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Chapter 145 The Alpha's Temptation

The moment Tessa woke up the next morning, her phone rang.

"Ms. Sinclair! We did it!" Harper's voice was shaking with excitement. "The second our products launched, they sold out completely!"

Tessa put the call on speaker, stretched out lazily in bed, and let herself relax for the first time in days. Her whole body felt like it had finally exhaled.

"Harper, wasn't this outcome expected?" she replied, voice calm as ever. "Alright, next phase is going to be busy. Once this rush dies down, I'm giving you all a break. Take a trip somewhere overseas—on me."

They'd been under too much pressure for too long. It was time they let themselves breathe.

"Are you serious? That's amazing! I'll tell everyone!"

"Mm—hmm. If you guys have somewhere specific in mind, let me know and I'll arrange it."

"Got it." Harper didn't even try to play humble. Her team had been grinding nonstop lately, running on caffeine and anxiety. A vacation sounded like heaven.

"Do we have a budget limit?" she asked cautiously.

After all, up until yesterday, Beauty Luxe had been bleeding money like a stuck pig. They finally had a big win, but it didn't mean they could afford to splurge.

“No budget limit.”

Tessa didn't say things she couldn't back up.

On the other end, Harper clamped a hand over the phone's mic.

“Guys! Ms. Sinclair said we're going on an all-expenses-paid international trip. Where do you wanna go?”

“Wait—did I hear that right? Overseas?”

“Holy crap, we should go to Palmera Island!”

“Palmera Island! Yes!”

“But... isn't that a little expensive? We just started making money.”

“Maybe we should wait until we're swimming in profit before we go somewhere like that.”

“Harper.”

Harper froze. Tessa's voice had cut right through the noise.

She lifted the phone back up to her ear. “Y—Yes?”

“I heard everything. You're going to Palmera Island.”

“Well?” one of them asked.

“We’re going to Palmera Island.”

The room exploded.

“I’m finally going to Palmera Island!”

“And with the whole team! This is gonna be amazing!”

Watching everyone so giddy, Harper couldn’t help but feel like all their hard work had finally paid off. Tessa might seem cold on the outside, but she was genuinely good to her people.

In the end, Tessa personally accompanied the Beauty Luxe team on a three-day, two-night getaway to Palmera Island.

Naturally, once Camille and Ysabel caught wind of the trip, they invited themselves along—and somehow, so did Landon and Nathaniel.

Over those three days, Landon and Nathaniel spent every spare moment trying to steal time alone with the girls they adored. Unfortunately for Landon, Ysabel insisted on sticking to Tessa like glue, leaving little opportunity for quality alone time.

Before they knew it, the trip was over.

By the time they returned to Navoris, it was already past eleven at night. Landon insisted on driving Tessa home and stopped outside her Wisteria apartment building.

“Get some sleep,” he said softly.

“Mm.”

He didn’t want to leave. Even after spending three full days with her, it still hadn’t felt like enough.

If only I’d met her a few years earlier.

“Goodnight.” Tessa turned toward the building.

Landon reached out and gently took hold of her wrist.

She looked back, only for him to pull her into his arms.

“Tessa,” he said, voice low and rough, “what am I going to do? I don’t think I can wait for you to grow up anymore.”

Tessa tilted her chin up to look at him, completely unfazed.

“Mr. Thorne, you’re the Alpha of the Nightshade Pack. All you have to do is crook a finger, and every beautiful, powerful female werewolf in the country would come running. You really don’t have to—mmp

She didn’t even get to finish.

Before she could say another-

