

Chapter 98 Knox

Well, the last half an hour had took an unexpected turn, I was terrified when Lilah left the room but I had to trust Manuel to watch her for me. Then to hear him say she had shifted and Logan had followed I was in a panic and nothing mattered but to get to her, when I had told her father and Alpha Grayson they said we must go, they didn't trust Logan and that bothered me further.

To hear the words he said to her when she stood atop the cliff edge, I assume the possible waterfall she had mention she came to when she first contemplated taking her life when she found he was not her mate, they had enraged me, I had to hold myself back fight Knight to stop him going to tear Logan apart, but Knight wanted to protect his mate and he knew to do that he had to hold back... but then for him to say he planned to forcibly mark her so she would not be mine we could not allow that, but it seemed his father got there first...

Initially I had thought it was Beta Trent, their wolves are so similar, and time was moving so quickly my focus was on Sky, Lilah's wolf at that point and protecting her, I don't know if I had planned to kill Logan, I had planned to get him away from my mate, his father ending his life the way he did I feel was a spur of the moment decision, him too wanting to protect Lilah, knowing what his son wanted to do was unforgivable, but a decision I feel he was likely to go on to regret. I know he saw Lilah as family, that was evident with how he had just protected her....and for how he had protected I owed him.

Manuel and his wolf Rey had done what they could to stay with Sky, to catch her, I knew he had hung back to not panic Logan or his wolf into any rash actions, but I could tell from his stance when we had arrived he was ready to pounce and attack. Sky had seen him too, Lilah knew he was there and had gone to thank him after he had shifted. Knight had instinctively made me growl in jealousy at seeing his mate hugging another male... for him to then mindlink me to say she found it funny and told him to keep hold of her made me smile.

She was teasing me....she liked it.... I don't think she knew I heard her ask him to teach me Spanish... I would be mind linking him later...I would surprise my mate... I would do what I could to help her fall for me.... Today had been difficult enough for her, she needed some lightness, some fun, I had to find a way to do do that.....I would find a way....

When Manuel called her his Luna my heart was racing, scared for her response, but she dismissed it and said she should get back to me. So I thought I would test the water myself....

I held out my hand to her "My Luna?" I see her big blue eyes move to look up to meet mine, I can see uncertainty in her eyes, emotion too understandable considering what happened today, maybe I shouldn't have said it...

She leant toward me slightly, I think so her father and alpha were less likely to hear and whispered "Perhaps"

Wait.... Was she thinking she wanted me? Did she want to me my mate?

"Let's head back" Alpha Grayson spoke as a vehicle pulled up beside where the body of his son lay. Two men came from the car "We will take him to the morgue Alpha". Alpha Grayson looked back one last time to Logan, simply nodded and walked on, leading us through the forest on our way back.

What had happened here tonight had ultimately changed the future of this pack, that had been the future Alpha, now there wasn't one, though there was the baby his mate currently carried so perhaps Alpha Grayson could stay in position until the child was able to take on their natural place in line. I wasn't naïve to the fact this would affect Lilah, as much as I hated Logan for all he had done and I imagined she hated him too, she would be hurting for the loss of her childhood friend, the person he previously was because that person he had become I imagine had not been the same boy. As much as I hated him I had to be there for Lilah, she had lost her friend...

Hey dude, hit me with some Spanish words... I link Manuel with a small smile.

Haha you heard her? Well she will understand mi cielo or mi amor. We can work on some others to make her smile another time.. he linked back instantly, looking back at me with a grin.

I hope this works to make her smile...

My friends walked ahead of us, behind Alpha Grayson and Beta Trent, making our way through the forest of the pack where my mate had grown up. Lilah was by my side, she was gazing into the distance as she walked, her mind clearly lost in thought,

I can understand that... I reached for her hand, instantly she took my hand, I am almost sure there was no hesitation this time... "Mi amor are you ok?" I ask her.

Her head spins to look at me "You idiot!" She giggles. "You heard me?" She blushes slightly.

"Maybe a little, but if it makes you smile I will happily try" I grin "perhaps Italian too? Or French?" I wink. She giggled again. "Seriously though Lilah, are you ok? Today has been one hell of a day..."

"I honestly don't know yet.." she looks to me "I can't believe uncle did that...for me... that Logan is gone... Auntie is going to be devastated... I feel I am somehow to blame... but then I am like no I didn't make him act like that."

"No my love you didn't." I kiss her head lightly.

"I only came up here for some space... I want you to know that Knox, I didn't plan to do the things Logan was saying..." she tells me "I don't want to hurt you..." I smile sadly at her. Because she knows as well as I do the moment she chooses to reject me she will be hurting me the worst way she can. But I don't say that to her, she doesn't need to hear that right now...

We walk out of the trees, onto the streets of the pack now, making our way down toward the two neighbouring large houses of the Beta and Alpha. I didn't know what would await us when we got there quite honestly, we had to break the news to the Luna her son was dead, that his father had taken his life defending the honour of Lilah. And also tell the upcoming Luna her mate and father to her unborn child would not be coming home, taken from her due to his obsession with the girl they had between them bullied and ostracised.

"Do you mind if Alpha Grayson and I do this alone?" I hear Lilah's Dad speak from the front of the group of us, the group stops, and we walk to catch up to them.

"Look we have spoken as we walked, we feel it is only right we go and explain what happened. Lilah has had a long day too, she needs to be at home with her mate, so I think you should go home. We will speak tomorrow if that is ok Alpha Knox?" Alpha Grayson looks to me. "I ask that you take care of her. I don't know what caused Logan to act the way in which he did, and now we won't know, but he got his punishment for those actions at my hands, which I shall have to bear the guilt of. Lilah I am sorry sweetheart, those things I saw and heard broke my heart, that you had gone through that alone scared to tell us, that you feared it was safer to go rogue than to come to us. Anya will face punishment once she has birthed our grandson. We will raise him, I plan now I think with the support of your father Lilah to stay in the Alpha role until Logan's son is able to take on the Alpha role himself."

That seemed sensible...

"If you need any support Alpha Grayson please don't hesitate to let us know" I say to him, knowing that inside his heart must be breaking at the loss of his son. "If you need us to write a report for the council we will be happy to. What you did while I realise is difficult Alpha, was honourable. The council would see it that way too" I try to offer support, not knowing if it came across that way or not.

We stand outside the two houses now. Lilah goes to give a hug to her Uncle "Thank you Uncle. I am so sorry. I hope you forgive me" she says, tears in her eyes.

"There is nothing to forgive sweetheart. Now go home with your mate, you have a new future waiting for you." He took her in his arms and held her tight gently kissing her head. "Stay strong and go and make us proud" he walks toward the door, I think holding back tears.

"Lilah darling, I need to go with Uncle, but I will call you later, Alpha please look after my girl. She is beyond special. Boys, good to meet you all, would rather it have been under better circumstances. I see my Lilah will be well protected." He quickly kissed Lilah on the cheek and ran after Alpha Grayson so he didn't go in alone.

He wanted to be there for his Alpha...no for his friend....his friend had just defended the honour of his daughter.. he had to be there for him. He is a good man...

"We'll take the car we came in. You take Lilah home in yours. We will see you either when we get there or tomorrow. Time is getting on." Jake said to me, I simply nod.

Time to take my mate home....