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The room faded away as my temper flared. Standing up, my wolf was showing as she walked up to Angela and grabbed her by the nape of her neck. Shoving her face down, my wolf looked at Alec. "Start the fucking challenge. NOW!" Without waiting an answer, she walked Angela out of the office and straight out of the packhouse. Everyone that witnessed us, started to follow us. There was a lot of 'oh s hits' and 'fuck yeahs' being whispered. My wolf pay no attention to them as she marched straight out to the ring that was being set up. My wolf didn't wait as she walked straight into the ring and tossed her to the side. Angela fell on her hands and knees. Walking backwards, we kept our eyes on her. "Kris..." Alec's voice was behind me. "Fuck off, Alec." I said in the mind-link. As mad as I was, I was not about to have this conversation in front of people. "How fucking dare you hide a meeting with Angela from me! How fucking dare you having an important meeting with Sherry and not discuss this with me! I am suppose to be your fucking equal. Is this how this is going to be? You hiding s hit from me? I will not live like that!" I turned and let him see the. hurt in my eyes. He took a step towards me but I took one back. Alec's eyes hardened. "Colt and your family just got here." He turned and walked over to Alpha Marc who was standing with his arms crossed. He was glaring at his son as my family approached.

"What is wrong with Ice?" Colt asked. Alec shook his head and walked past him. Colt walked up to me. with his hands out. "Ice?" "I'm going to kill her." I said threw gritted teeth. Colt walked up to me and placed his hands on my shoulders. "Breath." Colt took a deep breath, wanting me to follow him. Out of pure stubbornness, I refused. "Ice...come on." I looked over as Jasper put a hand on Alec, keeping him from coming over here. Turning my attention.

back to Colt, I gave in and listened. Taking a deep breath, my wolf relaxed and moved back to allow me to come forward. "I'm fine." I said after a minute. "What happened?" "Alec didn't tell me about the meeting with Sherry! Like he is trying to keep me in the dark about. everything. Then I walk into his office to see him having a private meeting with this bit ch. She then tells me, she knows what he likes in the bedroom." It all spilled out as the hurt filled my heart. "Ah." Colt nodded as he took in all my rambling. I crossed my arms over my chest as I looked up at the sky. Rain clouds were starting to grow in the distance. "You know that he has to have meetings with 1/2 "Not with her!" I glared at him. "Then you need to discuss what you feel comfortable with. Tell him how you feel and come to an agreement. ice, I don't know Alec very well but I do know that he loves you. He wouldn't intentionally hurt you." "Who's brother are you? You are suppose to go kick his as s for hurting me." I was letting my stubborn side. take over. "Kristen, listen. Every newly mated couple, especially those in ranking positions have a period where they have to figure out what works for them. Did you really expect to come here and think everything was going to be rainbows and sunshine?" Colt moved so he was standing in front of my face. My eyes glanced over at Alec. His arms were folded, and he was staring right at me. Jasper and Alpha Marc were slightly in front of him. "Yes... no... I don't know. I was so focused on getting away from A nn that I didn't really think about it." "You are the smartest person I know, but when it comes to emotions, you are just like the rest of us."

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“How rude!” I playfully slapped his shoulder. Colt laughed and pulled me into a hug. “You need to focus. Angela has been trained as a fighter and you need to not be acting like a jealous girlfriend. You can easily beat her but you need to have your head on your shoulders.” “Yeah... yeah.” I said reluctantly. “Why are you so good at this? You just found your mate yesterday, too?” “I’ve had more conversations with dad about it than you. You were so focused on your shop that talking about mates wasn’t really a thing. Plus, we weren’t sure who your mate was.” Colt trailed off after the last bit. “FIGHTERS READY?” Alpha Marc’s voice boomed out. My attention was brought back to the topic at hand. The stands were filled, someone was talking to Angela, showing her a move and my eyes landed on my dad. He was standing proudly beside Penny. “You got this, Ice.” Colt gave me one last hug before walking back to the side.

Turning my attention to the bitch, I started stretching my arms and legs out. My adrenaline was pumping as excitement grew up again. My wolf was pacing in the back of my mind with her teeth out. She wanted blood. Angela gave me a stupid smirk as she glanced over at Alec and smiled. Following her eyes, Alec was only looking at me. I felt a few times of him trying to mind-link me but I kept that door shut. I needed to focus and nothing he could say right now would be helpful. I needed to do this for me. No one was going to jump me in the bathroom in my own club and get away from it. “FIGHT!” Dad’s voice rang out and Angela ran after me. Crouching down, I got ready. If I remembered correctly, Angela had a right hand. My memory served correctly as she faked left and came at me with her right. Lifting my forearm, I blocked it before bringing my left around. She blocked that too but she didn’t see my knee coming. It landed right in her stomach.

“ooooff” she breathed but recovered quickly. She used her momentum to fall and knock my knees out from under me. “S hit.” I whispered as I fell back but I was able to rotate and land on my hands and knees. Angela was right on top of me, delivering a punch to my kidney. This was a move we practiced. It was like second nature at this point. Reaching around, my arm wrapped around her neck and pulled her up and over me. We ended up with landed a decent blow to the back of my head, I moved so I was on top of her. Pulling my hand back, I punched her straight in the nose. It broke instantly as blood sprayed everywhere. Not wanting this fight to be over yet, I stood up and backed off her. “Get up, bitch.” I said loudly. I wanted everyone to know I wasn’t done. Angela rolled to the side, put her nose back in place and wobbled but stood up. “Is that all you have?” She ran after me again but her movement were weak and pitiful. It was too easy to block her right hand and deliver an upper cut that sent her flying backwards. My wolf was still seeing red. Walking up to her, I grabbed her shirt and pulled her up before delivering a solid kick to her chest. Angela flew backwards until she hit the rope that forced her on her knees. She finally collapsed. Trying to get up, she fell forward again. Walking up to her, I flipped her over. Angela’s face was starting to really swell. Standing over her, she looked at me with one eye. “Keep your fucking hands and eyes off my man.” With that, I delivered one last punch that knocked her out cold. The crowd went wild as I wiped my hands off on her shirt. I was barely breathing heavily.

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“WINNER, KRISTEN JEFFERYS.” I watched as Colt walked over to me and held up my hand. My eyes shifted around at all the pack members that came to watch until they landed on Alec. His eyes were filled with both anger and proudness. I could feel it through the bond. However, he didn’t come to me. Instead, he stood there, watching. It confused me. Why didn’t he come congratulate me? “Why isn’t Alec coming over?” I whispered to Colt. Colt’s eyes instantly found me as he frowned. “I’m sorry, Ice. I wasn’t aware this was going to happen.” His words confused me. “KRISTEN IS THE NEW MATE TO MY SON! AS YOU ALL KNOW, SHE IS NOW MATED AND MARKED, MAKING HER THE FUTURE LUNA OF THIS PACK. ANYONE WHO WISHES TO CHALLENGE HER, YOUR CHANCE IS NOW! SPEAK UP NOW OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR TONGUE!” Alpha Marc boomed out. Betrayal filled me as I looked into Alec’s eyes. He never warned me. My jaw dropped at this. My eyes looked around for anyone that wanted to challenge me. I knew I put on a show but that didn’t mean there wasn’t someone that wanted to challenge me. I didn’t even know this was a normal practice here. After a few minutes of silence, Alpha Marc spoke again. “THAT’S IT! NO CHALLENGERS! LET ME INTRODUCE YOUR FUTURE LUNA, KRISTEN JEFFERYS!” A deafening cheer erupted across the field. I felt Alec walk up to me as Colt dropped my hand and walked away. Not once did my eyes land on him but I allowed him to grab my hand and raise it. Everyone went crazy as they looked at their future alpha and

luna. Seeing Emmy come towards me, I ripped my arm away from Alec and went over to her. Her arms were out stretched for a hug. “That’s a way to kick as s!” “Thanks.” I said as we broke apart. “Nice job!” Jasper smiled as he pulled Emmy back to his side.

“Kris!” Penny was walking up with Colt and my dad. “Hey girl!” I waved at them as they approached. Penny gave me a hug, then Colt and lastly my dad. “Good job. I’m proud of you.” Dad looked me in the eyes when he spoke. Something about it made me feel accomplished. “Thanks, dad.” I smiled as I took a step back. “Good job, Kristen.” Alpha Marc came up and smiled at me. +15 BONUS Anger rose in me as I looked at him. “I was unaware you would be opening the challenge for everyone.” I said bluntly. A few of the gang looked down but dad was taken aback. “You didn’t know?” “No. I was not made aware that I would possibly be fighting multiple people.” “I’m sure you can understand. We wanted to get it out of the way. I didn’t want a surprise challenge. We were already here.” Alpha Marc looked unbothered between my dad and myself. “I’m sorry, I don’t mean to be disrespectful but that is a load of crap. If you please excuse me, I need to change for this meeting we are apparently having about Sherry.” I walked off and didn’t give them a chance to reply. I knew I might have over stepped but I doubt Alec or my dad would allow Alpha Marc to do anything to me when he was clearly in the wrong. “Kristen!” Alec yelled my name but I ignored him. If I turned around, all I would do is punch him. As I picked up my pace, I pushed all my anger to him through the bond. I wanted him to know I was pissed. Throwing the front door open, my feet echoed across the marble until I hit the stairs. He was right behind me as I bounced up each step until I got to our bedroom. The worst part, I had to unlock the bedroom door, giving him a chance to catch up. Right as I walked through, he grabbed my arm. As he pulled me around, my right hook came with it.

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“Whoa!” Alec dodged my punch. Grabbed my wrist forcefully, he kicked the door shut and pushed me up against it. His b*dy was pressed against mine. It betrayed me as the sparks sent waves of pleasure to my core. “That wasn’t very nice.” His l*ps were grazing my own “F uck you.” I whispered. “Hmm, my pleasure.” I felt his d ick harden. Using everything in me, I pushed him off of me. “I can’t believe you! First I find out that you are having this meeting about Sherry that you never spoke to me about. Then I walk in on your having a private meeting with Angela! Your dad opened the challenge to everyone and you left pis sed off this morning! Anything else I forgot?” I was yelling at him by the end of it. Alec was just standing there in all his se xiness with his arms folded over his chest. His eyes were narrowed at me as I continued my rant. “Hmm.”

“What gives you the right to keep that s hit from me? I thought we were f ucking equals! We have only been mated for a f u cking day and you already are treating me like I am under you!” I started walking off. Pacing around the room as I kept going. “I told you from the beginning that I rather be single than be treated like I am less than! Just because I wasn’t sorry about issuing the challenge doesn’t give you the right to be pi ssy with me and walk off! You are suppose to support me! 1-” Alec grabbed my arm and pulled me towards him. Slamming his l*ps against mine, he forced me to shut up. At first I tried to push him away but it was futile. His hand was pressed against my lower back as the other hand cupped my face. His thumb shifted like he was going to choke me, which just caused a wave of pleasure through me. The fight in me was leaving me all too quickly. “You..” He placed a k*ss on my neck. He kept talking as he assault kept going. “ready...to listen?” His hand was cupping my as s. Moving it down, he lifted my leg so it wrapped around him. My b*dy was putty in his hands. “Nnoo” I moaned as he licked my mark. Grabbing my other leg, he picked me up and walked me over to the couch. Lowering me down, he

pinned me between the couch and himself. Even I wanted to get out, I couldn’t. “Too bad.” Grabbing both of my wrist, he held them above my head. “That is for my safety.” “Get off.” I sighed. “Not until you listen to me.” Alec waited until I made eye contract with him. +15 BONUS “Fine, please try to explain the betrayal that I have been shown all day.” I pulled out my most sarcastic voice. “First off, you have known from the beginning that I hated this challenge.” “Yeah, because Angela was your girlfriend and you have wanted nothing but to protect her.” My wolf flashed before me. “Wrong.” He said firmly. He kept one hand round my wrist but the other cupped my face. His thumb gently rubbed my cheek. “I dumped her the day she was disrespectful at the pizza parlor. I didn’t even have that strong of feelings for her. That moment I k*ssed you in the club, I knew you were meant for me. I love you. I was worried about your safety, Kristen, I have never seen you fight. All I have done is watch you get hurt. Day after day, you have only known hurt. For one day, I just want you to not get hurt.” I mean, he wasn’t lying. If it wasn’t physical pain, it was emotional pain. “Hiding the meeting?” Alec rolled his eyes. “I was going to tell you about it after the challenge. I wanted you to focus on that and not the meeting. Jasper will be hearing about this.” “The meeting with Angela?” I asked through gritted teeth. “That wasn’t planned. She was released from the cells earlier in the morning. I honestly went to my office to cool off about the challenge before you went down so I could be helpful. She walked in literally one minute before you did. I never even had time to speak. She walked in and demanded I cancel the challenge.”

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He wasn't lying. That much was true. Each time he spoke, he looked me in the eyes and confessed his innocence. "Opening the challenge?" Anger flashed in his own eyes. "I honestly had no idea he was going to do that. Trust me, I will be having words with him." "That was fucking bulls hit." I said, reiterating my hurt feelings. "I agree." He gave me a k*ss on the l*ps. "I truly am sorry." My anger had dissipated. "What is the meeting with Sherry about?" "How all this is going to work really. She was part of the Midnight River Pack. She might have information on why they attacked your shop. You know what happened to her last night. That happens constantly over there." The anger was back. "I can't believe that actually happened." My b*d*y relaxed under Alec's comforting presence. My head leaned into his hand. "I'd never allow anything like that to happen like that to you." Alec promised.

"What did you do to those guys?" "Colt and I took care of them." I had a feeling that was all I was going to get from them. "I don't regret dancing with Darin." I said looking at Alec. "I didn't enjoy it but I saved Sherry... sorta." Alec's eyes hardened. "You have no idea how difficult it was for me to watch that. I was seconds from breaking his neck." "I would have enjoyed that." Lifting my head up, my tongue grazed his l*ps, briefly. "I enjoyed you stomping into my office and plopping yourself down on my lap." Alec lowered his head and whispered in my ear. His own tongue traced my ear. "Next time, I won't be gentle about it." I promised. Lifting my leg, I pressed my knee firmly against his d ick. "Next time, I won't hesitate to f uck you in front of whoever is in the room." That...that was a promise.

"Hmm, sounds like a challenge and you know how I handle a challenge." "Is that what you want? Someone watching me shove my d ick in you?" Alec asked. "I just don't think you would do it. That would mean you would allow someone to see me n*ked and this outfit bothered you." Alec's claws extended as they went down my b*d*y until it reached the bottom of my shirt. Slowly, he started working his way up. "Hmm, I could always command them to look away." "Then what is the point of f ucking me in front of someone?" I thought I had him there. "They would still hear you moan my name." Alec whispered in my ear as his finger played with my sports bra hem. My breathing was getting heavier. "They could also hear it if you leave the window open." I was playing with fire now. "You're lucky dad is calling us to go to his office. However, tonight.... the window will be open." Alec gave me a look that told me he meant business. "Better change quickly." He k*ssed me firmly once more before getting off me. Trying not to make it sound like he even affected me, I got up and went to the closet. What to wear... it was a hot day and I wanted to shower. "Do I really need to change?" I yelled out at Alec. "No. Why? Don't want to now?" Alec was leaning against the door frame. "I want to get a workout in and maybe run to my shop to see how things are going. It's a hot day and I'm already sticky." "Alright, lets go." Alec shrugged and turned around to leave. He opened the door for me. I had a sarcastic remark on the tip of my tongue but I held it as I passed by him. Alec lifted an eyebrow like he was waiting for me to comment but was surprised when I didn't. Instead, I had my arms crossed and walked just slightly in front of him. The humor I felt from him through the bond was rather annoying. Once we got to the office, Alec knocked once before opening the door. We were last coming in as Penny, Sherry and Luna Erin were on the far couch. Sherry was stiff and still really scared. Penny and Luna Erin were trying to calm her. Colt,

Jacob, Jasper and Alpha Marc were standing by the desk. To my displeasure, Anna was sitting in an arm chair a little ways off the couch.

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"Now that we are all here..." Alpha Marc gave Alec a look. He seemed to not care and leaned against the wall. "Sherry, please come have a seat in front of me." He gestured to an arm chair directly in front of his desk. Sherry visibly shook as she stood up and walked over to the chair to sit. Her head was kept downward the entire time. "Yes, Alpha." Jacob kept his eyes on her the entire time. Outwardly, he looked ready to kill someone. "Jacob, can I please speak with you outside?" I worked it a question but it was anything but. Alpha Marc and Alec looked at me surprised but dad and Colt pointed at the door, telling him to go. I didn't wait to see if he would follow, I knew he would. As soon as the door was shut, I laid into him. "What the hell is your problem, Jacob?" His eyes narrowed at me. "MY problem? Are you serious?" He laughed as he couldn't believe what I just asked. "Yes, your problem! She is your mate!"

"I know that! A mate I can't touch or she freaks out! A mate that has been raped or at least abused but she won't tell me!" Jacob said a little too loud. "Look at yourself! I wouldn't tell you s hit either! You look like you are ready to kill her! You whole demeanor is unwelcoming and very off putting. She needs love and compassion. All you have shown her is anger. I haven't even been around you but three seconds and I can already tell that she is scared of you!" "I haven't even touched her!" Jacob yelled back. "Lower your damn voice at me. You have done nothing but scare her! Think about how you were standing in there. Your arms were crossed, glaring at her as she walked to the chair. My guess... you lost your temper more than once with her already for being scared." Crossing my arms, I dared him to argue.

He opened his mouth a few times but didn't say anything. Instead, he let out a deep growl that vibrated the walls. "This isn't what I thought it would be like." "I know. I'm sorry this is your reality but that girl in there is scared s hitless. You are her mate and she doesn't need to be scared of you too. You need to be her ally, her voice. You need to be understanding. and to keep your emotions in check." "Fuck!" Jacob put his hands on top of his head and walked a few steps away from me. "Ice, how am I 1/2 "By being patient and understanding. You weren't mated to her for no reason. Trust the Moon Goddess put you with her for a reason. Be the man she needs you to be and she will become the woman you need in return." I said softer. "This is karma for treating woman like I have." Jacob confessed. "I mean... I wasn't going to say that but..." I'm not a kick you while your down kind of girl but it did cross my mind. "Alright, alright. Let's go back in." Jacob took a deep breath. "Ready?" I said as I grabbed the door handle.

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"Yeah." Jacob sighed. Opening the door, we had all eyes as we walked back in. Sherry gave me a look that told me she didn't appreciate me taking her mate into the hall. Even let out a little growl before her eyes got wide and fear filled them. "Oh my! I'm so sorry!" Sherry put a hand over her mouth as her eye widened. Her face turned pale as she looked at me. "HA! You're fine. It's natural to be territorial over your mate." I said as I went over and sat beside Penny and Luna Erin. Jacob went over and sat in the

other arm chair beside Sherry. "Sherry, what ranking were you at the other pack?" Dad asked Sherry. "I-I was a maid. All women are maids. There is never a ranking woman." Sherry said through her fingers as she hadn't removed her hand yet. "What did your dad do?" Dad asked. "Um, he died when I was little but mom said he used to be a warrior." Sherry kept her head down but her hands finally wrapped around themselves as she placed them on her lap.

"Are you aware that the Midnight River pack destroyed Kristen's tattoo parlor last week?" Alpha Marc asked. "Um.. I..." she started shaking all over again as she glanced over at me. Rolling my eyes, I got up and walked over to stand in front of her. "Sherry, look at me." I knelt down so I was below her eye level. Sherry obeyed and looked at me. Tears were in her eyes. "I want you to ignore the men." There was some uncomfortable shifting behind me as I knew that just irritated Alpha Marc. "Just you and me, okay? You are safe here. You will not be punished for anything you say. No one here is going to lay a hand on you. You have my word that you will not be in trouble over anything you tell us. You are Jacob's mate, which makes you one of us. We take care of each other. You never have to go back there again." I put my hands

on hers. Sherry looked at me as I talked. She really took in everything I said and relaxed a little. "Okay." "Please, tell me what you know about my shop being destroyed." "I-I was cleaning in the bathroom. Alpha Darin walked by with Alpha Rip and were talking about Alpha Darin and who he will take as a mate. They don't believe in fated mates. If you aren't what they want, they reject you. Well, I actually don't know if he rejected her. We can hear screams from his bedroom every night. We aren't allowed in his room. Since he found her, we have never seen her again. Alpha Darin... he told his dad he liked your spark. He wanted to make you submit to him." Tears filled her eyes again as bile rose in my throat. "Did you hear anything else?" I asked, trying to keep my voice calm. "No, once they realized I was there, they..." "That's okay, you don't have to tell us." I said as I gathered my thoughts. "So there are no ranking women?" "No, even Alpha Rip's Luna. She is the only person that doesn't have to clean. She is in charge of making sure we do our jobs. She is beaten everyday just like we are. If we fail, we get punished and so does she." "Okay. Do you know Penny here?" I asked looking over at Penny. Sherry followed my eyes and nodded. "She is mated to Alpha Colt." "Correct. I am Colt's sister. I grew up with Colt and Jacob. Penny has been my assistant for years. She has the sweetest soul. Penny is learning her role as Luna but your new role will be the female version of Jacob. Currently, he is gam ma. That makes you the gam ma female. In their pack, women hold the same rank as their mates or vice versa. However, I think Colt and everyone would agree with me when I say that you need some time to adjust to how we do things. For the first few months, I want you to do whatever you want to do. If you want to learn to cook, go to the kitchen. If you want to garden or help with the

orphanage, then do it. Your only job is to learn a new way of life. Jacob will treat you like the princess you are. It will take a lot of patience and error but he was chosen for you for a reason. I personally think he needs a good woman to knock him around a little."

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Sherry gave a little laugh and looked briefly over to Jacob. "Okay." "Why don't you and Penny go to the kitchen and get a snack? We will finish up here and if we have any more questions, I'll have Penny bring you back here." "Yes, Ma'am." Sherry gave me a small smile. "Call me Kris." Standing up, I took her hands in mine and pulled her up. Penny walked over and put her arm around Sherry. "Let me show you the way." Luna Erin smiled at me and went to open the office door. Only when they were gone, did I turn around and sit down. Jacob stood up and looked at the door. "Jacob, sit down." I said and sighed. He listened but didn't like it. "Kristen..." Alpha Marc started. "I'm sorry, Alpha Marc but she has been abused her whole life. Being questioned by a man wasn't going to get her to open up."

"Can I speak now?" He leaned back and lifted an eyebrow. "Sorry, yes." "I was going to say, well done. I think you will make a fine luna and be good for my son." Alpha Marc gave me a little smile. I was still annoyed at him so I didn't return it. "Thank you." "So, about what she said about Darin..." Alpha Marc looked over at my dad. "He cannot get away with this!" Colt looked pissed. "We can't just do nothing." Alec said dangerously calm. Looking over at him, he barely spared me a glance but kept his face passive as he looked at his dad. "Boys, we need to be smart about this." Dad said. "We never said we aren't doing anything." "That's right. An eye for an eye." Alpha Marc agreed. "However, we need to be in the public eye so it doesn't look like we had anything to do with it." Colt

stated. "What if we hold a massive party at the club?" Jacob spoke up. 1/2 "Ah, yes. My son has told me so much about her." My eyes shifted as I fought myself to stay quiet. "That's the issue. She is mated and marked to my son. She has no interest in your son and I am calling to request that he stays away from her. He is prohibited from entering her tattoo parlor and engaging in conversation for any reason." Alpha Rip laughed. "Alpha Marc, they merely ran into each other the other day. He has had a total of two conversations with her. If he has affected her to the point that you are interfering, I must raise the question as to why that would be. Maybe he does affect her emotionally?" "I assure you that is not the case. She is frankly disgusted by him and that little stunt he pulled at the party last night was equally heinous. I shouldn't have to tell you that what happened was a serious overstep by your pack members in regards to Sherry." "Alpha Marc, boys will be boys. She is with Alpha Brian's pack so I don't see the need to talk about Sherry any further. As for Kristen, my son is a young adult and saw someone who intrigued him. You cannot tell me Alec or Colt have never flirted with a girl before. Isn't Colt's gam ma, Jacob I think. Isn't he a... what do the kids call it... play boy? I'm surprised he even wanted to mate with Sherry in the first place!" "Alpha Rip, hear me loud and clear, Darin stays away from Kristen or a conversation will not be given as a curtesy again."

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Alec POV "She didn't fall for that at all." I said, looking at Colt. "I didn't figure she would have but I am surprised she didn't fight me on it." Colt sighed and looked at Alpha Brian. "We cannot let Darin get anywhere near her." "Agreed. That whole display at the party was a slap in the face." Alpha Brian was finally showing his true feelings. His face was getting red and his wolf was showing. "What do you suggest? It's not like we can send warriors to beat him up for it. They wouldn't stand a chance, he would

have his men with him, and that would be a direct cry for war.” Dad leaned back. We were known for showing no mercy but we needed to be smart on this one. “He walked into her shop and asked for a tattoo.” I said to the room. “The fuck he is!” Colt was pissed off. “I agree, she cannot tattoo him. That is what started this whole thing anyway.”

“I think maybe we need to call Alpha Rip and have a conversation with him about her. That would be a starting point.” Dad sighed. “We can cover our bases that way.” “Call now.” I said, a little too demanding. Dad gave me a look that told me to stand down but Colt spoke up. “I agree. I want to hear the call.” Dad sighed and grabbed the phone. “On speaker phone.” I said as he punched in the number. Ring! Ring! Ri- “Alpha Marc. I am surprised to hear from you.” Alpha Rip’s voice bounced off the walls. “I felt it was prudent for us to have a conversation.” Dad spoke very authoritative and professionally. “Some things have been brought to my attention that does not make me happy. I am hoping we can come to a solution.”

“What problem is that?” Alpha Rip sounded bored. “Kristen Jeffreys.” “Ah, yes. My son has told me so much about her.” My eyes shifted as I fought myself to stay quiet. “That’s the issue. She is mated and marked to my son. She has no interest in your son and I am calling to request that he stays away from her. He is prohibited from entering her tattoo parlor and engaging in conversation for any reason.” Alpha Rip laughed. “Alpha Marc, they merely ran into each other the other day. He has had a total of two conversations with her. If he has affected her to the point that you are interfering, I must raise the question as to why that would be. Maybe he does affect her emotionally?” “I assure you that is not the case. She is frankly disgusted by him and that little stunt he pulled at the party last night was equally heinous. I shouldn’t have to tell you that what happened was a serious overstep by your pack members in regards to Sherry.” “Alpha Marc, boys will be boys. She is with Alpha Brian’s pack so I don’t see the need to talk about Sherry any further. As for Kristen, my son is a young adult and saw someone who intrigued him. You cannot tell me Alec or Colt have never flirted with a girl before. Isn’t Colt’s gam ma, Jacob I think. Isn’t he a... what do the kids call it... play boy? I’m surprised he even wanted to mate with Sherry in the first place!” “Alpha Rip, hear me loud and clear, Darin stays away from Kristen or a conversation will not be given as a courtesy again.”

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“Is that a threat?” Alpha Rip’s voice deepened. “Take it as you want but I am protecting the future of my pack and I will not take the harassment of the future Luna lightly.” “Let the best man win.” Alpha Rip said dangerously before hanging up. “FUCK!” My anger finally snapped as punched the wall. My fist went all the way through the wall. “Our next move better be a statement.” Colt was vibrating in anger. “Kristen doesn’t go anywhere without an escort.” I said venomously. “Agreed. She won’t like it but she doesn’t have a choice.” Alpha Brian’s eyes were still showing his wolf. An n opened her mouth to speak but after one look from her mate, she wisely shut up. “Alright. You guys can head home. Alpha Brian, I will call you in a few hours with locations.”

“Sounds good.” I walked over and opened the door for them. Alpha Brian walked out, then Jacob but Colt stopped in front of me. “Keep my sister safe.” It wasn’t exactly a threat but it was. However, I knew where he was coming from. “With my life.” I said lowly. I doubt anyone noticed our interaction but if they did, no one said a word. Instead, we all walked to the kitchen. Laughter was coming from inside. It was more of my mom’s voice that was the loudest but I could still make out Kristen’s. My eyes landed on all of them sitting around a table. Sherry was even smiling as mom and Kristen were telling stories. Penny was blushing and shaking her head. “Ladies.” I said announcing our presence. I noticed Sherry instantly shut up and her face fell. Kissing the top of Kristen’s head, I sat down beside them. “What is so funny here?”

“I was telling them when Penny face planted at the school carnival.” Kristen smiled at me. “That would have been funny to see.” I agreed. Colt sat down next to Penny. “I remember that!” Penny blushed as she turned away from Colt. “Did you get your update you needed?” I asked Kristen. “Yes. Cabinets and flooring go down tomorrow. Sounds like they need more painting done so I’m going to head over now and do that.” 1/2 “Ah, yes. My son has told me so much about her.” My eyes shifted as I fought myself to stay quiet. “That’s the issue. She is mated and marked to my son. She has no interest in your son and I am calling to request that he stays away from her. He is prohibited from entering her tattoo parlor and engaging in conversation for any reason.” Alpha Rip laughed. “Alpha Marc, they merely ran into each other the other day. He has had a total of two conversations with her. If he has affected her to the point that you are interfering, I must raise the question as to why that would be. Maybe he does affect her emotionally?” “I assure you that is not the case. She is frankly disgusted by him and that little stunt he pulled at the party last night was equally heinous. I shouldn’t have to tell you that what happened was a serious overstep by your pack members in regards to Sherry.” “Alpha Marc, boys will be boys. She is with Alpha Brian’s pack so I don’t see the need to talk about Sherry any further. As for Kristen, my son is a young adult and saw someone who intrigued him. You cannot tell me Alec or Colt have never flirted with a girl before. Isn’t Colt’s ga mma, Jacob I think. Isn’t he a... what do the kids call it... play boy? I’m surprised he even wanted to mate with Sherry in the first place!” “Alpha Rip, hear me loud and clear, Darin stays away from Kristen or a conversation will not be given as a curtesy again.” “ Mrs. Smith