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"You can shift back now. I have a shirt for you." Alec said, trying to coax me into shifting. It worked as Sierra went back into my mind to avoid the pain we were feeling. I knew I was back when the dry dirt went into my nose and caused me to sneeze. "Ow." I cried as Alec put a shirt over me and I felt some shorts being pulled on. "I'm so sorry. I can't believe you did that without me there. You knew that was going to be painful. It pisses me off I am the reason this happened." I "You're dad sprung it on me. Can I sleep now?" I said as the black spots were winning. "Yes, sleep my love. I got you." I heard him whisper before I felt a kiss to my forehead, then blackness. Alec's POV I just sat down beside my passed out mate. I was so fucking pissed off that my wolf took over. It wasn't

until my wolf saw his mate that he even started calming down. When he realized she was in pain, his anger became guilt. I don't know how many times at this point that her not being able to mind-link anyone had been a disadvantage but the fact dad had her do it without me there, pisses me off. Jasper left me his phone before he left. I needed to call Colt and tell him what was going on. I hated putting more on his plate but he was our best ally at this point. Finding Colt's number, I hit call. It only rang twice before he picked up. "Jasper?" "No, it's me." I said with a sigh. "Alec, what's wrong? Where is your phone?" Colt was instantly alert. "My phone is probably broken somewhere. I don't actually know. Listen, I don't have good news." "Is Kristen okay?"

"Yeah, she is fine." Standing up, I started pacing. "What's going on?" Colt asked. "We finally broke through the phone..." Colt waited a beat before talking. "...and?" "And it's fucking bad. The phone is linked to the same building in the city but what is bad is there are a few days ago from the my territory." "WHAT?" Colt yelled. "Kristen thinks, due to the angle, they were taken from a distance and up high. She thinks a drone has been flying over and taking a video and screen shots are being sent to the phone." "Why were they being sent to the phone?" Colt asked. His voice was full of anger. "Probably so the rogues could identify her." I felt like a failure just saying it. "What is the plan for this?" Colt asked. "We don't have one yet. I lost control and just now calmed down." "Is that why she denounced her ties?" "Yeah. On more than one occasion it has been an issue she can't mind-link anyone here for help or whatever." "I'm assuming she is passed out now?" "Yup." "How the fuck are we going to stop a fucking drone?" Colt asked. "No idea. Kristen thinks they have to be within a mile or two of it for it to work. Send scouts out to they can find anyone. Shoot it down when we find it." "It's not like she will stay inside. We are already taking away her shop. Not like we can open the bar either until this is done." Colt was thinking out loud. "It's getting dark. This is going to be a long fucking week. A buzz caught my attention. Looking up, I saw a little bee fly around my head before it exploded right in front of my face. "The fuck?" The smoke went into

my nose. "Alec?" "Fuck, Colt, helllll" the world started spinning before it went black.

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Kristen POV "Wakey wakey." A splash of colt water hit my face, forcing me to focus. My stomach was rolling, threatening to spill every ounce of food I had digested. Pain ripped through my shoulder and ankles. My head was pounding so bad that I couldn't understand why Alec would leave me in the forest. "Alec?" I groaned as my mouth filled with saliva. "Oh no, I am much better." A voice I wished I never would hear again invaded my ears. My b\*dy instantly tensed as I forced my eyes open. Everything was spinning, making me lose my battle. Leaning to the side, my stomach emptied itself. "Yeah, that can happen. Side effect I'm afraid." "Side effects... of what?" I asked between dry heaves.

"Oh, well, if I told you that I would have to kill you." Darin laughed. Focusing on my breathing, I tried to level it out before slowly peaking my eyes open. My head was heavy as I rolled from side to side. I could tell I was sitting up. Something tied my wrist and ankles together but I still had clothes on. Someone firmly grabbed my chin and pulled my face up before pressing their l\*ps against me. As hard tried to resist, he tried to stick his tongue in my mouth. Panic set in as I realized what was happening. Worst fear had some true. As soon as his tongue touched mine, I bit down as hard as I could. Thankful he instantly let go of me but a sharp pain shot across my face. I felt the blood drip from my mouth and above my eye. "You stu pid bi tch" Darin yelled. My vision was starting to come around. I saw him holding his mouth as

blood trickled down his chin. He was looking at me with anger and lust. "I am going to have fun f ucking that attitude out of you. I'll make you submit." He took a step towards me when someone yelled at him. "DARINI" Darin instantly stopped moved but his eyes never left me. "I apologize for my son. He gets impatient sometimes." Alpha Rip walked in. He was an older version of Darin but much less hair. Fear gripped me but I tried to hide it as much as possible. "Sometimes?" I said as I spit out a wa d of blood. "I do like your fire." Alpha Rip walked more into the light. "What do you want with me?" I asked. I was proud of myself for how steady my voice was. "I, personally, don't want anything. My son would like you to reject Alec and mate with him." "I'll die before that happens." Alpha Rip got an evil smile on his face. "We will see about that." He said before he slapped Darin on the chest and they all walked out. The metal door slammed shut before I heard some locks. "F uck." I whispered to myself. Looking around, I started figuring out where I was. A big as s fan was slowly moving above me. A little light was shining from it otherwise I was in a massive room. Like it was a store that has been vacant for years now. No shelves but there was columns around. Everything was coated in inches of dust. The windows were so dirty that you couldn't even see out of them. It was only me, this chair and a f ucking drain under me. Chains were hanging from the ceiling that I refused to think about. Either way, I knew I wasn't going to get out of this unscathed. I wasn't sure how much time had passed. Darkness had fallen over the windows and eventually massive rats started peaking out from behind the walls. My stomach was still extremely upset, I had to pee and it was getting harder and harder to hold up my head. The chair wasn't attached to the floor but I knew that if I tipped it over, it would be easier access for the rats. Since my ankles were tied to the chair, it wasn't

like I could just stand up and walk out.

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However, I tried a couple time to scoot the chair across the floor. All it did for me was make the back leg I get stuck on the drain. I was afraid if I tried anymore, I would tip over. I tried mind-linking anyone and got no response. I tried calling Sierra and she was gone. Whatever they gave me, had wolfsbane in it. Whoever invited or found that f ucking poison could go to hell. Eventually, exhaustion won over and I passed out again. The sound of the metal door snapped me out of my sleep. The hardest thing I have ever done was in that moment. Picking my head up from being full laid back was pure white hot pain. A small girl walked in and a warrior style guy was behind her with a gun in his hands. "I brought you food and I'll let you pee. If you run, he will shoot you and me." She said as she came forward. She looked to be barely twelve years old but her b\*dy was covered in bruises, or what I could see. She was wearing what looked like a potato sack. I didn't respond as she unlocked the chains that were around me. As soon as my arms and ankles were free, I immediately fell to the ground.

"Oh, f uck..." I groaned. "Bathroom is this way." She said as she walked away from me. The first time I tried to stand, I fell on my hands and knees. My arms gave out and I went down face first into the dirt. The second time, I was able to get my feet under me but it took the girl coming back and helping me stand before I was able to limp to the bathroom. There was no door but at this point, I didn't give a f uck. The toilet looked like it hadn't been cleaned in years, spiders had webs acrossed it and there was rat poop on the seat. Hovering as best I could, I finally able to pee. It felt so good to finally go but my legs protested the entire time. "HURRY UP!" The guard yelled when I was mid-stream. It wasn't like I could stop it midway so I just

kept going. However, I was pulling up my shorts when he walked in. "I'm done." I said sarcastically. "Stupid bitch!" He back handed me so hard that my head bounced off the wall. Falling to the ground, it was hard to not pass out. However, when I looked up and his fist was coming to my face, there wasn't any fighting passing out now. "What the f uck happened to her?" I heard as my senses were starting to come back to me. There was a few grunts but all I could focus on was the pain in my head. The voices sound so far away. Someone put their hand on my shoulder and shook me. "Wake up." Alpha Rip's voice pulled me from my sleep. I could only open one eye but what I saw surprised me. I was back the chair. How? I had no idea but the girl had a fresh bruise on her cheek she was wincing in front of me shaking. The guard that beat me was standing to the side with a bloody nose and "How did you get up? Alpha Rip asked me. That piece of f ucking shit I said as I looked at the guard I wasn't sure what I was expecting but watched as Darin raised a gun to his temple and fired it. The guard dropped dead in front of me. The girl tried not to scream but a little one slipped out "What are we going to do now? Dann asked "The same thing we were going to do before Alpha Rip asked as he started setting something up "With her face like that?" "It's fine Alpha Rip waved him off. Whatever they were planning my apparently bruised face was not part of the plan

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"This isn't going to go well. She doesn't have her wolf so it won't heal very quickly." "Fine. We can give her the liquid and do this tomorrow." Alpha Rip sighed. "Did you bring it?" "Well, no." "Then fucking go get it!" Alpha Rip yelled. Darin walked out of the room. A car engine sounded before he drove away. "You are lucky I have a heart. I need you half way presentable for this video." "Why?" "They will pay good money for you but sadly, you will never make it home. I have a perfect room set up for you so you can keep my son company." I didn't even have a chance to digest what he said before my stomach emptied what little bit of stomach acid was in there. Just the thought of him touching me was more than I could handle. My b\*dy couldn't even hide how fucking scared I was as it shook. The sound of an engine coming closer caused me to panic more. Just having Darin close to me was

sickening. The girl kept her head down as Alpha Rip kept working with whatever he was working on. "Got it." Darin said as he walked in. "Great." Alpha Rip said sarcastically. Anger filled me as he got closer and closer. I wasn't done fighting.. might be scared as s hit but I sure as hell wasn't going to lay down and take it. Darin walked up to the girl and kicked her. "Give this to her." She instantly stood up and took it. "What is it?" I asked. "It's a healing tea. It will help your eye not look so bad." Darin crossed his arms. "And if I don't take it?" I said in defiance. "Then I will kill her." Darin took his gun out and shoved it against her head. Her eyes looked at me and pleaded.

"Fine." Relief was clear as she held the tea up to my l\*ps before slowly pouring it in. It was cold as it slid down my throat and tasted rather bitter. I ended up choking a little since it had been so long since I drank anything. "I changed my mind. We will shoot it now." Alpha Rip said as he stood up. Why go get it then: Darin looked pissed. "Shut up." Alpha Rip looked at Darin and pushed him back. Turning to look at me, he crossed his arms. "Now, listen here. We are making a video. I have a script you will say. If you do not obey, I will shoot her in the foot." He pointed at the girl. "Then, I will restart the video and try again. Each time you fail to say exactly what I want you to, she will get shot." My heart was racing. There was only so much I could say before a sacrifice would be needed. "What are you wanting me to say?" "You will say that.... well..." Alpha Rip looked at me and frowned. "Yeah? what exactly should she say?" Darin looked at his dad. "You were suppose to say you left on your own free will but since you only can see out of one eye, we need to change it up." Alpha Rip sighed. "Does it really matter what I say if I'm not going to be let go?" The tea was really upsetting my stomach. It was already upset but this was different. "I guess not." Alpha Rip said. "On second thought, maybe a video isn't a good idea. We will just leave you here until you break and then we can take you back to the packhouse where you will start your new life." "I won't make it there." I said.

"We will see about that." Alpha Rip said with an evil smile. "Everyone has a breaking point."

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I wasn't sure how much time had passed. After Alpha Rip and Darin left the room, I haven't seen them since. Twice it became dark and the sun rose but I was so out of it that I barely knew if I was awake or asleep. Quicker than I expected, I could see out of both eyes. It was in time for a flash of light to illuminate the dark room. Thunder rolled as the smell of rain drifted in. "Good evening, beautiful." Darin's voice scared the shit out of me. I didn't hear any vehicles coming. Not sure if the storm drowned them out but since he was dry, I assumed he was in one. "What do you want?" I asked as I tried to focus. My heart started beating rapidly as he got closer and closer to me. "I have a surprise for you." Darin was smiling as he straddled me on the chair. His hands painfully gripped my breast before he forced me to look at him. "Get off!" I tried to yell but he kissed me again. This time, he kept his tongue to himself. "Fuck, I am going to enjoy fucking you." He got off me as my eyes filled with tears. My entire body was

shaking in fear but I tried to hide it. The door opened again and three warriors drug in someone that was unconscious. The only light was from a lantern that Darin had placed in front of me so it wasn't until they tied the man up and pushed in front of me that I saw who it was. "No!" I whispered. Alec was sitting in front of me, covered in blood. "Oh yes." Darin gloated. "My guards were able to find him and bring him to me." "Your guards? Found him and brought him to you?" I asked. As hard as I tried, I still couldn't mind-link him. "Yes, my sweet sexy girl. I am the superior man."

"Alec?" I tried to see if he was awake. His head was hung forward but he didn't move. "He might be out for a little bit. Until then, we will be right back." Darin laughed as he and the guards walked out. Again, I didn't hear any engine but after an hour, no one came back and Alec didn't move. "Alec, please wake up." I whimpered. He didn't answer. It took about an hour or so longer before he started groaning. "Alec!" I cried again. His face looked up as he smiled. "Fuck, it worked." He gave a small chuckle, "What worked?" I asked. "I had a hunch that Darin took you and he would want you to reject me. In order to reject me, you have to see me. I knew if I got caught, he would bring me to you." "How does that help with saving me?" I asked. "I swallowed a tracker before I left." "So, help is coming?" I asked as a ray of hope filled me. "Yes, my love. Help is coming. Are you okay?" "No." I couldn't stop the flow of tears that ran down my face. "Isn't this nice. The two love birds are getting acquainted again." Darin's voice sent fear down my spine. "Stay strong." Alec whispered to me. "Isn't she lovely?" Darin walked up behind me. Wrapping his arm across my throat, he started to choke me. "Leave her alone." Alec said in pure anger. "This beautiful face?" Letting go of my throat, he grabbed my cheeks again. "Maybe I should move His hand under my shirt My heart started racing and I did the only thing I could think my head down and snapping it back with everything I had. Head-butting him right in the nose. "FUCKING BITCH!" Darin stood up before coming around and backhanding me across the face. "DON'T TOUCH HER!" Alec yelled. Darin turned around and landed a punch to Alec's gut. It caused him to

instantly puke. "What's that?" There was an obvious ting as something fell against the floor. Picking it up, he looked at it before realization dawned on him. "I think you have about thirty seconds before this place is crawling with my men." Alec said with a smile on his face.

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Darin ran to the window before coming back to me. "This isn't over. I will be waiting for you. Right when you think you are safe, I will get you." He whispered before running out of the building. He wasn't wrong. Just a few seconds later, flash bombs went off before men came in from all directions. My eyes were on Alec as all the adrenaline crashed. My chains started shaking, instantly making me jump. "Don't touch her!" Alec commanded. We were surrounded by men in tactical gear. Everything just stopped as someone knelt in front of me. "Luna. It's me, Jasper. Can I unlock the chains?" My eyes were too full of water to see him clearly. "Unlock me first." Alec said. Jasper must have gotten us and moved over to Alec. I tried to blink a few times to get the tears gone. "Alpha..." "I'm fine." Alec said. "Kristen, I am going to untie you." Alec said before I felt the chains move. "Alec, her shoulders are out of place." I heard Jasper say. He tried to be quiet but wolves had excellent hearing. Everyone here knew.

"Damn." Alec said as the chains fell but my shoulders didn't move. "I'm sorry, this is going to hurt." "Same time." I said. "What?" Alec asked. "Do it them both at the same time." My tears had dried and was replaced by anger. "Luna.. ar-" Jasper started. "Do it, Jasper." I said as my eyes landed on him. He frowned but nodded. Kneeling down, he got in position. "I need to touch you to do it." Nodding, Alec and Jasper put their hands on my shoulder and my arm..

"1. 2. SNAP!" "FUUCK!" I yelled as feeling came back into my arms. They gently got pulled around before Alec took some wrap and secured them against my body.. "Is anything else out?" Alec asked. "No." I answered as my head swam. "Don't fight it, just pass out." Jasper said to me. "Not until I am home." "Kristen, you need-" I "NO! Don't you fucking get it? Last time I passed out, I woke up here. No, I am staying away until I feel safe." Alec tried to stand up but winced and fell back down. "Damn." He placed his hand over his side. "Broke a rib." Alec gritted his teeth before standing up. Grabbing my shoulders, he helped me stand up. "Where is Colt?" I asked. "Watching the pack." Jasper said beside me. "How did you get him to stay home?" "It wasn't easy." Cold rain hit me in the face as we walked outside. Wind whipped at my hair but the sight of our vehicles and men surrounding it was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen. My body was shaking, not from being cold but from everything that has happened to me.. "What day is it?" I asked as Jasper opened the door. "Thursday." Alec helped me get in before he slipped in beside me. Someone was already behind the wheel as Jasper got in the passenger side. "Is it set up?" Alec asked. "Ready when you are." Jasper answered.

"Is what ready?" I asked. "This building you were in, that is the same one that the phone was linked to. Obviously it isn't a business anymore so we are leveling it. However, we moved up the time frame on the other project. As soon as you get home, we are moving forward with the garage and not waiting till Saturday." Alec said as the driver peeled out. We were on the interstate and headed home. I knew Alec was uncomfortable but he didn't take his arm off of me. I was incredibly thankful but also worried I was hurting him. "Can I lay down?" I asked. My stomach was really sour. Alec nodded as he helped me move

to lay down. My head was on his thigh and my legs were propped up. Alec put his arm back around my, holding my waist against him.

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“It’s okay.” I tried to sit up but couldn’t. Alec had to help me sit up as I moved to the middle seat. He wrapped his arms around me and buried his head in my neck for a moment before leaning back. “Whenever you are ready.” Jasper said and hit record on a tape recorder. Setting it on the center consol, it was all I could do but stare at it. “I woke up chained to that chair. Basically, Alpha Rip and Darin kidnapped me. Darin....” I closed my eyes as I tried to keep my voice level as I told my store. “Anyway, I got slapped before they left. I’m not sure how long it was before a guard or warrior came with a small girl. She looked to be in her early teens but she wore a potato sack. She helped me use the bathroom but when I took too long, the guard came in and beat me up.” Alec’s fist balled up before he firmly gripped the seat. “I woke up some time later and Alpha Rip and Darin were there with the girl and the guard. After they found out what happened, Darin

shot the guard in the head.” “Good.” Alec muttered. “I couldn’t see out of my eye. Alpha Rip was setting up what I think was a video camera. He wanted me to make a video. He said that if I didn’t do it correctly or messed up intentionally, he was going to shoot the girl in the foot and work his way up until I did it correctly. However, since my face was swollen, that scrapped that plan.” “What was the video for? Jasper asked, quietly. “He wanted me to make a video of me saying I was leaving you and not to look for me. Darin wanted to wait and give me some drink to help me heal. When he left to go get it, Alpha Rip said they had a secret room for me to live in and be Darin’s se xy toy. He-he said I would never get out and that would be my life.” I saw the driver’s knuckles get white on the steering wheel. “I’m sorry but we have to know...” Jasper closed his eyes before opening them and looking at me.

“Did... did he touch you?” “Nothing below the waist.” I said finally, trying to find the right words. Looking away from Alec in shame, I tried not to cry again. “Hey.” Alec touched my chin gently as Jasper turned off the recording. “Look at me.” I didn’t want to but I listened. “I’m so sorry I wasn’t strong enough to stop him.” “You have nothing to be sorry for. He will pay for this.” Alec k\*ssed my forehead before Jasper hit play again. “Is there anything else?” He asked. “I don’t think so. My face messed up either plans so I have no idea what was suppose to happen.” Jasper nodded before shutting off the recording again. “I’m sorry, Kristen.” Jasper said to me. “What happened?” I asked, ignoring him. “How did I get kidnapped from the center of our territory?” “After you passed out, I called Colt to tell him what happened. A little bee looking thing flew in front of my face and blew up. I breathed in the smoke and I was knocked out.” “He was on the phone with Colt so when it happened, Colt called the office and we rushed out to him. Thankfully, we were able to get Alec medical attention but it was a couple hours before we realized that you were not where you were suppose to be. We assumed Alec had carried you to your room after you passed out. We looked at the cameras but nothing was there. It wasn’t until Alec came around that he realized you were kidnapped.” Jasper filled me in. “But how?”

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"Angela." Alec growled. "What? How?" "Remember I sent her to the cells to work? Well, there is an underground tunnel we build to use as an escape route. She let Darin in through the tunnels to kidnap you, thinking I would take her back." "The fuck?" I asked as I tried to wrap my head around what I just heard. "Obviously the tunnels were permanently closed and Angela is secured. However, we weren't sure where to find you." Jasper continued. "I decided to use myself as bait. It was a very unpopular opinion but I did it anyway. Swallowing the I tracker, I allowed myself to get kidnapped. Thinking they would take me to you so we could reject each other." "I still don't get why? He would have violated me regardless if we were mates or not." "If you guys were mates, your b\*dy would respond to his, even if your head didn't want it." Jasper said for

Alec. That made me shrink up against Alec a little more. "S hi t." I heard Jasper whisper. "What?" I asked, not sure I could handle any bad news. "It's Emmy calling again. "Just answer it." I said. "Emmy, baby girl. You h-" "Did you find Kristen?" She interrupted him. He looked at me and I nodded. Holding it up to me, I spoke to her. "Hey girl. I am safe." "Holy fuck, I can't tell you how happy I am to hear your voice." Emmy cried. "I really am okay. You need to go to sleep. You can come visit me tomorrow, okay?"

"Okay, Colt is here." "Kristen." He said in a sigh of relief. "Colt." I didn't say anything and neither did he. We just let the silence talk for us. "I'll see you soon." He said, finally. "Okay." Nodding to Jasper, he hung up the phone. "Seriously! That was weird between you and Colt." "No it wasn't. He was happy I was safe." Alec helped me lay back down. "I'll never get used to it." Jasper mumbled, making me smile. drifted off t I wasn't sure when I next thing I knew, the door to the SUV was opening. Someone pulled me out and placed me on something that wheeled me along. My eyes were barely wanting to open but I was aware of all the bright lights and hands that were touching me. was "No!" I screamed as I tried to force myself to wake up. All I could imagine was Darin trying to touch me again. "EVERYONE STOP!" I heard Alec command. All the hands went off me instantly. "She was just kidnapped and..." His voice trailed off. "Don't just fucking touch her." "Alec." I whimpered. "Talk to me." I "It's too bright." I said as I tried to move against him. A second later, the lights went off and I was finally able to open my eyes. Alec was beside me, people in scrubs were standing around and finally landed on Colt. We locked together as my b\*dy started trembling against. "Shh, it's okay. These are doctors. They take a look at your shoulders and your ankles. Are you hurt anywhere else?" Colt asked me. "N-no." I whispered. "We are going to step out and le-" Colt started.

"NO!" I looked panicked between him and Alec. "Please stay with me?" I asked. "We aren't going anywhere." Alec leaned down and k\*ssed my forehead. It helped me relax. "No men." I said looking at the doctors. They didn't even argue as they all turned and left. Only the females were left beside Colt and Alec. "Can they look at you now?" Alec asked. I couldn't even answer. Instead, I just nodded yes. Colt walked over to the door and stood there, almost like he was guarding it and Alec stood behind me. Two girls came to stand on either side of me.



Nodding yes, she slowly and barely touched me as started unwrapping it. "We need to cut off your shirt." Amy said showing me the scissors. Again, I nodded and they went to my back and cut up to my neck and down each arm. However, they didn't just remove it. After pushing on my pack and sides, they kept the shirt covering my breast and tied it in the back so I wasn't exposed. I was so thankful for that. Not. because I was worried about Colt seeing my breast, but I already felt exposed enough. "We are going to assess your shoulders, neck and face now." Katrina said as they started feeling around. "We will need an radiograph of each shoulder and of her face." Katrina told Amy. Amy nodded as she went to the closet and pulled out a machine. "What are you doing?" Alec asked. "We need an x-ray of her shoulders and face to make sure nothing is broken." Katrina said to him. He nodded in response. "However, Luna Kristen, we need to lay you down flat. Is that okay?" Nodding, I moved so I was resting against the bed. Lowering me down, she moved the machine over me."

This is the x-ray machine. A light will come on here and after a little beep, we are done with the one." Amy explained. They all stepped back as the machine turned on just like she said it would. My panic was starting to fade a little as Alec pushed more relaxation and calm into me. As soon as one picture was taken, they moved the machine to the other shoulder before moving it over my face. Tilting my face gently, I closed my eyes as the light appeared for a third time. "Her shoulders aren't broken but she has a broken jaw. It appears to be setting already and is in place

so no need to worry about that. Your shoulders need to be reset correctly. I know you did it once but they aren't fully in correct position." A nurse said to me and d to Alec. "Can you numb her first?" Colt asked. "No. No numbing. I need to feel the pain right now." I said firmly. "Are you sure?" Alec asked as he walked around and looked me in the eyes. "Yes, I am." He nodded and climbed on the bed. Alec was straddling me as the nurses came around to each arm. "On the count of three." The one nurse said. "No. Just do it." I said as I closed my eyes. Each nurse took an arm and bent it before yanking on it "They should feel better." They moved each arm over my stomach and started wrapping my shoulder in a skin. bandage. She had to take my shirt completely off so my arm were against my "It does." "Can I give you a shot of pain meds?" A nurse asked. I still hadn't opened my eyes. "Yes." I felt her walk away. Alec had his hands on my legs. Th e sparks were helping keep me calm. "Here is a pinch." They always say pinch but it is more like a f ucking bee sting on steroids. However, a few seconds later, the pain was fading. "You can take her home. Keep her in bed tomorrow. She should get her wolf back by then and then healing should be quickly." The other nurse said, I could hear her taking off her gloves. "Obviously, call us if you need anything." They said and walked out of the room. I felt Alec get off the bed and someone went over my head. He had put his t-shirt over me to keep me covered as we left. Carefully, he picked me up and carried me. The pain meds were helping as my eyes started dropping. "Go to sleep, love." He whispered to me. I felt the wind on my face before I gave in. Alec POV

As soon as she was asleep, I allowed myself to feel all the anger I had suppressed in order to get her though this. Just seeing her in that position, bl oo dy and bruised was more than I could handle right n It took everything in me to make it to my room. Emmy was waiting for us. As I laid her down, Emmy curled up next to her and kept her company.

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The guys followed me out of the bedroom and down to the weight room. Only one man would be able to handle me right now. I didn't even have to ask Colt to fight. He took his shirt off as the other guys circled around us. My face was already bloody but I needed to feel the pain. Colt didn't go easy on me and I didn't go easy on him. We battled all of our frustrations, all of our anger and feelings of hopelessness. He was the only other man that loved that woman half as much as I did. It was a different love for him but still a strong one. I wasn't sure how long we fought but neither of us won. I was even more bloody than I was before but it would all be cleared up by tomorrow or the next day. Colt and I hugged it out as we grabbed our shirts. Not a single man said a word. Instead, we all went to our rooms. Jasper came and got Emmy as I got in the shower. The water turned brown and burned but it was only a fraction of the pain I felt Kristen go through. The fact she didn't want to be numb was something I'll never understand. She had been through so much that I would think she would want the pain to go away. Maybe she felt like

the pain kept everything real? I can't even imagine how she felt sitting in that room and going through the motions. My fist balled up as I tried not to punch the wall. I failed her. I didn't protect her and her literal worst fear became a reality. As gently as I could, I slipped into bed. I wasn't sure if it was because the bed dipped because she sensed my presence but she turned and tried to curl into me. Since her arms were sec to her torso, she couldn't really put pressure on her shoulders.

"Shh, I'm right here." I said as I rested my head against her. Laying my arm over her stomach, I felt her body relax before her breathing leveled out again. She was strong enough to not have any side effects from this ordeal but she will need me to be extra attentive to her. She wasn't going to be leaving my eyesight. Kristen POV The only reason I was awake right now was because my shoulders were screaming in pain. I wasn't sure if it was because I couldn't move them or because they were out of their sockets for so long. Alec was still beside me, which I was thankful for. "Alec?" I tried to nudge him with my leg. "Hmm?" "Can you unwrap me?" "Unwrap your Alec opened his eyes and looked at me. "Yes I need to move them" Alec sat up and helped me unwrap the bandage. The more he went, the more the bruising was showing At some point, they must have removed the shirt Alec put me in so when he took the bandage off, I woke. Bruising ran around my shoulders, down my chest and arms and surly down my back. It was angry purple and blue but there was some yellowing. As soon as it was all off, I was able to move my arms a little. They were extremely sore and stiff but it was nice to adjust their positioning a little. Alec leaned over and grabbed something off the floor. "Here, you can wear this." Slipping each arm in, he helped me pull it over my head. "How are your shoulders feeling?"