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Lana looked at her reflection in the mirror, admiring how the short-sleeved little black dress she bought back at the mall yesterday complimented the curves of her body nicely. What made this black dress stand out to Lana was the subtle glistens of sparkles that decorated the bottom half of the dress. She paired the dress with black ankle strap heels and a small shoulder purse to put her belongings. Her phone buzzed and she peaked over only to see a notification from Suzie, they were outside her place waiting for her to come down.

Lana quickly shoved her necessities into the purse, grabbed the paper bag with Isabel's gift inside and before she left her room, she had to double check her makeup. For tonight, she decided to go with a simple makeup look with winged eyeliner with a smudge of glittery eyeshadow and of course red matte lipstick to complete the look. Once she was happy with how she looked, Lana rushed downstairs. To her surprise, Ray was waiting by the stairs for her.

"Hi...I thought you left for work already?" she asked him curiously. Did Ray really come home from work just to check up on her, she thought.

Ray examined Lana's complete look and nodded. "I like your dress." He said with a smile.

Lana chuckled. "I'm glad, I don't know what I would wear if you told me you hated it." she joked.

Ray rolled his eyes at her. "Remember what I said yesterday, okay?"

"Don't do anything reckless and drink responsibly. Oh and don't make you regret your decision in letting me go out tonight."

"You didn't have to sound so sarcastic about it," he said as he lightly flicked her forehead. Lana frowned but did not have the chance to protest when Ray pulled her close and gave her a peck on the cheek. "Stay safe okay? If you get too drunk, just stay over at Isabel's place. But make sure to text me so I don't worry about where you are."

"That's not something a parent would normally say." She teased him.

"I'm just being rational. Now, off you go. Don't keep the girls waiting for too long." He said as he patted Lana's back. Lana waved at him as she pulled open the door.

"Thanks again, Ray." She called back.

"Have fun," he said with a smile.

As the door was shut behind her, Lana made her way to Carmen's car that was parked by her sidewalk. Suzie stuck her head out of the window and whistled obnoxiously.

“Looking good, Danley!” she wooed, causing Lana to laugh out loud at her absurdity. She hopped into the backseat and almost immediately Carmen drove off.

Lana peered over to what her friends were wearing, Suzie wore a long sleeved low cut purple dress and her hair was tied into a bun, she also decorated her hair with glitter. Carmen on the other hand wore a black sequin top with a belted denim skirt.

“I thought you’d be going to the party with Steven,” Lana said to Suzie.

“I mean that was the plan but he decided to carpool with his friends since his mom needed to use the car tonight. And besides, this way I can spend more time with my main girls!” she beamed.

Carmen rolled her eyes. “As if, you only say that because you don’t want to feel bad that you always pick Steven over us.”

“Hey! I do not do that! I balance my time with him and you two equally, right Lana?” she said, looking over to Lana to back her up.

Lana decided against commenting and just smiled at her friend.

“Her silence is loud enough,” Carmen teased.

“You two fucking suck,” Suzie pouted, causing both Carmen and Lana to laugh at her reaction.

Soon they arrived at Isabel’s house, which was fairly big compared to the other houses. According to her, both her parents are heavily involved in stock trading hence they are always away for business. Due to that, Isabel and her siblings are often famous for throwing insanely fun house parties from time to time.

As Carmen looked around the area for parking, Lana noted how there were already so many people around. Since most of them are from her grade, she recognized everyone almost immediately. Her eyes then widened as she let out a soft gasp when she spotted a familiar figure. She turned away instantly, wondering if her eyes were playing tricks on her or if she actually saw River entering Isabel’s house.

“Are you okay?” Carmen asked, noticing how pale Lana looked through the rear view mirror.

Lana winched slightly from Carmen’s question and let out a nervous laughter. “I’m great.” She lied. Silently she was just hoping that she could avoid running into River throughout the party. The house was massive after all, so what were the chances of them even bumping into each other? Lana kept on feeding herself these excuses and false reassurance so she would stop panicking. She knew that she had to just act normal but it was starting to get hard since Avery's words from yesterday kept playing over and over again in her mind.

The car came to a stop and Suzie hopped out almost instantly. Lana could hear her greeting their friends cheerfully. She took a deep breath to calm herself properly before she left the car. A loud knock caused her to jolt. She turned to the source only to find Avery's signature smirk. She pulled the door open, revealing her rather eye-catching outfit to Lana.

Avery wore black leather pants, a glittery crop top and a leather jacket. The look was completed with lace back knee-high boots. At that moment, Lana could not help but stare at her, admiring how amazing she looked.

"You'll make me blush if you keep staring at me like that." Avery teased as she held out her hand for Lana.

Lana rolled her eyes as she took Avery's hand. The blonde helped her out of the car and almost instantly, Lana could feel Avery's eyes scanning her up and down.

"Hey, stop that." She frowned, suddenly feeling incredibly self-conscious.

Avery laughed. "I'm only returning the favour, sweetheart."

Lana made a face at her. She then waited for her friends as they all went towards the entrance of the house together. The booming bass of the loud music they were playing inside could be felt and soon Lana's worries from earlier were drowned by the thoughts of wanting to forget everything and enjoy the night fully.

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The music was blaring to the point where Lana kept mistaking the booming sound of the bass to be the sound of her own heartbeat. She sipped the liquid that was in the paper cup in her hand, not quite sure what she was even drinking at that point. It felt as though she just arrived at the party but her sense of time was long gone.

She heard someone laugh and forced herself to look up at her surroundings. She was sitting on a large couch with a few others. She recognised these faces—the faces of her friends. Isabel was there as well and she was the one laughing. People were talking all around her but Lana's attention was strangely fixed on the music. It truly felt as though she could hear it coming from her body.

"Are you alright?" a voice whispered in Lana's ear. That was enough to make the strange feeling Lana felt go away. She turned to the source, catching Avery's beautifully translucent eyes.

"Yea." She gasped.

"Maybe you should stop drinking so much, Lana." She said as she reached out to grab the paper cup from Lana's hands.

“Come on Avery! Lana’s fine! Right?” Isabel protested.

“I agree with Avery. Lana’s been drinking non-stop ever since we got here.”

Lana peered down into her cup. “I’ve been drinking...fruit punch?” she muttered, feeling as though her tongue was getting heavier the more she spoke.

“I mean you aren’t wrong, but it’s not just fruit punch.” Isabel beamed proudly.

“You really went all out on the alcohol huh, birthday girl?” Avery said with raised eyebrows. She continued to reach out to grab Lana’s cup but Lana was determined to keep the cup to herself. “Stop being so stubborn.” Avery whispered into Lana’s ear. Her hand was then placed on Lana’s lap as she tried to keep the smaller girl still.

Suzie’s eyes lingered on Avery’s hand placement before her eyes met Steven’s. the two of them smiled mischievously.

“Avery, are you and Lana—” she started.

“Going out?” Avery cut Suzie off immediately. “I wish.” She said with a laugh as she finally took hold of Lana’s drink.

Lana leaned her head back against the couch and gazed at Avery. “What’s that supposed to mean?” she asked. She soon realised that her vision had started to blur.

Avery laughed again. “You are completely drunk right now, aren’t you?” she asked Lana as she brushed away stray strands of her hair that were covering her face.

“Oh my gosh, I didn’t know Lana’s tolerance was this bad!” Isabel teased.

“Well, this happens when you don’t pace yourself.” Carmen said, sounding like the typical strict parent. “I’ll go get her some water.” She announced as she stood up.

“I’ll come with you, I want to get a refill.” Steven said as he followed suit. “Do you want anything babe?” he asked Suzie.

“I’m good for now.” she smiled.

“I’m not drunk.” Lana suddenly declared to Avery.

“Really?” Avery asked as she decided to just play along with Lana’s drunken antics.

“Yea, I’m just sleepy.”

“Do you want to sleep?”

“Do people come to parties to sleep?”

“Depends on what kind of sleeping you want to do.” She smirked.

“Are you flirting with me?” Lana suddenly blurted out.

“I’m always flirting with you.”

“Okay seriously, what is happening right now?” Isabel asked. “You two need to get a room!”

“My thoughts exactly.” Suzie chimed in but compared to Isabel’s annoyed expression, Suzie looked as though she was watching her favourite soap opera.

“We both know that you just enjoy shipping two people together just for the fun of it.” Isabel huffed.

“Hey, I’m just here wanting more people to experience the joys of love!” Suzie countered.

More people then joined the conversation to the point where Lana couldn’t keep up anymore. She then stood up, causing everyone’s attention to fall on her.

“What’s wrong?” Avery asked.

“Restroom.”

“I’ll go with you.” Avery said as she stood up.

“No. Stay.”

“Then, I’ll go with you.” Suzie offered.

“No! I don’t need a babysitter!” Lana whined and in a blink of an eye she sped away from them. They watched as she disappeared through the crowd at an ungodly speed.

“Huh, never knew Lana could run that fast.” Isabel commented.

“I know right?” Suzie gawked.

Avery stayed silent, wondering if it was her werewolf abilities slowly revealing itself. If that was the case then leaving Lana all alone in public like this would lead to trouble. She then decided that she should at least follow Lana and make sure she doesn’t hurt herself.

“Avery,” someone called out to her.

Avery muttered a curse under her breath as she recognized the voice. She turned to the source only to find Maddison.

“Can I talk to you for a bit?” Maddison asked, sounding unnaturally polite since there were other people around.

“Oh my god, is this a real life confession scene?” Suzie gasped in excitement, causing Maddison and Avery to look at her in disbelief.