

Chapter 97 Manuel

I could see Lilah was struggling watching her Alpha and Luna reading the information, then when her Luna began to cry I think it became to much she ran, I knew Knox still had more information to give they needed to see what their son had done...

"Alpha Knox let me go after her, she trusts me" I say "you need to let them hear the recording..." I spoke of the recording that had been mentioned to us upon our arrival at Lilah's parents house, I had yet to hear it but I assume it was not good and further incriminated the young Alpha and his Luna. Knox nodded, but I could see desperation in his eyes, he wanted to be with his mate, but he needed to finish this.

Look after her Manny.. he links me, desperation clear in his tone. He hasn't called me that since we were small....

I ran from the house, just in time to see her shift into her beautiful wolf, and running up the road, but also in time to see Logan shift also... I need to act fast....I shift into my wolf, Rey and follow as fast as I can linking Knox as I do

May need change of plan... she shifted running toward woods bro, Logan followed. May need help..

All I heard in response was a guttural growl.....

Rey is fast, he is a strong and sleek wolf, built for the warrior wolf he is within our pack, I frequently train on my strength and speed to enhance these skills so I am able to easily catch up with Logan's grey wolf who had not been that far in front of me, I had no intention of attacking him, my main focus was on my Luna....

Ok she may not have accepted that role yet but Rey saw her as that already... Jake had said his wolf Jett seemed to do the same.... He wanted to protect her... Rey wanted the same... I felt a connection to Lilah too, like a love for family I felt for my friends, it was there almost immediately and I had not been able to explain it... I saw how Gabe was with her and wonder if he felt the same... he treats her like family...could they have sensed she was meant to be our Luna all along?

While I had shifted into Rey he had pushed me back, I was seeing things now through his eyes, his touch, but I could still have my own thoughts and communicate with Rey through my own link with him, he kept running forward, looking for her beautiful wolf...in the far distance I could see a dark shadow.... I think that could be her.... So he moves toward it...hoping... praying... she is ok....

Rey made light work of running through the streets, and adjusted easily to the uneven surface of the floor of the forest we had now passed into....I could now hear howling behind me... Were they all coming to help? I hope so... we need to take our Luna home....

Rey pushes harder to try to catch her... seeing her standing on the balcony earlier broke me.... Hearing what she has been through hurt like it was my own sister had gone through that...what if she planned to hurt herself again....

Rey get to her I urge him she needs us.

He pushes on, I feel his speed increase, the trees flashing past at a vast speed now....

On our way Bro... are you with her? Knox in bits... Gabe links/

Ok and no...I link back, but as I do, Rey suddenly slows, pausing behind some trees, I feel him squat down, watching... we are at a clearing in the woods... there is a cliff edge I think? No.. Perhaps a waterfall? Oh no., please tell me she hadn't come here to hurt herself...

"Go on, do it" I hear a voice, I turn, and there is Logan, he has since shifted back to human form, we had been so focused on Sky/Lilah we hadn't heard him approach. He was naked, covering himself but walking toward her, Sky had turned slightly to look toward him... she made brief eye contact with Rey... but then looked behind.. Rey turns slight to look behind and approaching I see the familiar wolves of Knox, Jake, Dan and Gabe, followed by two unfamiliar deep grey wolves, very similar in size and stature I assume they are Alpha Grayson and Beta Trent. All now alongside Rey.

"That's what you came here for wasn't it? To throw yourself off? Play the victim? Do it... if I can't have you then he most certainly won't Lilah...." I heard a growl from Knox at Logan's words... "you were devastated you weren't mine weren't you? You could still be you know? I still want you Lilah, and I know you want me...perhaps I should have marked you back then... made it so no other could have you... you were always meant to be mine...." I could see Knox's wolf Knight and who I assume could be Lilah's fathers wolf slowly begin to move forward.

I'm going to kill him...Knox sent through the links I assume to me and the guys..

"I should have pushed you harder to sleep with me saying you were my mate... you'd have been unpure for your mate then, he wouldn't want you then... he won't have you Lilah...I wont let him...so go on... if I can't have you throw yourself off like you planned that first day.... Remember I saved you?... well today I won't... today I think you should... today it's me in pain thinking of you with a mate... but it will be a mate you can't have ...he won't love you like me....why did I never mark you?...I could have had you...wait... I could still...."

He suddenly shifted back into his wolf form, lunging for Sky...

Oh goddess no!! He planned to forcibly mark her!! His wolf planned to bite her to mark her as his...

There was so many growls around me, the rest of us ran forward, as two wolves lunged for Logan's wolf, one was most certainly Knight, the other was who I think was Lilah's father..it was him who got a grip .. a grip around the wolf's neck...I thought he would pull him away from Sky, but he didn't.. he bit down... the sounds of teeth breaking into flesh was undeniable ... he showed no mercy...

I heard a sickening snap as the young wolf's neck snapped... and the splatter of blood as veins and muscles were torn through as the throat of the young wolf was pulled from his body.... He was dead....

Would Lilah's father be punished for this? He was protecting his daughter after all.... She had been about to be marked without her permission.. that was not allowed... we all looked at one another in shock....

Knight was by Sky's side, I could see them nose to nose... this is the first time the mates have met in wolf form... what a time to meet... but they look beautiful together... Knight affectionately licked Sky's face, before Sky nipped Knight's ear with her teeth playfully. Suddenly Knight shifted back to Knox, quickly covering himself.

"Lilah are you ok? I was so worried" he said.

Of course they have no ability to link yet, so in wolf form there was no way to communicate, that's why he has shifted.

Suddenly the wolf who had killed Logan, who had yet to leave his side, shifted also...to my surprise it wasn't Lilah's father, it was Alpha Grayson... he killed his own son...

He too covered himself up "We should get back and get things cleaned up. Get some clothes for you all. I need to arrange something for my son..." His voice was shaking and he was clearly in shock, understandably.

He had just killed his own so ... I doubted that would have sunk in just yet....

The other unfamiliar wolf that had been with us shifted, revealing Lilah's father, he walked to stand alongside his Alpha "What do you need me to do Gray?"

That is a friend talking to a friend not an Alpha I find myself thinking... he can see him struggling...

"I don't know Tre, I don't know... what have I done? I couldn't let him hurt her...I was so angry..."

There was a flash of darkness as Sky seemed to run of into the forest again... had this all become too much for her again? I can kind of understand that... she'd been friends with this boy since being born..... despite everything I imagine she was hurting he was gone....

"Lilah!" Knox yelled after her "Sky!"desperation was clear in his tone.

"It's fine son, she's gone to get clothes" Beta Trent spoke up "don't panic she mind linked me, she can't do that to you yet. We have spares in the woods for our patrolmen"

Thank goddess...she seemed to be ok...

We stood, in shock, at what had just happened, as we waited for Sky to return...

That had been a lot to take in.... Alpha Grayson had a glazed look over his eyes, I was unsure if he was in shock or if he was mindlinking... shock seemed likely given the circumstances.

You all ok?! Knox mindlinked us.

Yeah not sure what to think... Dan linked back.

Yeah. Hope Lilah is ok. Gabe said, echoing my concerns going through my mind.

Lilah stepped from around the trees, dressed in an oversize T-shirt, her arms filled with pairs of tracksuit pants and shorts, she walks to where we have gathered and draped them in front of us

"I am so sorry... I needed space... having to go over the same thing so many times today became too much.. seeing mama cry.. then Auntie Talia... I needed to get away.. I used to love it up here... " she sighs "and now Logan is gone because of me..." she bites her lip, I'm unsure if she is holding back tears.

Knox, now in a pair of shorts, instantly goes to take her in his arms "That wasn't your fault Lilah" he reassured her.

"No sweetheart it wasn't, that was me. I took that decision in the moment. I heard the things he did to you, him and Alpha. I heard the things he said to you before, he was about to forcibly mark you... you deserve so much better than that Lilah, I could not allow that to happen." Alpha Grayson tells her. He too, now has trousers on, and has walked over to Lilah.

I watch as Gabe, Jake and Dan shift back from their wolves and grab trousers to put on, so I push Rey back and shift back, feeling my bones click, as they alter and adjust form into my human body. Grabbing the last pair of shorts on the floor.

I walk to Lilah and offer her my hand "You scared me, mi cielo, you got to stop doing that!" She smiles at me, and moves away from Knox to fling herself at me to give me a hug.

I wrap my arms around her tightly though I hear a slight growl from my Alpha. "Hmm think he might not like that..." she chuckles.. "keep doing it" Haha she is bad... "what does that mean?" She asks.

Bro she is bad.. she likes that you're growling just so you know... told me to keep hold of her...I link Knox so he doesn't get annoyed. I see him raise his eyebrows and then he smirks slightly.

"What that he's growling?" I reply to her question "he is jealous mi amor, that his mate is hugging another male, an unmated one at that." I chuckle.

"No silly, I know that. It's funny. I meant the Spanish..."

"Ah mi amor is simply my love, mi cielo it depends who you ask, it could be my darling or my sky or my heaven, they are just names used for people you care for Lilah, I am allowed to care for you, no?" I ask.

She smiles at me "Thank you. Can you teach me some Spanish? And maybe teach Knox some too?" She wiggled her eyebrows at me and I can't help but laugh.

Haha she likes the Spanish words.

"Of course my Luna" I say without realising what I have said. I quickly look to Knox, panicking, he clearly heard what I said, and is awaiting a response from Lilah . It just came out.... "Sorry" I say to her.

She smiles. "No worries. But I do want to learn some Spanish and I heard you speak the nice words, Gabe just knows more curse words." She winks "I best get back to your Alpha before he blows a gasket with jealousy"

Knox was smiling as he held his hand out to Lilah "My Luna?" He whispered.

He was brave....