

Her Secret 90

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As Lana scanned through her midterm results, she could feel a presence behind her. Before she could say or do anything, Suzie opened her mouth. "Oh my god, she did it again! Near perfect scores!" Suzie whooped as she peered down at Lana's midterms results.

Lana let out a nervous laugh when she noticed that Suzie's loud voice had brought unwanted attention from their classmates turning their gazes towards them.

"Obviously she would do great, she's trying to get into that top university at Winfield City, right Lana?" Carmen chimed in.

"Y-Yea..." she muttered, realising that after everything that was happening in her life, she never really had the time to think about what she actually wanted to do when she graduated. She had an idea, the idea of leaving Rosecliff and moving to the city was the ultimate plan but now she was starting to question if she still wanted to go through with that plan.

"Okay, settle down everyone!" Mrs. Hathaway announced in front, causing everyone to get back to their seats and turn their attention to her. "First of all, good job to everyone for passing all their papers! Since you are all seniors, it's time to focus on what you want to do after graduation and with that being said, finals are around the corner so for those who are planning to get into a good university this is the time to work hard to achieve your goals." She told the class.

A chorus of affirmations followed after her speech. The bell rang, indicating the end of their last period. Students were quick to pack their belongings, ready to leave after a long day at school. "Before you guys leave, let me just remind everyone that there's a public holiday next Friday, enjoy your long weekend ahead." Mrs. Hathaway added quickly before anyone could leave the classroom.

The classroom was quickly emptied by the time Lana finished packing her bag. Suzie and Carmen approached her desk as usual.

"So I've been thinking, do you girls wanna go for a trip during our long weekend? Since Lana won't be grounded anymore, we can take the opportunity to relax and have fun after the hell we went through during midterms." Suzie suggested.

"Oh? That sounds fun!" Carmen beamed.

"Right? We could invite the others from our grade too! It'll be like a senior trip to the city!"

"I guess that will be our only time to relax cause then we'll need to start preparing for finals." Carmen added with a sigh.

"What do you think, Lana?"

Lana stood up from her seat and draped her bag pack over her shoulders. "Sounds fun! I'm in!"

"Yay! I'll start planning and inviting everyone!" Suzie said as she was immediately on her phone. Leave it to the social queen to plan such an elaborate trip.

"What are you guys talking about?" a voice questioned. Lana turned around to the source only to feel a soft press against her face when Avery hugged her, shoving Lana's face directly into her chest.

Lana let out a startled yelp, her voice muffled against the soft cushion of Avery's breasts. She then struggled in the blonde's hold until she squirmed free from her grip. When their gazes met, Lana glared at her while Avery simply smiled innocently.

"I just texted you the details!" Suzie said enthusiastically.

Avery fished her phone out of her pocket and scanned the screen. "Oh? A trip to the city? Sounds exciting."

"Will you be able to join us?"

"Of course, I don't have any plans anyway." Avery smiled.

Lana frowned as she thought Avery and the rest of the werewolves would be busy with patrolling and making sure no Highcaster werewolves were lingering around or that's what River told her the day he slept over for a while.

She remembered that when both of them woke up, Lana couldn't meet his gaze as she felt rather shy around him after everything they did together. River noticed her sudden change in behaviour and could not help but to feel bashful around her as well. They truly acted like two kids crushing on each other at that point. Before River left to get to his werewolf duties, they exchanged numbers. Lana was quick to realise that River was the one unknown number that called her that night when she was with Zane.

After that day, they hardly spoke—only the occasional texts to check up on each other but Zane on the other hand never texted her since that day. Lana often thought about texting him first just to see if everything was okay with him but somehow she could never get herself to go through with it. At this point, she was just trying to distance herself from both River and Zane so she could get some time to think about what she wanted to do next.

"Great! I can't wait!" Suzie declared happily, causing Lana to break free from her overthinking.

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In a blink of an eye, Friday arrived and it was the day Lana and her friends planned to gather at school before they drove off to Winfield City together. The time they decided to meet up at school was dawn

and Lana's phone was constantly buzzing from everyone texting in the group chat. She was amazed that most of them even managed to get up this early. The group that decided to join was a large one, almost all of their mutual friends agreed to go for the trip but Lana never took the time to check who everyone was.

She had the thought of asking River if he was joining but decided against it since he had a feeling that he was probably busy being the pack leader—she doubted that he would have the luxury to go on trips like this now that the situation at the forest took top priority.

“Did you pack everything?” Ray asked her.

“Yes. I mean, it's only a two day trip.” She told him since they were planning on coming back to Rosecliff on Sunday.

“Still, hope you packed enough clothes, toiletries and other stuff.” He grumbled.

“Yes sir, I got all the necessities.” She confirmed just as Ray pulled over at the school entrance. Lana immediately spotted the array of cars parked around the vicinity and her friends loitering around talking to each other as they waited for everyone to arrive. “Thank you for the ride.” She said to Ray.

“Mhm. Be safe okay? Don't forget to text me when you guys arrive at Winfield.” He reminded her.

“Of course.” She replied as she leaned forward to give him a quick peck on the cheek. “Take care and I'll see you on Sunday!” she said as she opened the door.

“Yup, see you.” He said just as Lana shut the door behind her. She adjusted the bag on her shoulder before walking towards her friends. She greeted everyone she passed by as she made her way towards Carmen's car, where Suzie and Steven were as well.

“Lana Danley, as I live and breathe!” Steven dramatically announced when she approached them.

“Morning guys,” she chuckled.

“I think most of us are here, we're just waiting for Anthony and Clara.” Suzie noted to herself as she looked around the group.

“What a turn out, huh?” Carmen muttered to Lana. She nodded as she looked around the sea of familiar faces. She let out a startled gasp when she spotted Maddison and Luis. She furrowed her brows as she was certain that they wouldn't be joining. Her eyes then fell on Avery and River, both dressed in black and wore sunglasses. If Lana did not know who they were, she would've mistaken them for celebrities.

“River's here too?” Lana asked, absent-mindedly.

“Yea, surprisingly. I texted him, Maddison and Luis after Avery agreed just to see if they would want to

come and all three of them said yes." Suzie said. "Oh um, Zane's here too." She said as she pointed him out from the crowd. Lana's gaze fell on him, where he was laughing and joking with his group of friends.

"Shit..." she uttered under her breath and was thankful that none of her friends heard it. Like it or not, Lana realised that she can't keep running away from River and Zane, she eventually had to respond to their confessions. It was time for her to stop running away and face them straight ahead.

"Are you alright? You look kinda pale." Carmen said to her, tilting her head to catch a better view of Lana's face.

"I'm fine." She said. "Superb." She added as she felt herself getting sick at the sheer idea of confronting her own feelings once and for all.

Suzie then exclaimed loudly when Anthony and Clara made their appearance. She then called out to everyone, catching the large group's attention with her booming voice. She told everyone to gather by their assigned cars and that they will be leaving for Winfield City in 5 minutes. Lana was surprised that Suzie was able to manage such a large group and planned everything by herself but then again, this was what she excelled in.

Lana's eyes went to Avery who was making her way to them, she was assigned to ride in Carmen's car if Lana remembered the assignment sheet properly. Avery beamed at her and Lana smiled back but her gaze then fell on River who peeked through the top of his sunglasses and caught her eyes. Those bewitching blue eyes made her gasp involuntarily. He offered her a small smile before turning away to enter his own car.

Maddison, Luis and their friend Alex entered the car as well. Lana could've sworn that her heart was about to explode just by his smile alone. It was seriously unfair for him to be that handsome, she thought as she hopped into the backseat of Carmen's car.

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In Carmen's car, Suzie sat in the passenger seat while Lana and Avery took the backseat. Avery and Suzie were happily talking about a recent romance novel that was published and the fact that Avery read romance novels caught Lana off guard. The conversation continued as Carmen chimed in as well but Lana could not focus on what they were saying as she was caught up in her own mind. Her prolonged silence was quickly noticed by her friends.

"What's wrong, Lana? Are you sleepy?" Carmen asked as she glanced up at the rear-view window.

"N-No...just thinking about some stuff." She said.

"Love stuff?" Avery and Suzie said in unison. They laughed at how in sync they were.

Lana rolled her eyes at them, wanting to just drop this topic since it was already starting to give her a

headache the longer she pondered over it.

“Come on, don’t keep your worries to yourself. You have friends here to help you out!” Suzie pressed.

“Suzie’s right.” Carmen nodded.

“Or could it be that you are too shy to talk about it?” Avery smirked at Lana, causing Lana to glare at her.

“That’s not it...it’s just a bit silly to talk about.”

“We love silly!” Suzie reassured Lana.

“Silly is our favourite thing to talk about.” Carmen added. Avery just laughed at how Lana’s friends were willing to say the weirdest things just to make Lana comfortable enough to speak her mind.

“Fine...just don’t freak out, especially you Suzie.”

Suzie placed her hand over her chest. “Scout’s honour.” She proclaimed.

“You’re not even a scout.” Carmen sighed.

“Semantics. So, what’s up?” Suzie asked as she turned her body to face Lana. Avery, who already had a feeling what Lana was going to say just stayed silent, watching her expression.

“Well...Zane confessed to me quite some time ago.” She said. There was a pause before both Suzie and Carmen shrieked from excitement. Avery laughed aloud from the girls’ reactions.

“You said you won’t freak out!” Lana scolded.

“Oh my gosh! Zane Railey?? The Zane Railey who you had a crush on for god knows how long?” Suzie questioned, ignoring Lana’s prior statement.

“Y-Yeah...”

“So, are you guys going out?” Carmen asked.

“No, things got complicated after that.”

“How so?”

“Well...River confessed to me as well, during Isabel’s birthday party.” She said, staring down at her hands. Again, there was a pause followed by Suzie’s and Carmen’s overly excited screams. Lana wanted to crawl into a hole and bury herself from the sheer embarrassment she felt by how her friends were overreacting and how smug Avery looked at that moment. She was already ridden by regret that she

mentioned this aloud to them.