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Three in the morning, there was all kinds of noise, lights and singing at the front of the pack house. Everyone was running down to see what was going on, Marco was trying to mind link Duncan, Duncan was trying to mind link the front guards.

All the front guards would say, is that it is a Christmas surprise.

So everyone was down at the front of the pack house, staring at wonder at all that was there. It was for the lack of any other thing, Santa Claus. He was in a big red suit, he was everything that the books said he was.

He was sitting in his sleigh that was pulled by eight reindeer. It was magical, Dunc an went up to him.

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. "Who are you really?"

"Santa Claus leaned forward and winked at him, that was when Duncan noticed the eyes. He smiled it was the King."

Then the King let out a jolly, HO, HO!! Duncan looked out over his pack groun ds all he could see, was

the packs pups running as fast as they could, to get to Santa. There was even magical snow falling on top of the real stuff. It was all light and sparkle.

The Pack gathered all around with the pups all over Santa and his Sleigh. He had a present for each child and the adults. He must of had a mage help him, his big present bag just kept on givin g.

The pups had awe and wonder in their eye's. Their excitment was all around. Once everyone had a present Santa's Sleigh started to move, saving

. Santa's Sleigh started to move, saying to the crowd as he pulled out of sight, Me rry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

As Duncan was holding his and Adira's presents, the King Mind linked Duncan as he was leaving telling him that he was off to the WereBear clan to deliver gifts, there will be a motorcade coming with twenty people including Lily, with all the other presents from the King.

He will return once he has visited a few places, he said not to worry about him, the sleigh is magical if there is some sort of trouble it will magically transport him to safety.

Jack was just coming back from patrol it was four in the morning, everything was so serene and quiet. He was just about to enter the house, when he heard what sounded like little bells.

them gifts. It was a very magical experience all around, the cubs needed this, especially all the abused one's they adopted into the pack.

There wasn't a cub there of any age that didn't have a look of wonder in their eyes and the biggest smiles. 2

Everyone was given a present from the really old to the youngest of cubs.

It was special and wonderful, the King knew just what his people needed. All the abused children for the first time had hope back, they were all laughing.

If Santa wasn't the King, he would of given him a hug. Not caring if he lost his man card. Jack looked down at the present in his hands it was a small little box. He opened it, inside there was a note. (2)

Dear Jack,

Do not worry what you wanted for

Christmas would not go into my bag.

She is out there and you will find her.

Just go on your walk about this spring

She will be in need of help, although at first it might not look like it.

You will find her, it is your destiny.

With Love of Christmas,

Santa Claus

Jack just stared at the note as he watched the King, aka Santa Claus drive his sleigh high into the air. Everyone in the clan were all standing there in awe and laugh ter. Some of the warriors got toys. It was awesome. They were almost like kids again. 1

In a happy care free tone, that none

in his clan had heard in a long time, Jack said....Merry Chirstmas, Everyone!!!

Felicia was surprised when her door opened and there were three girls and the Lu na. They all had something for her. A tray with all kinds of different foods on it, a bag with toiletries and socks.

When the ladies had left their gifts, the Luna sat down on the bed next to Felicia. She just looked at Felicia, Felicia was getting uncomfortable, it was as if the Luna could seen right into her heart.

Felicia tried to look away but something didn't let her, she felt warm all over her body. Her anger was gone, she suddenly felt transported to another place. She was cittina natthamalf on a cliff the

sitting next to a wolf on a cliff, the wolf was beautiful all white with black tip paw s and tail.

Her eye's they were just like the Luna's only somehow more. She looked around again out over the cliff was a beautiful forest and the sky was in a vibrant shades of oranges and pinks.

When she looked back at the wolf, she started to hear a voice in her mind. It was the wolf.

"My name is Artemis, the Luna and I are one. This is my sacred place, I have broug ht you here to have a heart to heart. In this place of times moments, only truth can live, you can not lie to me or to yourself."

"I have come with a warning, if you choose to harm my family or my pack in anyway, I will not hesitate to kill vou where you stand Your law's de

not matter to me, nor do I care about power or money. It is that simple you harm, you die." (2

"Why are you so angry?"

"Where is your Lion?"

"Who are vou?"

The questions just kept going over and over in her head, she realized that she did n't have the answers. Her Lion refused to talk to her, since she forced her to attack that other female.

She didn't know why she was angry all the time, she did accept that she was thou gh. As for who she was, she didn't have an answer for that either. What was going on here.

The wolf shifted into a beautiful woman, she was wearing a white gown, it seeme d to change color to

lighter shades of the rainbow, when she moved.

"Tell me Felicia, are you angry because your parents don't love you as they shoul d? Your father seems to only care about how you can give him power, your mother only cares of what she can brag about."

"Who loves Felicia?"

"The answer Felicia is no one loves you, not even you."

"You are dying to be who you truely are, yet no one lets you. You are manipulated into doing the wishes of others for their gain. It has made you so hateful of yourself that you are lashing out at anyone and ever yone."

"It doesn't have to stay this way. You can change if you wish to."

"You don't even have to go back home

again, start over somewhere new. Get to know people again, make new friends. F ind yourself and love her for what and who she is. Not for what others deem as w orthy of their own purposes."

"It isn't easy, you didn't get this way overnight, nor will you heal yourself overnight. If you want it though you have but to embrace it."

"You will stay here for tonight, you need time to reflect and decide who and what you are. What you want to be."

"It is up to you."

With that the Luna disappeared into the stars, leaving Felicia to ponder on her life. She looked around there was a tree in the distance that looked like a good place to rest and think.

As she was sitting down another

figure came into view, she was gorgeous, she had silver hair that shimmered like moon light. Her gown was a dark blue it sparkled like it was made up of stars and her eyes were like blue but glowed like they were giving off moonlight.

"Who are you?"

"I am the Moon Goddess, you are not one of my children. You are here because yo u need a second chance, you have burned all your bridges so to speek, However o ne of my children has spoken for you. Because she worries about her family and y our life, that is why I have come to help you if I can. I can only help you though if y ou wish me to do so, you have got to ask for my help....?

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The King aka Santa Claus deliverd presents to all the children in the two orphang es, that had taken in the human survivors of the scientists.

All of the children got a present, the orphanage's got a huge donation, not only in money but in needed items. As well as contractors were coming after Christmas to fix and upgrade all of their electric, water and se wer systems. Also to add on additional rooms as well. 2

Then when he was finished he went back to Duncan's pack house, just like cindere lla and her pumpkin everything changed back into only the King. The Kind decide d he was going to make that a tradition every Christmas, unless of course the real Santa showed up and was not happy.

Lily was waiting for him, she was nothing

but glowing smiles these days. A change he was happy to be part of. He could tell that

she was still a little nervous, about seeing her sister again. He put his arm around her and pulled her in for a quick kiss.

"Let's go and get some breakfast, the sun is now up and I am not only needing a nap but I am starving. Playing Santa Claus for the night, was very rewarding and exhausting at the same time."

They went into the pack house, breakfast was in the huge pack dining area, it was served buffet

style today. They were not lacking in anything for breakfast today. They even had a make your own waffle station.

The King loaded up on almost everything, when he sat down with

Lily and a

few of his guards, he was happy to note that although everyone knew who he was, they didn't pay him that much attention. It was refreshing to be just one of the pack again.

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was up and getting ready to go down to breakfast, when her bedroom door open ed up. There was Ash holding a really big tray, filled with anything and everything.

Most important though, he also had on the tray, a carafe of coffee with two mugs.

"Good you are not dressed yet, why don't you climb back into bed and we will have breakfast in bed."

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Picking her up and then sitting on the couch, putting her on his lap. She giggled a t that, he poured them

each a cup of coffee, two creams and a sugar. Just the way she liked it. Once they had some coffee, Ash began picking things off of the tray to feed her.

She would let her lips

linger on his fingers, she loved the cinnamon roll it was so sticky. She would suck on his fingers when her brought her some. She would look into his ey es and see them grow darker with passion. She loved to tease him.

Everytime see would see that look on his face, she would tingle all over and she would also be affected by it as well. It was a wonderful Christmas morning. B

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She couldn't wait to give him his present, later on after the ball. The whole Santa Claus showing up, was something she still hadn't given much thought, sometimes it is best to just go with it. She was mystified though when she opened her present.

It was a little raggedy ann doll, she had when she was little, she had lost it in the f orest when she was six years old. How did he know? She guessed it was like the m agician, showing his secrets would lessen the magic.

Though the road has been a bit rough lately, Marnie was happy that it was turning out to

be a really great Christmas. She couldn't wait to wear her new gown, it was super sexy in a really great way. It was cherry red silk that hung in all the right places to show off her assets.

She was going to blow Ash's mind.

Adira was waking up to Duncan singing softly to his son. It was one of those mom ents in time, that will stay till you die. She lay there watching them together, he was still too little to do much, when you looked into his eyes, you could tell he was taking it all in.

When he noticed that she was awake and watching him, he grinned from ear to ear. Bringing little Alex over to her so she could give him his breakfast. Now it was Duncan's turn to watch and take memory.

He waited for his mate to be finished with their pup, once he was sleeping once a gain, Duncan reached into his top drawer and pulled out a long box and a square f lat box. He wrapped them in gold paper and bows.

"This my little wolf is for you, Merry Christmas."

She opened the first box, it was a necklace and matching earings of diamonds and saphires. They were gorgeous. The smaller long box was next in it was the matching bracelet to the set. She was dumbfounded. They were gorgeous.

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"That is why you wanted to pick the color of my ball gown for tonight, so that I could wear these."

"Duncan, I didn't have time to go shopping for you though, what could I give you that would equal this?"

"My sweet little Wolf, you already have given me my present, something that can not be compared or equaled to. You gave me your trust, your love and finally you gave me our first pup. No jewels can compare to that."

He pulled her in for a long passionate kiss, she could tell he was going to want a lot more. It was unfortunatly going to have to wait till later after the ball.

She pulled back with a smile that held promise, then she started to back away.

"We can not go any further than that

1. l. for now, there are just too many things left to do and now the King is als o here. Not to mention the neighboring packs."

They invited the Werebear clan but they declined, they wanted to have a clan only celebration instead

because of all the victims they took in. Give them something happy but a bit less chaos and people.

So

we have to get a move on, Sally their sitter/nanny will be watching little Alex toni ght, along

with her little sister. She will also be with several of the packs babysitters as they all watch over the pup's tonight, the ball is only for the adults. 2

After

the big potluck feast, everyone settled down for awhile to just enjoy the day. Unt il it was time for the ball.

All was set, everyone was all dressed in their finest. They will all proceed down o ne at a time or as mates. When they reach the bottom of the stairs they will be an nounced. The Alpha and Luna will be the last to arrive as is tradition.

The first down were the single men, then followed by Marco, Archer and August a ll dressed in tuxedo's.

Next were all the single females, Marco stood to the side of the entrance to mak e sure all was going smoothly. Checking on security and the wait staff.

The next down was the King and Lily, the King though wasn't wearing his usual ro yal attire, he was wearing a tuxedo with the insignia of his house on the pocket. He was just like all the other males, in his clothing at least. No on would be fool en ough to mistake him for anything but rovalty

Lily was beautiful, she was wearing a light golden dress her hair was up with little white jewel lillies sparkeling in her hair. She looked regal.

Next was Marnie and Ashton, Ash was wearing a simular tux to all the other men, Marnie on the other hand surprised Marco, she was in a silky red dress, he hair was done up beautifuly with little rubies in her hair. It was truely the first time he had ever seen her in a dress. 2

He couldn't help but smile and be happy for her. Ash was a great guy and perfect for her.

Finally the Alpha and the Luna came down, Duncan was dashing of course but The Luna, she looked almost like a goddess. She sparkled as she walked, she was wearing the Luna gems. Marco smiled in aproval.

. Finally their pack was complete. 2)

The ball went off without any problems, everyone had a wonderful time. Packs were getting

to know each other better and the King was also enjoying talking to them as well. Everyone though let the King and Lily be just like the rest of them.

Just as they were about to have the last dance for the night, a loud shriek and the n children crying came down from upstairs. They started to rush up the stairs as s moke came down towards them.

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###Warning Language and Violence###

Adira was the first to arrive, as she tried to make sense of the scene before her. It was Felicia, somehow she managed to get out of her room and it looked like she was trying to burn down the door to the nursery.

Felicia didn't look like herself at all, she looked crazy. The kind of crazy you don't come back from.

Felicia noticed Adira watching and with a yell she came close to her, that was whe n Duncan stepped in front closing Felicia's access to Adira.

She screamed in anger again and again. Banging her fists on the floor. She was truely gone.

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"I TOLD YOUR BITCH OF A GODDESS, NO. SHE LEFT ME ALONE THERE IN THAT P ATHETIC WORLD."

She started to cough because of the smoke, then she started to yell again..

"WHEN I WENT TO LEAVE, MY LIONESS WOULDN'T GO WITH ME. SHE IS GONE, S HE LEFT ME. SHE SAID I WAS NO LONGER WORTHY OF HER!!!"

"YOU BITCH YOU TOOK MY LIONESS A WAY FROM ME. I AM GOING TO KILL YOU R SON AS PAYMENT.!!!!!!!!"

Felicia in a fit of crazed rage launched herself at the on lookers. Before she could make contact though, Archer stood before her. He was pissed.

"You leave me no choice Felicia, for

... now this transgression, after the Luna tried to help you by pleading with her go ddess. You know Pride law. It doesn't matter if you don't succeed, if you try to kill an innocent, it is death."

August and Ashton grabbed Felicia by her arms, they dragged her out of the pack house, all the while she was kicking and screaming in rage. Archer followed behin d till they reached the edge of the forest.

August and Ashton dragged her into the night of the forest, Archer shifted into a huge Lion. He leapt into the forest after them. In a couple of minutes Ashton and August reappeared on the edge of the forest, standing with heads bowed.

A mighty roar shook the night as a scream was heard, then all that could be heard was the silence in the mwandisht.comwand mind

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The King went out to meet with Archer about what had happened, he told Archer that he was a witness to her crime and would testify if there was a need. Considering her parents and all.

Archer was touched, he didn't like killing as a rule. He has had to do it

from time to time to protect those that he loves and his Pride.

Still he wondered

what had happened to her, was it something that happened suddenly or was it so mething that happened over time.

They buried her burnt ashes right there in the forest. Which will remain Unmarked and Unknown. Her parents will never see her again, nor will the y have access to her remains. Let her be free of them at least in death.

Duncan looked at Adira, he could tell that she was upset about Felicia. He went over to her and wrapped her in his arms.

"Why Duncan, I gave her a chance of a lifetime."

"Sometimes little wolf, not everyone can be saved or in this case wants to be saved."

The fire didn't touch the children nor the smoke. The quick thinking of the helper s moved the pup's far away from the door as possible. They opened window's clos est to the door to draft out the smoke.

Though they were a bit scared they are all doing fine, no after effects as of yet. A dira wouldn't let little Alex out of her sight. Even Artemis was acting possessive.

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Duncan had to go and take care of all the pack business and talk to the King as well as Archer. To tell them that this incident didn't hurt t heir relationship. He needed to touch base with Marco as well.

Adira

placed little Alex on the bed, she then stripped and shifted into Artemis, Artemis jumped up on the bed and wrapped herself around her pup. Duncan could feel Ap ollo's approval. He was a proud wolf right now.

Duncan left and hunted down the first of a string of people he needed to talk to.

Lily knocked on Adira's door. She thought it was a little strange that she heard, "c ome in" inside her mind instead of the normal way. She ananed the door and wan t inside

.. opened the door and went inside. Looking around the room she soon realized why it was a mind link.

There on the bed bigger than life was Artemis. She had wrapped herself around h er pup. She watched Lily with knowing eyes. Lily could tell that the wolf before h er was all Artemis. Adira was not there, where she didn't know.

Zinnia spoke up...

"Lily let me take this, it has to be all me though, so you will have to wait from me, in our place inside." E

Lily got undressed and shifted into Zinnia, she then left for the other world of Zinnia's.

Zinnia stood before Artemis......

"So it is a Queen Luna before me now, I see you are now white, where as

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before you were dark. Tell me are you healed now? Does your soul still bleed?"

"We are healed now, goddess wolf. We have found our true mate and are happy a gain. Lily wishes to be a true sister now and aunt. If that is possible after all that we had done." 2

"Well Queen Luna, it is possible. Adira is a very forgiving and kind person, she will accept you again as a half sister. So Queen Luna do you know that you carry your own pup within you?" +

"I do."

"Good then remember what you have learned, do not let that abuse continue on into our family line. It must end in the past."

Would you like to see your nephew."

Artemis unfurled her tail and there was the face of a little angel. Zinnia stepped c loser and took a sniff of the pup's scent then she licked him. She got up on the be d with Artemis and together they wrapped their bodies around their pup.

Lily and Adira still

had to bring things out into the open in order to heal again. Lily found herself not within Zinnia's personal world but anothers instead.

It was so vast and beautiful she wasn't sure where to go exactly. That was when s he noticed the goddess sitting next to a pool. Sitting with her was Adira.

Lily walked up to the pool, she was greeted with smiles as the goddess patted the ground next to her. Lily of course sat down. They stayed silent like that for a little while or a long

while. Lily couldn't tell, time felt different here.

The Goddess finally spoke to the both of them.

"Well my children it is

time that you speak to each other, I will not stay here for this, it is between the t wo of you. Stay here in my garden, your wolves protect the pup. When you have fi nished just think of home and you will be inside your wolves again."

With that she walked

into the pool and was gone. Adira and Lily stared at each other for a little bit. Till finally Lily spoke.

"I am sorry for how I treated you and for all the things I did to you. I was so angry and miserable that I wanted everyone else to feel that way too."

"Oh, Lily I don't hate you, I forgive you for what you had done. The truth

is we were both abused horribly. Neither one of us really had a choice in the cours e of our actions. How could we, we couldn't see what they were doing, that was in tentional on their part."

"I know Adira but still some things I did do willfuly. It is for those that I seek forgi vness."

Adira smiled; "Then you are forgiven, so long as you promise to be my sister from now on and never my enemy again."

"That is an easy promise for me now. I want to be your sister, I want to know what a real family is like."

The King and Duncan went in search of their mates, what they found surpised and pleased them. Not only did things look like they were

patched up, it also appeared that Artemis and Zinnia were also on good terms and at this moment on a united front.

Both of them backed out of the room slowly, Duncan motioned for the King to fol low him downstairs for some after Christmas left overs. They met up with Marnie and Ashton as well as Archer.

They entered the Kitchen on a mission, time to make a raid on all

the treats that were left over, Duncan had his eyes on more ham. They all just relaxed for the rest of the day, the King, Duncan and Marco sat down for a football game.

Others were outside either training or just playing in the snow. It was a great day for the King. He was just another pack member here.

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but he was going to ride this horse all the way to the stable. For the time is comin g for him to completely clean house. Change is coming, not everyone will embrac e it.

They both laughed happily, then they hugged for a long time while crying for the past and happy tears for the furture.

When they were done the willed themselves back into their wolves and stayed in their form while taking a nice lazy nap.

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###Warning, Sexual Content and language###

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews just found out about the death of their daughter. They were not mourning like normal parents would, they were pissed. They were not livid because of the way they she died. They

were pissed because she was the last chance they had to gain power over the Prid e. 2

Further more the Bennets are no longer speaking to them, whatever that nasty b rat of theirs told them. Made them shun them in the Pride. They are going to have to leave the Pride by morning or pay restituion for what their daughter did.

They tried to take up a petition with the King, that was until they found out that the King was witness to the whole thing.

They were just about to leave their house, when a loud knock came from the door. They both looked at each other, wondering if they should open it. Perhaps it was one of their friends, who had a change of heart.

When they opened the door, there stood Archer with all of the Prides elders.

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Mr. Mathews was at a loss for words, he motioned for them all to enter. The elder s didn't waste any time.

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"This kind of behavior as you both well know, is not tolerated in this Pride."

"We have found evidence that states, that once your daughter was married to on e of the three heirs, that you and your wife would slowly kill off the high family, t hus making yours the only blood left."

"You know the rules, if you wish to challenge the king of the pride, you do so directly. You don't plot behind the backs of others. This as you know is considered an act of treason, this crime carries the death penalty."

"What do you have to say for yourselves?"

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thinks he is above the laws of the Pride.

"You have got to be kidding, we are friends of your parents. Felicia loved you that was all, perhaps she was a bit misguided but she was young."

"Whatever she said or did, was because she was in love with you. You are the one who should be on trial, you're the criminal, you killed her without cause. I deman d that you step down as our Prides King!!" 2

"Oh, really Mr. Mathews and who should take my place.?"

"It should be given to our family, it is time for some new blood, the Bennet family has had too much power, it is time they step down and let the Mathews family take over."

Archer gave Mr. Mathews a dark look. One of a predator stalking it's next

meal. Mr. Mathews was visibly

shaken by this.

"Are you asking for the leader challenge, Mr. Mathews?"

"No..there would be no way I could beat you in hand to hand combat, till the deat h."

"So instead you decide to use your daughter, to try to seduce me, when that didn't work you went on to my brothers. When that didn't work, you wouldn't let up, y ou just kept pushing her over and over, till she finally snapped."

Archer motioned for one of the elders to bring a lap top to the table.

"Lets watch a little movie shall we."

When it was all done, Mr. Mathews was visibly about to pass out, Mrs. Mathews just cried in the corner.

 Neither were willing to talk anymore, after watching footage of their dau ghter and footage of them talking to other pack members about a power grab.
The Movie' had excellent video and sound. Nothing was left to speculation.

Mr.and Mrs. Mathews you will have a public trail and sentencing. I will let the elders decide your fate. I am too angry to do so. If I do it you would already be dead. 2

With that Warriors came in and took them away to their Prides dungeon, where t hey were to await their trial.

Adira was watching her handsome mate hold his pup. It was at this moment that s he realized, that she no longer was The Spare. She didn't

Ball feel like she did before. She was a confident, kind and she hoped generous L una. 2

Those days alone, always hiding never able to make friends or even talk to anyone. No more waiting in pain, alone in the dark of the night, for the next day to come. No more losing hope or trying to fight the despair.

No more, it was gone. Replaced by the Love of her mate, Pack and pup. It felt like it was so long ago when really it wasn't even a year. Artemis started to rub up against her mind.

"You are who you were supposed to be. It may have taken a dark and lonely road for us, though we have made it just the sa me. We have mates that are forever and we will have many pups to keep us busy for years and years."

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Adira smiled, as her Mate brought their pup over for his afternoon meal. She was n't a fool, there will be hardships, sadness and danger. There will also be times of plenty, joy and peace. That is the way of things and she was so glad to be a part of it.

Duncan had long since banished her nightmares, now she has dreams of the pups to come. She has also set up a charity/company that rescues and helps victims of all kinds of abuse. No matter their age, sex, species or creed.2

Duncan with the help of Marco, Jack and Archer, have continued to locate and fin d business or packs or homes where abuse and trafficking are going on, to put a s top to it.

They even have the backing of the King, as well as extra warriors and elders that will also help them track

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Ashton looked at Duncan with a smile...

"It is just the two of us, why so big?"

It was Marnie that answered.

"Duh, Ash it is for all the pups or cubs we are going to have, I want a big family."

Adira and Marnie were like bee's buzzing around planning for the wedding and party afterward. There were soo many guests that, Duncan was starting to get a little worried and had to have the two Luna's taper it back a bit, they were going to end up with all kinds of people sleeping in every corner.

Marco finally decided to help them, so the many species of guests don't end up fighting. He prepared lists for

them of who's who and their basic rules of their pack, clan or pride.

He also arranged the menu and seating arrangements. As well as where they will all be sleeping. Some of them were only coming for the day so that was a big help.

Luna Adira arranged for the entertainment of the younger adults and pups, so they wont be causing too much mischief.

Finally Duncan looked all over for his Luna, he even mind linked but with no response, he found his lovely mate in his office, sleeping deeply at his desk. He gently lifted her up in his arms and carried her to bed.

Just as he was about to lay her down on their bed, she wrapped her arms around him, giving him a kiss on her mark she gave him. He almost dropped her, because of the surprise

and sensation it made.

She didn't stop, he put her down on the bed and started to remove his clothes, she stopped him.

"No, let me unwrap you, I just love unwrapping my gifts. There is so much anticipation and then the joy of what it inside."

Before he knew it she had him naked, the evidence of her efforts was plain to see. She kneeled down and licked up his shaft with a naughty giggle. He just about came o ut of his skin it felt so good.

She continued to stimulate him with her tongue and her mouth. Driving him crazy. Even Apollo was there with him. He couldn't stand it anymore.

He ripped off her little nighty that she had on, backed her up against the

door, put one of her legs on his hip and slid his way home. She was wild by his third thrust and he was crazy by the fifth. It didn't take long for them to find their pleasure.

They stood there catching their breath, when a loud knock pounded on the door. Then Marnie's voice was yelling at them..

"Gross you two, use the bed that is what it is for. I don't need any images of my br other doing what he is doing. I know he does it and that is all I want to know." 2

They started laughing.

They went to their bed and continued showing each other their love for one another.

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Chapter 65

With one last happy moment, I have to bring to a close this story. Thank you ever yone for reading it, as I was writing it. It was a wonderful experience. I hope every one enjoy's it after it is finished as well.

Thank You, Everyone.

{This is the last chapter. There is also the epilogue that will posted with this chapter.

On a majestic winter day, New Year's Eve to be exact. Marnie was putting on her mothers gown. It wasn't a normal everyday gown though.

It was a off the shoulder, tea length dress of a very delicate fabric that seemed to flow with her movements.

It was White with tiny white and crystal flowers. They sparkled brightly no matter what kind of light they were in.

Her hair was up in an elaborate braided half up half down style. With little white f lowers woven into the design. She wore her mothers diamond necklace and earings. Her shoes though made Adira sigh with laughter. They were bright red silk he els with diamond accents.

Adira decided to wear a red silk organza dress, that way Marnie's shoes didn't stic k out as much. When they were all done and ready. Duncan knocked on the door t o walk his sister to her groom.

He looked dashing in his tuxedo and red tie. Another thing Adira added. Adira too k up the front, holding Marco's arm. The walked to the main

dining room, it was transformed into a ball room.

In the center of the room surrounded by white roses and crystals. Stood her mate, her forever love. Ashton was standing with his best men Archer and August.

All of them wearing black tuxedo's with red ties. The highest pack elder stood with them waiting for the bride to join them, they were all smiles as well.

There were pack members that were friends and family but that was all. Marnie w anted a small ceremony. Even though it was small, the pack decorated it with eve ry white flower they could get. When they got closer to the alter, Ashton looked almost like he was going to cry. (2

Marnie had a huge smile on her face, she was radiant, as she came down

the red carpet isle to Ash. Duncan put his sisters hand into Ashton's to tell everyone that he aproved of this joining and then stood next to Adira and Marco on the Brides side.

Their hands were bound together with silver and gold cords. Representing the moon and the sun and all that is between. Making their vows of love for all the world to see.

The ceremony was beautiful and perfect, Duncan even arranged for a photogaph er to come in from town to take pictures. Once all the formalities were done. The bride and groom, went upstairs to change for the party, no one said anything when they didn't come back down for two hours.

The Party was huge, there was a large bonfire outside. The main party was inside because of the cold weather. Dancing and drinking fun we had

Dancing and drinking, fun was had by all. Marco was happy because everyone was getting along. They counted down to the new year.

After that the party started to slow down and it was time for the newlyweds to g o to the start of their honeymoon.

When the party was over and the guests had all left, the bride and groom were to go to the bridal cabin in the woods. Everything was provided for them, they would stay there for three days. Then they were going to go to Ash's family for a little

bit.

What they didn't know was that there were several pranks waiting for them when they arrived. For one their clothes were all gone, someone thought it would be f unny to decorate one of the bedrooms like a bordello, complete with a vibrating bed.

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They managed to find them all, except one. They did find it, just not before it found them.

Ashton and Marnie were halfway into the passion, Marnie turned back the covers because

they wouldn't need them for a bit. Ashton backed her up to the bed and together they fell to the sheets. Marnie gave out a squeek as Ash start to move her into p osition.

Stopping Ash looked at Marnie and she started to laugh. He was a bit confused, t hat was until she got up and took

the sheets off the bed. Someone put really coarse sand paper under the sheets.

Once all the pranks were taken care of the happy couple were finally able to make love not only as true mates but husband and wife

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Though Ash vowed to find the one who thought that the sand paper would be funny.

Marnie was over the moon happy, explaining to Ash why there were so many pranks waiting for them, he still vowed to pay back for the sand paper. Marnie didn't have it in her to tell him, that there were probably more waiting for them. 3

She left him naked on

the bed, while she went to the bathroom, to get changed into a suprise for Ash. It was something that Adira got her for her bridal

shower, Marnie thought that it was a bit too much away from her comfort zone but she trusted Adira.

She came out wearing a red lace corset, with red lace garter holding up red thigh high lace stockings. Her

hair was down, she didn't wear any panties. She was bare just for him. She could tell that he liked it, his eyes started to glow a golden color.

He was already under the covers, after he watched her walk around the room and do a little dance just for him,

he pulled back the covers to show her the results of her teasing.

She put one foot on the bed and slowly rolled down one stocking, then she did the same to the other one. It was driving him crazy. He was so hard right now i t was becoming painful.

When she stood up to start taking off

the corset, he pulled her to him by her hips. He ripped off the corset leaving her b are for him. Her eyes went dark as she watched him, he could smell her desire.

She never felt more beautiful and sexy as she did in that moment. It

was just her standing before him. He loved her no matter what, she loved him the same.

He gently pulled her to the bed and into the arms that will hold her no matter what, forever.

Duncan and Adira were laughing, when they remembered their prank. Wondering how they enjoyed the extra coarse sand paper in their bed.

Duncan was wondering if they have taken a shower yet? He shut off the hot wate r valve in the basement. That should cool things down for Ashton, a little present from your brother in law, a nice welcome to the family.

It was actually Apollo's idea to turn off the hot water. Duncan was still laughing w hen they reached the Pack house. It was their own fault for

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deciding on getting married on New

Years Eve.

There was a long forgotten tradition in the pack, that those who get married on the eve of the new year, are tempting fate. So as a counter messure it is up to the pack to prank them as many times as possible on their wedding night. That way they had already faced many hardships, before fate could throw any of them in their path.

Duncan knew that it was an old wives tale

but when he was reminded of it by an Elder, his horns sprouted and the devilish t houghts over took him. He shared it with Adira and she shared it with the entire p ack.

Wait till they get into Ash's jeep to go to his Pride. I think one of the pups left a dead fish under the seat. It is also filled with helium filled rubbers

for when they open the doors. I

Pranksters had free reign to let their imaginations run wild. It was the most fun a nyone in the pack has had in a long time. Even some of the younger pups were in on it. Mostly it was the elders.

When they were finally ready

to leave to go to Ash's Pride they will be running to get away. Unfortunately Dun can had shared the information with Ashton's brothers and they thought that sin ce, they were his brothers it was their duty, to make sure that fate doesn't give t hem any more trouble.

Duncan and Adira sat together in the pack house. The living room was still decora ted in all its Christmas glory. They

were enjoying sitting close to each other, while next to a roaring fire in the firepl ace. They were

talking through their mind link, sharing each others thoughts and memories.

Sharing the hopes for the furture and the love for each other and their pup. Won dering how he will grow, who he will take after. How he will be with his younger s iblings.

They sat there watching the last of the pack members coming in from the party, they looked at each other and smiled.

Watching the last of the embers of the fire die down, they were happy, they were content. They knew that whatever fate has in

store for them, they will come through it well, as long as they had each other and the pack.

After all the darkness and shadows, they were now living in the light and warmth of Love 31