

*Lakeside* excerpt

“You want to play a game?”

Garth stood in front of her hearth with the giant bowl of popcorn they had just made.

“Okaaaay. There are some in the little room.” Lori headed in that direction. The request seemed a bit odd since he had never suggested a game before.

“I had something different in mind.”

Her feet stopped in mid-stride, and she swung around to face him.

Garth’s eyes were bright with delight. “Let’s play ‘I’ve got a secret’.”

Secret?

Her throat tightened, and her heart dropped to the pit of her stomach. Did he know? Of course not, how could he? But maybe he could sense she was holding something back, and this was his way to get her to come clean.

“It’s easy. We take turns telling each other something about ourselves the other person doesn’t know.”

*No, she wanted to shout. Let’s play something else, Boggle, Monopoly, Go Fish, anything else.*

“Come on. It’ll be fun. We will learn interesting things about each other.”

*Fun?*

“Please.”

How could she get out of it without drawing attention to the fact this honesty game scared her to death. “All right.” How deep was this game supposed to be?