324 NAKED TOGETHER IN THE LAKE

She smiled at herself as she swam in the water.

It was so cool and satisfying to have a warm bath as the lake was warm in the unusual cool weather.

She had been working all through and finally being able to clean herself.

Now she simply relaxed in the water and it seemed the water relaxed her muscles and eased the stiffness in her bones.

Kire was splashing around by the beach and she smiled and turned to look at him.

"You want to hop in?" She rose a brow.

He whined.

She swam closer to the beach and then in a blink of an eye she splashed the water on him and he hopped away.

She laughed. "Look at you scaredy cat."

He hopped around and eventually ran off.

She turned to swim back to the middle of the lake.

She sighed heavily and looked up at the moon her naked back backing Kire and the beach.

She wondered what was next for her in her future.

The little she had heard about her mother and father.

She wasn't sure if she wanted to know or not know.

Everywhere was quiet for a while and then her instincts told her to turn.

That someone other than Kire was here and so she quickly turned around without remembering that she was naked.

Right before her was Xaden .

She gasped in shock.

"Lord Xaden".

And then she remembered that she was naked and she hurriedly threw her hands over her breasts.

She began to breathe heavily.

"Easy." He said to her. "I didn't mean to scare you."

She said nothing looking at him .

Unsure of what to say.

He slowly went closer to the lake.

She stiffened and seemed to back away.

He took off his shirt and she saw her eyes went down on his chest and the tattoos on his chest.

She drew her eye away quickly.

"Do you mind if I join you?" He asked.

She went red.

"You already made yourself welcome." She said.

He began to take off his pants and she took her eyes away again and then her common sense told her to leave.

She swam towards the bank of the lake and attempted to walk away.

But she felt his hand grip her wrist and she was pulled back.

She turned and faced him, forgetting that she was naked and so was he.

He looked into her eyes bad said. "I would like you to stay."

She was lost for words unable to say anything.

Her lips quivered.

"Please." He said.

She didn't say a word but her composure and stance said that she had agreed.

She had relaxed and then very gently, her down towards him and back into the water.

By the time he was done she was already having the water around her breast.

They were both looking at each other, no one saying a word and then she realized that they were still holding hands.

She quickly withdrew her hand and he let go.

Then he turned around and said. "It seems you found a secret lake here. Not the first time you would be finding one though. You are good at that."

She knew that she was referring to the lake in his pack.

She shrugged. "It just happens."

"I myself had never for once known such a lake existed." He told her.

She just stared at him.

Kire howled and then they turned to see him, distracting themselves from the very awkward and uncomfortable moment.

He went down on his fours and lay by the beach as if guarding them .

"A very peaceful night." She said as she looked up at the moon with a smile .

He pointed at her. "That is because you are not at the camping ground. If you were there, you won't think it's so peaceful with all the men snoring like wild animals."

She laughed at his statement.

"And you? You don't snore like a wild animal?" She asked him.

He rose a brow. "Snore like a wild animal? I'm offended. But you need to hear Erik snoring. I am sure that's why Kire had to separate from him. He came wake up an entire village."

They both laughed.

"I don't think anyone beats Kire like Jessica. She snores like a hungry wolf. You won't be able to stand her."

And then Jasmine realized what she had just said.

She had not only referred to his sister in a very disrespectful manner, but she had also called her Jessica.

"I am sorry." She quickly apologized.

He waved his hand and in a somewhat hard and calm voice said. "It's fine. You've known her your entire life as someone else. I don't expect you to see her as another in a day."

He looked back up at her. "Did you serve her meal?"

Jasmine nodded as she gently swam her hand on the water. "Mmmhmm. I'm pretty sure she ate tonight."

"Thank you." He said .

Jasmine stilled.

She was not sure if she had, in her life ever heard him tell her thank you.

It seemed so strange.

"So tell me why you are in the lake swimming naked?" He asked .

She shrugged. "I was tired. And needed a bath."

"The men could have come in and taken a look at you here." He said.

"They didn't." She said.

"I don't like people to see what belongs to me." He stated territorially. 4

She swallowed hard, aware of the effect of his words on her.

She felt her face become red and then her inner thigh get warm.

He came closer to her and they were barely inches away from each other.

He gently set his hands around her waist under the water and pulled her close to him.

She could feel his hard self against her and she tried to breathe at the tension .

"I don't want people to have what belongs to me." He said to curve of her ear lobe and he gently bit down on it.

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