Chapter 92 Knox

"No I know. But we promised to help her. We need to do that.... Jake, you remember when we went to the lake and you saw bruises on her?" I look at him pointedly.

He looks at me puzzled but nods. "Yeah we assumed it was from fighting with Gabe"

I slowly shake my head. I go on to explain the bullying and torture she has endured over the last year from Anya and her friends. Indie sobbing, I am unsure if she realised it was as bad as it had become. My friends all look in shock, and angry too. Manuel, still at her feet kneels up to hold her close to him "Oh mi amor, I wish you felt able to tell

us... you should never have had to go through this alone.... you don't have to go through this alone now.... Right Knox?" "I hope not" I say, glad at least one of my friends is there for her "she will always have me, whether its as a mate or as a friend that is yet to be decided but I am here, I hope you guys can be

too...I know there have been a few things you don't agree with, but like I said, I don't agree with them either, but I understand she was struggling and didn't know what else to do and made a mistake, it's me it effected more than anyone, and right now I am happy I know who my mate is.... I just need to convince her she should be happy too" I joke. "If you're good we're good" Jake says looking at me and the others nod "I knew there was

something with you two..." I laugh. "So what's going to happen?" Gabe asks "are you ok Lilah? She cant go back there Knox...."

"I know dude, I have no plan for that, other than to tell them she is my mate, though we may need to come up with a reason why it took so long for us to work out..." I explain.

I look to Lilah, I see she looks to be zoned out, her eyes staring out of the big window in the living room. I pull her close to me, she looks up at me for a second, smiles and then her gaze falls back to the window as I continue to explain "The plan to help Lilah still stands, but its ramped up now, and we now have a strong reason for her needing to be at pack, they cant argue, we will get

her settled here. As for me and her, I don't know, she said she had decided a long time ago she

never wanted a mate.... She is scared if she lets herself love or be loved she will get hurt..." "That's crazy when its your mate though" Dan sighs. "Yeah but you didn't see how much she struggled baby, he destroyed her with his games too" Indie instantly defended her friend, despite her reaction to all this earlier.

"There is a pull there for her I can sense it..." I continue "so I have asked her to not use the stuff from the witch, let the bond take effect, see how it makes her feel.. I think I was falling for her anyway even without the bond there, either that or the stuff the witch gave her wasn't as effective as it meant to be. I don't know...I have told her there is no pressure from me, I know it will be

hard as Knight is going crazy for his mate already, but I asked her to at least try, and if after a little

I look down, I can feel tears in my eyes at the thought or possibility of her rejecting me, Knight is

going crazy in my head at that thought too... he's just found his mate, he doesn't want to lose

time she still isn't ready for a mate I will accept her rejection as much as it is the last thing I want..."

"I'm sorry" she says, reaching for my hand.

her.

her.... "You cant let her reject you Knox, you have waited so long for her..." Manuel speaks up from his seat kneeled on the floor in front of Lilah. "I need to do what is right for her... she needs the chance to be happy...." I sigh "if that means not being my mate I will have to accept that...." I stand up.

I need some air. I walk to the balcony doors, sliding them open, I walk into the early afternoon sunshine and lean my arms onto the balcony....well finding my mate sure wasn't the love story you get it painted to be....

"Knox?" a small voice from behind me spoke, before I have chance to turn, Lilah is by my side

I turn to her, "What are you sorry for? Fate took a weird twist, it can be good at that" I smile at

"I'm causing you pain aren't I?" she spoke. "Sky can sense Knight I think..... plus I can see you are struggling. I don't want you hurting for me....."

She looked down, then strangely she laughs at me!

hurts a little to hear the beautiful mate sent to me say she doesn't want me..." I sigh....

"Sweet, its not you.... its everything, you scared me, I thought I was going to lose you.... plus it

"Telling myself I didn't need a man, I don't need a man, they only hurt me, I was this close" she holds her fingers up showing a tiny gap between her index finger and her thumb "to kissing you in my car the other week, but you moved away saving us the embarrassment, you make me say the

"Wait.... You felt all that too?" I have to say "but you don't want a mate?" My heart was burning

eternally hopeful right now having heard how she had been feeling that she had changed her

most stupid things... but no I don't want you...." Her cheeks were tinted red with

She had been feeling all the same things I had?!

embarrassment....

My heart dropped.

mind.

"No"

"I didn't think I did....but..... I don't know..... I didn't think my mate would be you...... the things Manuel said made me think....."she kept pausing, like she didn't want to admit her feelings, I didn't want to push this. "Lilah its fine, just know the things you were feeling I was feeling, so I think there was something

there beside the bond sweet, but nothing changes, there is no pressure...... I want my mate, my

love, I want you, everything Manuel said is true, he just puts it nicer than me" I see her smile "I

She is stood in front of me, my beautiful mate, turns out she has been in front of me a whole lot

I laugh too, the tension between us has eased a little.

as I lower my lips to her....

kiss me back, that was good right?.....

just witnessed out first proper kiss....awkward....

longer than any of us realised............ offered her my hand, she looked up to me, those big blue eyes of hers framed with long lashes, gazing into my own eyes, I saw her smile as she ignored my

I found the pressure of the kiss deepen slightly, her hand was now in my hair....I slowly parted her lips with my tongue, allowing my tongue to reach hers...... I could feel her gasp for breath slightly as we continued to kiss, I pulled her closer, sliding my hands down the smooth curves of her body to rest on her hips, not wanting to let her go, I felt her nibbling my lip.

Fuck this felt good....how had I managed without her?!.... shit, everyone was in the living room...

I gently stopped kissing her, oh I really didn't want to,.... the realisation that all our friends had

the realisation clearly hit her too was a little funny, we both looked to the living room, to our friends.... They had all gone..... thank goddess.... You guys left.... I linked jake.

'We have an audience sweet so maybe we should stop...." The look of sheer horror on her face as

Not a chance in hell is she going back bro. we'll think of something. Let me think. You just be with her, she needs you, you need each other....

I looked to my side where Lilah had been stood, but she had gone, I quickly walk inside,

Shit I freaked her out kissing her.... I shouldn't have pressured her.... My mate doesn't want

panicking thinking she has left me.....I cant see her in the living room...

me.....

I chuckle.

socket.

smiles at me.

night...."

This could work....

with me?" I didn't know if that offended me or not.

haha his dickishness actually worked in our favour....

scrolling through something, then she passes it to me.....

another alpha....saying he never thought she would disobey him....

protect me..... I realise. Jake comes running through the door.

I quickly go to her and grab her into an embrace "I thought you'd left me!" I exclaim, panic was evident in my voice.

I run my hand through my hair, heading to the doorway of my suite, to go look for her, when she

steps out of my kitchen "Knox I cant get your coffee machine to work" she says innocently.

"I have clothes at home I can get tomorrow Knox. I can ask Indie if I can borrow some until then" she looks to me.

"Please? I want to.... Just a few bits.... All the chunky boots you like?" I grin at her.

She laughs at me "I guess a look wouldn't hurt....."

"Me panicking sweet. Let me sort you a drink. Then I need to take you shopping for clothes for

here." I say, my breathing calming slightly knowing she is ok and still here as I walk into the

kitchen setting up the machine, not having the heart to tell her she hadn't plugged in the right

"I had a think..." this sounds ominous I find myself thinking but she continues "it may be more straight forward than we think to explain Knox..." "How so?" I'm intrigued.

"I don't think I ever mentioned ever working directly with you, I only mentioned that I worked

with Jake and Manuel, occasionally Gabe. That I saw Dan when he brought Indie. They don't

know I was friends with you all, they thought when I visited it was to see Indie so would be no

reason for me to see you so we could quite easily have missed each other. Until I stayed last

"I didn't want him trying to start something with you" she says. Haha, that little weakling. I had to hold back my laughter.

"What's up?" he says. "Lilah may have solved the explanation, but for now look at these" I hand him the phone. I see

Lilah look to me, concern on her face, "it's fine sweet, he's our Beta, he needs to know"

This bitch is sick..... I look to Jake, he was reading alongside me, the further we went back the messages started interspersing with ones from Logan telling her he missed her.... She was still his.... Asking her to come and see him.... That she shouldn't expect him not to be able to see her for that long when they were used to seeing each other every day.... That he loved her.... He

Oh my sweet girl, she had gone through this all alone....

Mine mine Knight is screaming in my head.

Selene picked well...." He pauses, then smiles.

goddess had made a mistake.....

Jaxx was his wolf, and if he was angry I knew things weren't good... No worries dude, that's kinda nice.... I hate she went through all that... I think Indie only knew a bit of the stuff she was going through.... That's why all the stuff that went on doesn't matter to me.... I want her.... I need her to be ok....I link him back, watching Lilah sitting quietly zoned out again, drinking her coffee. We all do... we all got this... he reassured me

So I think they'll be fine. Their friendship was still okay.

"You think I don't want you? I have been thinking about you non stop since I met you you idiot..." Wait what?!?

think it's the Spanish words personally..." I tease.... She smiles again....

"He does have a way with words, goddess help his mate!" she laughs.

hand, instead choosing to come and give a hug. I was good with that..... I kiss her gently on her head. She looks up to me and I cant help myself, I bend my face down to hers, looping my hand into her long blond hair, and pulling her close to me

It felt like we were moving in slow motion, I could feel the sparks of the mate bond from where

we touched and it felt amazing.....she surely felt that too?.... I could feel my heart racing.... Or

was that hers?... it was hard to tell to be fair, her warm lips against mine felt so good, I felt her

to you. He links back. Besides we don't need to see that he jokes. Thanks bro. I need to come up with an explanation as to why we only just realised she was my mate for her pack when we go tomorrow. She can't go back there Jake....

Yeah figured you needed some privacy, you guys need to sort this dude. I can see what she means

"I came to make us a drink as we didn't get our earlier ones" she explained "why would I leave?"

That's my girl.....

"Maybe we can grab some food, seeing as we never ate either. Jake going to have a think about an

explanation for your pack why we didn't know I was your mate until now ready for tomorrow.

Then when we get back how about we all watch a movie and order pizza or something?" she

"I know I didn't as I didn't want it to irritate Logan and him stop me working, he had an issue with me being near another Alpha so I never mentioned you..." she smiled awkwardly.

"Sweet he doesn't scare me, plus he wouldn't..." I offer her a mug of coffee, she takes it to the

small breakfast bar, placing it down and sits down on the stool before looking down at her phone,

It is a load of screen shots of messages from Logan, the ones she is showing me I see are the day

she started at our office, the day she left early... him demanding she answer his calls... accusing

her of disobeying him... ordering her back to her pack....saying she should not be working for

That it needed dealing with....telling her she would regret it...implying he would consider her

being with me kidnap....threatening her with the cells for listening to another Alpha over

"Straightforward, no trouble, no hassle and believable, you sure you never mentioned working

Then continue to read, my heart racing as my anger builds, he tells her she must obey him, accuses her of being a whore to another Alpha, telling her to get back or else action would be taken against me....she ran that day to protect me... she didn't want to go home, but she went to

do it.....

me or Lilah.

Jake here now.... I link.

him....my blood is boiling...

He seemed to be taking a while reading them... "You never showed anyone the messages she sent you?" he asked Lilah. Wait.. She?... I step to where Jake is stood to see what he is looking at, there are dozens and

dozens of screenshots of messages from Anya, threatening Lilah.....telling her to cover her

her she'd done well hiding her latest injury... telling her to stay away from Logan....

bruises.... insulting her..... criticising her.... bullying her.... What she planned to do to hurt her

Alpha actually would....saying did she like how the pack were staying away from her.... Telling

Saying her mate wouldn't want her even if she found him he'd likely kill himself to avoid being

with her.... that she planned to find a way to kill her.... That Logan had admitted he was relieved

she wasn't his mate..... suggested she should try killing herself again.... Even suggesting ways to

next..... calling her my whore.... Saying because Logan didn't want her did she think another

I watch Jake's face as he reads them, I see the anger flashing in his eyes, his jaw tight with fury.

Jake goes to her and take her in his arms. "I don't know how you have managed Lilah, hun you are stronger than you realise. I wish we could have been there....." he gently kisses the top of her head.

Haha, I would have to get used to him being possessive now, though I know Jake is of no threat to

"I am not that strong when I done what I did though am i? Just young and stupid. I tried to kill

myself multiples times Jake and thought about it even more times, I contemplated going rogue to

escape but stayed because I didn't want to shame my mum and dad. I didn't fight back when she

hurt me even though I could beat her because I didn't want to cause problems in pack and knew

nobody would believe me. So I'm not strong, just stupid." She says with a sad smile.

missed her.... he wanted her.... He would reject his mate if he could for her....that the moon

"You made a mistake like Knox said when you were young and I can see how that idiot and his mate messed with your head, I am sorry I reacted the way I did. I don't like witches, it scares me they could have hurt you, but that is the past Lilah, a mistake hopefully you learn from. But the other things nobody should go through. Your parents need to hear some of this, to me I think its questionable if that dick should be Alpha at all. You are far from stupid, you did what you thought was right to protect the ones you love, you thought you were protecting your family. Well they didn't too good protecting you did they?" he points out.

"But I can tell you, we will. This is where you are meant to be Lilah. The moon goddess fated you

to Knox because you are a perfect fit, but also because this is where you belong, we will love and

care for you and protect you. That will be whether you chose Knox for a mate or not as well, but I

will say, I hope you do, because I've seen something in you two almost straight away....I think

"Oh and I know you could easily kick her ass, it wouldn't surprise me if you could kick Logan's

too, and I would love to see that because right now I want to rip his head off" he grins. Lilah hugged Jake with a small laugh at his comment "Thank you" before sitting back down at the breakfast bar with her coffee. That stuff is sick man, how has she managed that on her own? Jake links me I need to go for a run, let Jaxx out, he's going crazy with anger right now, bit like me, think he see her as the Luna now he knows she's your mate....sorry.... he wants to protect her... he looks at me apologetically.

"Lilah hun I'm going to get off, going for a run, let some of this anger off..." Jake explains with

an awkward honesty. "I'm sorry I made you angry" she looked at him. "It is not you. Just those psychopaths at your soon to be ex pack. Let Knox take you out, he said

he planned to take you to the shops, so go crazy with his credit card, that's a Beta order" he winked "big chunky boots for every day of the week sounds like a plan right? And we'll see you later" I smiled at him as he left. I was lucky to have such a good friend and Beta, one that clearly

wanted to protect my new mate.... if she'd let me be her mate of course......