What if Indie doesn't forgive me? Have I pushed our friendship too far? I don't want a mate yet being with Knox felt good but I know he will hurt me in the long run..... tears were coming from my eyes once again.... I am sick of crying...I notice the balcony to the bottom of the living area, I stand myself up and in almost a trance make my way to the sliding doors.....