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Thanks to the man upstairs for his blessings. This is for you, My Colts, and the gals at Fantasyland. You guys keep me going.

## Chapter One

Journee parked her compact car in the grassy field used for a make shift parking lot during celebrations, and turned off the engine. *I've finally arrived.* Elation filled her heart. Tension knotted her stomach like tangled yarn. The Pow Wow itself usually went on for about twenty eight days, but she'd burned up a week finishing out college courses, and ironing out a vacation schedule with work. Free of the chaos that'd consumed her for the past five years, she could join the festivities with a lightness she hadn't known since high school. After a long, hellish year full of ups-and-downs, tears, stress and a severe lack of sleep, she deserved a

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reward. Gaining her Bachelors in Sociology with a minor in Native American Cultural Studies had been the hardest thing she'd ever done, but it was all worth it. Iya and Delsin Iron Cloud, her guides as she finished her thesis, believed she needed this final experience, in order to fully embrace the culture they'd taught her about.

She pictured the slender men with their piercing brown eyes aglow in A Lakota Claiming the sunlight, and long black hair unbound and framing their oval-shaped faces. Iya tended to wear his waist length locks loose, framing his face and flowing down his back, while A Lakota Claiming Delsin favored the traditional style of two braids. From the moment, they met she'd been under the spell they cast with their commanding presence, fierce pride, and wisdom beyond their years. Had she really fallen for not one, but two men who were cousins to boot? She'd gone back and forth with herself coming to the same conclusion. Neither man held more sway than the other. A Lakota Claiming Extroverted Iya tended to be more outgoing and humorous.

His hooked nose and broad forehead reminded her of braves immortalized A Lakota Claiming within the pages of history books, whereas, she considered Delsin to be strong and silent. He took his time thinking things through before he A Lakota Claiming spoke. Emotions swam below the surface deep and compelling. Delsin's lips were fuller and his cheekbones exquisite. She made a pros and cons list in an attempt to make a definitive choice, all to no avail. This week she would accept her wants without censure. Iya and Delsin taught her to see with more than her eyes, and listen to the tiny voice inside most tapped down to fit conventions of modern day society. I've always felt an inexplicable draw to the culture. I must've been one of the nation in a past life.

She grabbed the tan duffle bag on the seat beside her, and exited the car, A Lakota Claiming locking the doors. She shoved the keys in the pocket of her blue jeans, feeling wickedly wanton knowing just inside the bag lay a bevy of kinky treasures sure to help her say goodbye to stress. Sunlight warmed her skin. The scent of grass, wildflowers, and earth filled her nostrils. She inhaled deep. It tasted like freedom and adventure, the perfect combination for someone starting A Lakota Claiming life anew. Drums sounded in the distance, joined by the transfixing sounds of voices raised in A Lakota Claiming song meant to celebrate.

She always admired the Native Americans' ability to live off the land using only what they needed, and teaching their ways to the next generation. It was what led her to minor in Native American Studies along with Sociology. Her eyes drank in the vivid colors of the traditional garments the people wore. Bursts of brilliant red, yellows, oranges, and blues dazzled her. Fringes of beads clinked and clanked along with the jingle of bells, accompanying each step the wearer took. Feathered head pieces and hair decoration fluttered in the wind. A Lakota Claiming She felt out of place in her simple worn jeans and pink tank top. She waved at people she knew, feeling a sense of pride after being among them and forming bonds over the past four or five month, even volunteering when the opportunity arose. Iya and Delsin A Lakota Claiming had set up a tent for her beside theirs promising to walk her through the ceremonies and hold her hand, so to speak.

She scanned the crowd for the men. Anticipation built. If she had her way, she'd be exploring

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miles of bronze skin with her tongue. Her pulse rocketed. Journee touched her heated cheek with the back of her hand. It wasn't like her to be so randy! But their masculine beauty, and generous hearts, affected her on a primal level that overrode all her usual tendencies. She wasn't a prude by any means. Yet, the things she had planned were bold. Her thoughts wandered to the duffle bag full of tricks and sexy lingerie.

*I'm actually doing this! Awe at her decision chased away the doubt and self censure that threatened to loom over her like a dark storm cloud. I need to A Lakota Claiming save my energy for convincing them, not talking myself out of what I want.*

The thought of their flesh against hers made her mind meander down a filthy path. She pushed the naughty images aside, and focused on locating the two men she mentally drooled over. They were working the crafting section with their mothers and Iya's younger sisters. The Iron Clouds were skilled at Bead and Quill work. They had made a name for themselves and ran a lucrative business via the internet, selling their pieces all over the country and beyond. It was a concept Iya and Delsin believed in whole heartedly, using their unique skills, and talents to make enough money to support them while bringing awareness to their culture and the things going on A Lakota Claiming at the reservations. Their fresh take and savvy business sense was admirable. The boys had ventured off the Res for college, and returned to give back with their Bachelor's in hand. They shared a home together, but she'd never been there, unfortunately.

Navigating through the crowd she drank in the handcrafted eye candy. Crafting tables were set up everywhere and covered with brightly colored items. The smell of fresh fry bread and other foods made her stomach growl in protest. She spotted the semi precious gem display and turned left as they'd instructed her to. A few minutes down the path she spotted the Iron Cloud family. She quickened her steps and waved at Iya's sister, Sky, who spotted her and smiled.

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