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"They didn't even notice me before you showed up. It's all your fault." I threw my napkin at her.

"Nah, they would have caught on eventually. It just happened a little faster with me. I still watch the videos of your birthday when we went shopping. I thought your head was going to explode when I brought out the first hideous dress. It was so big and poofy you looked like a porcelain doll." She scrolls her phone and starts handing it around. I haven't forgotten this day, but I don't remember their reactions being this dramatic.

She takes her phone back and flips to something else and then hands it around. It's a video from the lake at the Alpha King's castle. They are all just goofing around when Mateo gets a message. He stares at the screen then almost drops the phone as he scrolls. "What the f\*ck?!" He asks the air, which gets the attention of the others, who huddle around him. All their faces go slack, then Sam's glowing smile breaks across his face. "Yes! Go Little Bit. You guys are f\*cked. She looks like that around all those hoity rich bastards. She's never coming back. They know she can fight, they know she's smart and now," He whistles. "She's a prize. At least she's with Xander. They look good together." I can tell by the look on his face that he is messing with them, but the rest of them are so serious. Mateo looks like he might puke. Oliver went completely rigid behind him. Dakota has his jaw on the floor and looks like he might cry and Cam is pissed. If he were a dragon, there would be flames shooting out of his nose. "I'm going to kill him if he lays a hand on her." Cam growls and Sam slaps his shoulder. "Hate to break it to you, but that's his hand around her waist, holding her real tight, and if she's meant to stay close to him all night, then that is probably going to be what you will see in every picture. You should have grown a set when she was still with us." There's more, but I pause it.

I look up at Sierra. "What the hell is this? Why have I never seen this before?"

"First, don't shoot the messenger. And second, you cannot be that blind. They were all in love with you, even Sam. But we are not talking about that because he is mine and my wolf is already territorial about him, this kid is making it worse. I'm so glad it's quick though. I was talking to Elena and humans take like a whole year to grow a baby. Bleh. I'm two months into my six month stint, I can't imagine all these hormones for a year."

Jena threw a cucumber in her mouth. "Yeah, I about ripped Mateo's head off this morning for putting a glass down too loud on the counter and then I cried for thirty minutes for yelling at him. He thinks it's hilarious, which makes me want to punch him even more. I am less emotional around you all." We all start laughing again. We were all over the moon when the pack doctor confirmed that she is

pregnant and everything looks healthy and completely normal.

"That is the female bond you have. Everyone here has the capacity to go through pregnancy and hormones the way you are right now. Your wolves are very close as well. The female wolves will always protect and help their pregnant pack members. They are carrying the future." Ava looking at each of us. "All your children will be close too. Look at the boys and Sky" She looks at me and wiggles her eyebrows.

"Oh, no you don't. We are not talking about this. First Sierra what's to play dress up and then you are trying to get me pregnant. I'm sure you can find other ways to torture me." They are all laughing again.

"We know you're not ready, Sweet Girl. But that doesn't mean that I'm not ready. And I will never stop asking. I hope you have a dozen." She rubs her hands together, like a cartoon villain. I about choked on my water. She has lost her f\*cking mind.

She did let the subject go after that, thankfully. And just to make sure it didn't come up again I mindlinked Gentry and Elena to train with me so I would have an excuse to leave. All the girls complained when I got up to go, but as the resident workaholic, they all know I can only sit still for so long. We did actually work though. I am learning nature magic and how to feel through the grass and dirt. I can actually hear the trees communicate even

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from the center of the pack all the way out to the mainland. It is so cool, but takes a lot of concentration, which is hard right now having so many decisions needing to be made. I think this will be one of my favorite ways to meditate and relax though.