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Wow. What a plot twist. Avery said as her eyes were plastered on Lana and the Highcaster pack.

This has to be another part of their scheme...right? Why would they want to be under someone who can't even transform? That defeats the purpose of being a werewolf in the first place. Maddison exclaimed.

River tried to tune out the two and focused on what was unfolding in front of him. He did not want to think negatively of them since Lana was open to giving them a second chance, but that still did not explain why they would still want to devote themselves to Lana who had no plans on becoming their pack leader in the first place.

"...why would you want to do that?" Lana asked them.

It just feels right. Either way, if you become mates with the Rosecliff pack leader it's still the same thing. The packs will integrate, that's how it has always been.

"Well...when you put it that way then I don't see any reason to disagree with your terms." Lana smiled. The brown wolf then approached Lana and lowered his head in front of her.

I look forward to working along your side, Lana Danley. He said.

"Likewise," she said before noticing that the other werewolves had their heads lowered to her as well. "I look forward to getting to know everyone in their human forms as well." She beamed.

Ah...of course. How rude of me. The brown wolf said as he transformed back into his human form in front of her. Lana immediately looked up to catch his eyes. As she saw early, he is a handsome man with tanned skin, dark hair and amber eyes. He then reached his hand out to shake Lana's hand but she did not notice since her eyes were plastered on his own. She was afraid to even look below his eye level.

"I mean when you are fully dressed..." she mumbled.

"Ah...right. I forgot about that." He chuckled. He has a boyish charm to him that Lana felt was rather adorable. "Then, let's save our introduction till next time." He told her before transforming back.

From a distance, Avery and Maddison could not help but to give River a sideways glance. He was clearly agitated by just his body language alone.

I really don't like that guy. He snarled.

Oh, you are being dramatic. We're werewolves, we've seen everyone's bits and pieces. Avery sighed.

Yeah, but Lana doesn't have too! He growled.

So you're saying that it's fine for you to see naked bodies but not Lana? Over-possessive much? Maddison countered.

Yikes, maybe we should warn Lana before she is fully committed to him. Avery chimed in.

I will banish both of you from the pack. River frowned.

Ew, now he is an unjust leader too? Maddison rolled her eyes.

River was about to snap at them teasing him but his features and rage immediately softened when he noticed Lana looking in his direction and waving him over. After a beat, River walked forward and revealed himself from behind the bushes. In the end, everything worked out but now they had to deal with 30 new residents to Rosecliff and the fact that Zane Railey is back into the picture only meant that River had to be extra careful since he did not fully trust him.

He glanced up to where Zane was standing, a good distance away from everyone who was gathering around to greet River and Lana. Their gazes met for a short moment before he turned around and walked away. No one else seemed to notice that he left and River wondered if he should say something or leave him be. His attention then went to Lana who was smiling and chatting with the new wolves. She looked happy, calm even at how this turned out. Would she be sad to know that Zane left without a word? Would she even care after everything that happened?

Lana then looked at River and smiled and at that point, River knew that he would do anything to protect her smile. Anything.

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Months passed by in a blink of an eye and soon Lana was getting ready for graduation. After everything that happened, things quickly went back to normal with everyone preparing for finals and their future. Lana has been busy juggling her student life and her forest ranger life now that she had werewolves under her command. During her time working as a ranger, she would take the time to learn more about her werewolf blood. Some think that she has the potential to transform one day, and even though Lana found that to be rather exciting, she did not want to get her hopes up.

After that night when the former Highcaster pack agreed to merge with the Rosecliff pack, Lana noticed how Zane disappeared into thin air. Only later did she find out from River that he snuck away when they were busy talking. Lana pondered over what he was planning to do now, since he walked away from the only family he knew. She even talked about it with the former Highcaster pack about his disappearance and they told Lana not to worry so much since Zane knew how to take care of himself.

A few days after that, Lana found out from Suzie who heard from Zane's closest friends that he was safe and sound and that he was moving away from the country to spend time with some relatives overseas.

Everyone was relieved that he was at least safe and well since according to the story told by the police, he has been missing ever since that night at Winfield City.

Lana still found herself being unsure if she would ever be able to fully forgive Zane for everything that had happened even though she was quick to give the former Highcaster pack a second chance. Just like them, Zane was simply following Ezekiel's orders. Just like that, Zane deserved a second chance too and yet he did not allow himself to earn it. He left on his own accord and Lana can only think about the what ifs and move forward with her life.

There was a knock on her window, a light tap of the glass and she went towards it. She pulled open the window for River as he hopped into her room.

"Should I train you how to use the front door or something?" Lana asked sarcastically as she leaned forward to give him a quick kiss on his lips. She then pulled away to fix her hair.

"I already told you that it's faster this way." He complained as he went to sit on the edge of her bed. His eyes then fell on the dress she was wearing for graduation, a simple maroon dress that ended over her knees and paired with black heels. "You look good in that dress." He called out, noting how red was truly her colour.

Lana finished combing her hair as she gave him a sideways glance. "Thank you. You don't look too bad yourself."

Since the dress code for the graduation was smart casual wear, River wore dark pants and a black button-down shirt. Lana noticed how he has been wearing black more often recently and wondered if it had anything to do with the fact that she told him black was a nice colour on him.

"Why are you looking at me like that?" he asked her.

"Like what?" she asked back as her attention went back to the mirror. From her peripheral vision she could see him approaching her. She felt him wrap his hands around her waist and pulled her body closer to his.

"Like you want to say something to me? Or perhaps do something to me?" he asked her, pressing his lips against her temple.

Lana chuckled as she leaned into his embrace. "Seems like someone's desperate." Lana joked.

River's grip around her tightened. "We haven't had any alone time recently, you can't blame me." He sulked.

Lana wiggled her way out of his embrace and pouted at him. "Am I just a piece of meat to you, River Attwood?" she huffed.

River's face fell from the sudden accusation. "What?! No!" he panicked but then he noticed the smile on Lana's face and sighed. "You...brat."

River then charged for Lana who tried to run away from him, but he caught her in his arms and pressed his lips against hers. He tried to be gentle with her since he did not want to wrinkle her dress or ruin her makeup. He pulled away from the kiss and Lana stared into his blue eyes.

"I'm not used to the gentle River." She smirked.

"I've only been gentle with you," he frowned.

"Hm," she hummed as her hand went to caress his cheek. "How frustrating..." she muttered.

"...what do you—"

Before River could finish his sentence, there was a loud knock on the door which caused the both of them to flinch away from each other. "Lana! Are you ready? We should get going or we'll be late for your graduation." Ray called out from behind the door.

"R-Right! I'll be out in a second!" she told him as she went to take her stuff.

"Okay, I'll be waiting in the car."

"Okay!"

"Oh, and does River want to catch a ride with us?" he asked. Lana and River made eye contact. "You two really need to be more stealthy." Ray joked with a hint of amusement in his voice before he walked away.

Lana let out a sigh. "Well, that was embarrassing."

River smirked. "Sounds to me like he doesn't really care if I came over or not." He said.

"I heard that and I do care! Pack leader or not, I'm still Lana's guardian so get out here before I barge in there!" Ray called back, his voice muffled from the distance but the two of them heard him loud and clear.

"...yes, sir!" River mumbled before walking towards Lana's room door. Lana couldn't help but burst out laughing.