

Lilac and Lenny

"YOU WHAT?!" I winced as my father reprimanded us. "Dad...you heard me. I really don't understand why you're so mad. Lilac did us all a favor." My twin brother, Lenny, said. I shrink back in my seat as my father's face turns red, then purple, with rage. His eyes flit between us.

"That's it! You two have gone too far this time! You will both be remanded back to Xavier and do NOT run away!" His eyes blazed with anger. Lenny scowls at the command.

"Not only that, but you will be escorted at all times by security personnel and watched very carefully. Actually, on second thought, the two of you will not leave the grounds for any reason!" Now I scowled. Thanks to that countermand, I wouldn't be able to go with Duncan to his family's villa for the Spring Carnival.

"Also, it is mandatory that you listen to the Mandate, who will report anything, and everything to me. Is that all clear?"

"Crystal." Lenny and I snipped.

"Good. Now get out of my sight."

"Geez...he didn't have to demand so much." Lenny said, as soon as we were out of earshot. "I mean all we did was hack into Xavier security and borrow one of their private jets to commander. Plus, we took off and landed perfectly. Father just wants to keep our skills to himself. He knows how exceptional we are. Aren't we Lilac?" I couldn't have agreed more with my twin.

Unfortunately, the next day, Father's word became law. I sulked in the limo that was taking us back to Xavier.

"Hey, Lilac? How long do you think it'll take us to get back to Xavier?" Lenny asked with a grin. I scowled at him. He knew the answer to that. This wasn't the first time we were going back there. And I knew he hoped it wouldn't be the last.

"Oh come on! Lighten up! Just because we can't leave campus doesn't mean we can't still have fun. We still have all those secret passageways to check out. Plus we finished all the work for this month and next semester so our teachers can't even try to throw anything new at us. Told ya hacking into the curriculum database wasn't a waste. And at least you can still see Duncan at school. I, on the other hand, can't wait to see all my babes."

I rolled my eyes at his last statement. Lenny's reputation with the girls at Xavier was his favorite topic.

"And we could always break into the Mandate's office again and change whatever reports he decides to send to Father. Lilac?"

I smiled at Lenny's attempt to cheer me up. But I knew that underneath he was upset too. We had a system to our madness. We had our reasons for the things we did. But the one, main reason still seemed to fail. And inside, we both were sure it was futile.

A half hour passed before we reached the airport. As Lenny and I walked in with our new personal guards, we got lots of angry looks from the airport staff. Let's just say that they

hadn't been so thrilled to have an unknown jet land on their airstrip while other planes had been landing as well hours earlier.

"Jeez, you'd think we had caused an accident." Lenny whispered to me as we walked through the crowd who had started to form as our faces were recognized. "We knew what we were doing. We didn't even scratch those planes!"

I smiled lightly as we made it to the gate and boarded father's private jet.