

I pushed with every last ounce of energy I had left.
Searing hot pain shredded through me, like I was being ripped down the middle.
And then release.
"It's a healthy girl!" Sable yelled over my pup's high-pitched cries
Quinn squealed with excitement, and through my tears, I could see Mason beaming.
"Is Katie okay, too?" he asked his mother.
"She's lost some blood, but nothing concerning. I'd call it a success."
Mason turned back to me and pushed back my hair from my face.
"That was bada ss, Katie," he said softly, squeezing my hand once more. "You're going to be an
incredible
mom."
My heart swelled.
But before I could even thank him, he was out the door and Sable was standing at my side with my
beautiful baby girl.
My heart leapt.





We turned back around to face her, looking into her tiny eyes, and it was like she could see straight into
our soul, and we could see into hers.
Light seemed to blossom from the small space between us, and a warm flood of emotion erupted from
my heart, traveling through my wolf's body, down to the pads of my paws.
It was love.
The strongest I'd ever felt before.
But than
It sounded like a warning.
"No," Lily was saying. "No, no, no,"
Every hair on my body stood up.
Something was very wrong.