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“Sore and stiff but not terrible.” “Good, Lay back and I’ll get us some breakfast brought up.” Alec helped me adjust the pillows. There was two behind me so I was at an angle and he put one pillow under each arm to keep them at a good angle. Once I was situated, he got up. “You aren’t leaving are you?” I asked quietly. His b\*dy froze as he looked at me. “I won’t be leaving you for a long time.” He said before he started walking towards the bathroom. Trying to relax was more difficult. Not because of the pain, but because I didn’t want to be alone right. now. As much as I tried to calm my anxiety, every second Alec wasn’t in my eyesight, I started to get antsy. I hated this. Hated everything about feeling this way. I was a strong independent woman. Feeling

vulnerable and weak was no in my vocabulary. This wasn’t supposed to happen to me. “What’s wrong?” Alec asked as he came out from the bathroom. He was only wearing shorts so he bruising was clearly visible. Some were yellow but there was some new ones that were black and blue. “Why do you have bruising like that? Some old and some new?” I asked. “I needed to get some frustration out last night. I spared with Colt. He was probably the only persor could handle me.” Alec said like it was no big deal. He laid down in bed but didn’t touch me. “Cuddle with me?” I asked. Alec grabbed the remote and turned the T.V. on as he rolled over. Scooting up, he had his arm over the myb top of my head so his arm could play with my hair. He was probably as close as he could be without actually touching me. Though, since both arms were hurt, it wasn’t like he could lay on my other side. Fl\*pping through the channels, he finally settled on Master Chef. After about twenty minutes, I couldn’t

hold my bladder anymore. Peeing was going to be rough but I couldn’t push it off. Using my sore muscles, I just sat up quickly as possible. “Oh, that hurts.” I groaned. It didn’t hurt to straighten out my elbows. Which in itself was a blessing. Still, it took me a second to allow my shoulders to relax. However, I kept them at an angle. The red lines around my wrist and ankles reminded me of why I was in this much pain. As I got up, there was a knock on the door. “That is probably the food.” Alec got up and headed towards the door as I made my way to the bathroom. He waited until I was fully inside before he opened the door. Since I only had underwear on, it was a little easier to gently pull them down to pee. The trickier part was “You okay?” Alec said in our mind-link. I must have taken long than I thought to go. “Yeah, it’s not the easiest thing to do right now.” Looking at myself in the mirror, I tried to move my shoulders around. Maybe working them would get it to loosen up. After about five minutes, all that i accomplished was creating more pain for myself.. “What are you doing?” Alec opened the door and looked at me as I was rotating my shoulder. “Trying to loosen up the soreness but it isn’t helping.” “Here. Let me help you.” Alec stood behind me. Grabbing my arm, I allowed it to go limp as he rotated in a way that I was not able to. He was actually making good progress before moving to the other arm. “That helped.” I said as Alec put my arm down. “Good. After we eat, I’ll get some ice for them. Do you want to try to shower?” “After I eat.” I was feeling rather uneasy on my feet and needed to sit down.

“Alright.” Alec guided me to the couch. He had set up a small picnic like meal on the coffee table. There was different fruits and veggies with cold cut sandwiches. “There is either turkey or roast beef?”

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“Turkey, please.” Alec grabbed the plate with turkey and added some fruit to it while I got comfortable against the couch. His b\*dy froze for a second before continuing to put random stuff on it. “What?” I asked. He handed me my plate as he frowned. “Emmy wants to come see you. So does everyone else.” Alec sighed as he took the roast beef and filled his plate with fruit. “What did you tell them?” “Colt is coming up now but the rest are going to have to wait until you showered and relaxed a little.” Right as he finished his sentence, there was a knock on the door. Thankfully, Alec got up and answered it. Colt and Alec shook hands as he entered before coming over to me. “How are you feeling, sis?” Colt sat down close to me but not enough to move or touch me.

“Sore. I think so food and a shower will help.” Colt reached over and moved my shirt down a little to look at the bruising. “Impressive.” “They will still be that way tomorrow for prom.” Alec and Colt shared a look. “What?” “About prom... we were thinking maybe we should just skip it.” Colt said as I took a bite. “Skip prom?” I just kept chewing as they looked at me. “We are also moving forward with the attack tonight. Alec is going to stay home with you but the rest of us are going. Things are just too intense right now to be going to a public event like that.” Colt looked at me and laid it out. My heart broke a little over no prom. It wasn’t exactly prom that I was sad about but Penny and I spent hours organizing and planning for this event. Seeing the final results and everyone having fun is the rewarding part. “Okay.” “We can have a small prom here?” Colt asked as if to make it up

p to me. Wanting to change the subject, “Are we still having lunch on Sunday?” Colt frowned but didn’t push the subject. “Yes, we are.” “And our tests?” “That is rescheduled for Monday.” Alec answered for Colt. “I’m so sorry. I know none of this is what you wanted.” Colt looked at me and put his hand on my leg. “No one asked for this. To think, I used to just be worried I would be stuck with Anna. I shook my head. I wish that was my old problem. The guys didn’t say anything but just sat there as I went through the emotions. With each bite I took, I focused on something new. Rogues are after me to kidnap me to take me to Darin. I can’t believe the only reason he wants me is to fuck me. There has to be something else. Being in that building was literally my worst fear. It was a weird feeling. Since my fear has already become a reality, I wasn’t as afraid as I was but there was still a part of me that panics just thinking about it. However, it will not define me. Alpha Marc and Luna Erin won’t give Alec the Alpha title until this is all done and over with. They just want me to travel and basically leave it up to them. So far, we have done exactly what they wanted and it has not been successful. Either strategy is not working and will need to change. “Are you going to tell me what is going on in there?” Colt asked after awhile. “Things need to change.” I said simply without looking at either of them. “What do you mean?” Alec asked. “What I mean is, I am going to shower and then we are having a full meeting with Alpha Marc, dad and everyone. I am done standing on the side lines. If my life is going to be on the line, I am not leaving it up to someone else to decide what my actions should be. We will attack tonight and this will

be declarin- war on them. They have had too many victories and I am not going to be starting my luna rein like th will not be known as someone who lays down and takes it. No, this stops now. With me.”

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Standing up, I walked passed Alec and headed towards the shower. Right as the door was about to close, I heard them speak. “Ah, s hit.” Colt muttered. “This is going to be good. I’ve been waiting for her to snap.” Alec almost sounded like he was laughing. “I’ll let everyone know to be ready. The ice storm is here.” Colt said before I shut the door. My shower was hot, massaging my muscles as it pounded my muscles. Moving my neck around, I let it work each part. Although, the worst was my shoulders, my knees were killing me from having my legs tied down too. However, it was when I was trying to wash my hair I realized I had a problem. “Alec?” I mind-linked him. “Yes?” “I can’t wash my own f ucking hair.” I felt him trying to repress his humor he felt but it didn’t fully work. However, he didn’t answer me either. Instead, I heard the bathroom door open and some wrestling before. Alec got in the shower with me.

“Turn around.” He said as he sl\*pped in the water to get wet. Obeying his order, I turned around. The sound of the shampoo cap opening and closing was anticipation enough to know he was going to help me out. “Where is Colt?” The thought of Colt sitting in the living room while Alec was in the shower with me was unsettling to say the least. “He went down stairs to have everyone ready.” Alec turned me around so I could let the water rinse out my hair. “I’m done feeling like I have no control.” I said finally to Alec after a few moments of silence. He was putting conditioner in my hair. “Good.” Alec said simply.

“Good?” I turned back around and Alec helped rinsed out my hair again. He grabbed the b\*dy wash and started cleaning my b\*dy. emotions and “Yes. I’m happy you aren’t letting what happened restrict you. You are taking control of your turning it into something positive. I’ll stand beside you the entire time but this just shows me how strong you are.” Alec took my face in his hands and stared into my eyes. “I love you more than anything. I’ll always be beside you and I fully agree with you. We are going to take our power back.” Knowing that Alec was behind me just fueled the fire. “And Colt?” I asked as Alec moved us so he could take his shower. “Will be on your other side.” “I think the only people to have an issue will be your parents.” I said trying to get ahead of any issues. “F uck them.” Alec shrugged. He was washing his hair out from the shampoo. His eyes were closed as he Just let the water hit the top of his head and rain down. Part of me felt bad for him. To stand up like this against his parents isn’t an easy thing to do. Especially when they asked for us to not worry and basically travel to Italy or anywhere and ignore everything. It’s hard to ignore being kidnapped. Alec turned the water off and pulled me out of my thoughts. Holding my waist, he helped me out of the shower and started drying me. “I can do that.” I said. “I know.” There wasn’t anything S\*\*ual about him taking care of me like this. It was more primal, like he was making sure I was okay everywhere else. My ankles and wrist were turning green but still looked angry. There was random bruising down my legs and my stomach and chest. Some I wasn’t even sure I remembered what happened. “Let’s get dressed and head down there.” Alec said as he finished with brushing out my hair..

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“Ready?” Alec asked me. I decided to put on a t-shirt and shorts. Alec pulled out two slings for me. It took a few minutes to get them adjusted but I had to grudgingly admit they did help with the stiffness of my shoulders. Alec was getting himself finished up and I was just looking at myself in the mirror. “Yeah, as ready as I’ll ever be.” Some of the fire had settled but not enough that I wasn’t going to let them get their way. “Good, let’s go.” Alec put his hand on my lower back as he walked with me to the door. Everything was quiet in the packhouse, making it feel unnatural. It was still the school year I suppose but this quiet was not something I welcomed right now. As we came up to Alpha Marc’s office, I could hear his voice. “Why the hell are we here, Colt?” He was already angry. Looking at Alec, he nodded before we walked into his office. “Because I wanted everyone here.” I said firmly as I walked in. Alec was behind me but I could feel his

authority puff out a little. The door quietly closed behind us. Alpha Marc, Luna Erin, Jasper, and Colt. Alpha Marc had the speaker phone on with my dad on it. “Hey Kristen. I am happy to hear your voice. How are you?” Dad asked me. “We can discuss me later, dad. I didn’t come here for pleasantries.” I moved to the front of the room. Alec moved to stand off to the side but still near me. His arms were crossed over his chest and his eyes left me. “Hmm, well, what is going on?” Dad’s voice told me he wasn’t sure he wanted to hear this. “I’m done.” I said simply while looking directly at Alpha Marc. “I’m done being sidelined by you. I am done not being told what is all going on and I am done with being told that you would handle things. With all due respect, you handling things didn’t keep me from being kidnapped by Darin. We will not be

sidelined anymore. From here on out, we will be involved in everything. Every decision and every piece of Information will go through us. I am the one with a genius IQ. We will not be tucking tail and running on some stupid vacation while our pack is in trouble. I will not be known as the luna that hides away when things get tough. Darin and Rip need to be eliminated.” I kept my face void of any emotions. My eyes never left his as I drove each point home. You could hear a pin drop when I stopped talking. No one made a sound. Dad didn’t talk. Alpha Marc only narrowed his eyes, Luna Erin looked shocked as she sat in her own chair. I couldn’t see Jasper, Colt or Alec. Alec was feeling rather proud of me at the moment. “Are you sure you want that?” Alpha Marc said after awhile. “It isn’t a matter of wanting anything. I was born to a luna. I was mated to an alpha male. It is in my blood to handle the hard times. Getting kidnapped isn’t going to keep me in bed with my head under the covers I can and will handle anything that is thrown in front of me. Unit now, you have not allowed me to show you my true capabilities. You have kept me sidelined and in the dark. Unless it directly affected my day to day activities, you have ignored me. Worst, you have ignored your son. You have no shown any confidence in us. Now, I am demanding you respectfully... to cut the shit and allow us to take back control of this situation.” “You think coming into MY office and demanding something like that is going to get you what you want?” Alpha Marc said calmly but with a controlled anger “You would have discarded any attempt I could or would have made. You even had Luna Erin suggest we just focus on being mates and not worry about what is going on. That doesn’t work for me. Not any longer. You were not the one being tied to a chair. You were not the one being kicked, punched and

touched inappropriately. You have no idea what I had been through. So, yes. Yes I am standing here demanding you to include us in the decision making process. They made a direct attack on this pack. They kidnapped me! The future luna and now I am demanding to be involved in this."

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"You support this?" Alpha Marc looked over at Alec. "Completely. We should have never been sidelined. This is our lives and Kristen could have died." Alpha Marc looked at me before his eyes moved to my shoulders. "I am, of course, happy you are okay but don't you think you need to just rest can recover?" "No. That is not how this is going to work." Alec stepped forward. He was directly behind me as he stood up to his dad. "I should have never allowed you to push us off in the beginning. All the decisions you have made only made things worse. We need to be involved in this. Kristen has the IQ to figure things out. Use her." "Dad, care to weigh in?" I asked firmly. "I'm surprised you were kept on the sidelines this entire time. Why were they not included in on what's going on?" "You didn't know that Luna Erin had a conversation with us about us traveling and leaving everything to

them?" I was stunned. "No." Dad's voice confirmed his annoyance. Colt stood up. "If you refuse to include them, then I will see to it that they are included in. They will be kept out of this and I am appalled this is even happening." Colt's authority was showing. He wasn't yet but he only had a few more days, however, Alpha Marc didn't know that yet. "Well, it seems I am over ruled here." Alpha Marc looked over at Luna Erin. "For the record, I think this is a terrible idea and don't believe they are ready for this." "How would you know when you have never given us a shot?" I was feeling rather pissed off. "With all due respect, you don't know shit about me or what I am capable of. You have done nothing but kept me pushed off to the side. If I didn't know better, I would say you are using me as an excuse to not give up the Alpha position to Alec."

That really set him off. Alpha Marc slammed his hands down on the desk and stood up. "Now, listen here "No." Alec walked in front of me. "You and I have had the exact same conversation. I never once repeated it to Kristen. She figured it out all on her own. You will not speak to her in that way and I have already told you my position. I am prepared to challenge you if I need to but I rather we just agree to work together." "Kids, leave the room and let Marc and I have a conversation." Dad said in restraint anger. It took both Colt and Alec to half drag me out of that room. I wouldn't take my eyes off Alpha Marc to make my point clear. However, since they were trying to not hurt me, it took a little bit. As soon as they got me out of the room, it felt like I was finally able to breathe again. "Are you serious, dude? You would challenge him? Colt asked. "I am starting to think dad won't give it up. It is always one excuse after another. I don't want to challenge him but he keeps making decisions that affect this pack, affect Kristen." "You know that is till death..." Colt reiterated. I just looked at Alec in shock. I was surprised when he said it but I just assumed it was a scare tactic. "I'm not allowing Kristen's life to be on the line again and not have a say in what is happening" Alec was firm in his conviction. "Alec..." I could not be the reason he wants to challenge his dad. "No, this is my decision." He looked down at me, his eyes were full of anger. "But not at my expense." Alec just slipped his arm around me and kissed my forehead. "Colt, tell him he shouldn't do that." I pleaded with Colt. "Well, I would do the same." Colt looked at me. "I am doing the same. I am helping dad reject her. Which,

we both know might kill him.” “That is not the same and you know it!” I snapped. I, momentarily forgot my arms were in slin to reach out to him. Pain shot down my back for a quick second.

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The door to his office opened, Luna Erin stuck her head out and nodded for us to come back in. This entire time, Jasper new said a word and it was only then that I wondered were Jacob was. Alec kept his arms folded as he stood directly in front of his dad. Colt and I stood back as this conversation was no longer about me but about being included. It was more between father and son. “We have come to the agreement that you two may be included in any meetings and be available to all information. However, the final decisions will be made by me.” Alpha Marc said. “As long as it is understood that our opinion will not be ignored and have an equal say in things. You need to respect that fact that it is our lives on the line. You have been grooming me my entire life to take over for you.”

“Which is why I won’t turn things over to you when they are this bad.” Alpha Marc said surprisingly calm. “Good. Now that, that is settled. We need to finalize the plans for tonight.” Dad said over the phone. “We have a team and you have a team. This will happen in two waves. Since the building is a mechanical shop, my team will be planting bombs. You will be responsible for covering any remaining survivors.” Alpha Marc said to dad. “Why did we decide to move it up a day and not wait till prom?” I asked. “For a couple different reasons. First one being you. The fact they kidnapped you. Next would be t would be a great affect with the place being full of their business. We have someone going under cov a vehicle to get into the building. That car will be rigged to blow. Third, most importantly, we need to g the upper hand and quickly.” Alpha Marc stated as he looked at me. “What are the next steps after that?” Alec asked, “I found someone that will come by tomorrow. He is going to install an upgraded security system around here. It will alter to any drones or any movement within two miles of your borders. They are

motion detected so any animal could set it off. Either way, someone is going to have to monitor them constantly.” Colt said. “Is that where Jacob is?” I asked. “Yes, he is finalizing it all.” “Who is your beta?” Alpha Marc asked. “Jacob will move up after he proves himself in the next day or so.” Colt answered. “I want to know if we have gotten anywhere on Penny’s dad.” I said looking around the room. “We have heard rumors that he is still alive and around. We don’t have a name or a picture but we are working on it.” Dad said. “That is where Beta Andrew is. He is currently underground working on it.” Alpha Marc said. I looked over at Jasper. That was his dad and the concern was clear. “We have been trying to gather information before we strike.” Luna Erin spoke up for the first time. “We can’t wait any longer for information.” I said firmly. “We have to take action. I know information is key but it could take weeks if not months to achieve anything. I am not waiting that long for revenge.” “I can see that.” Alpha Marc said. “Since you want to be involved. I have the files from the phone. I need you go look through it and see if you find anything else we missed or could use to our advantage.” Alpha Marc pushed a flash drive over to me. “Where are we going to do this at?” Alec asked. “Your office.” Luna Erin smiled at us.

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"MY office?" Alec asked as if to clarify what he heard. "That's right. I have spent the last two days working on your office. Come see." Luna Erin smiled at us as she walked past us. Alec looked at me in confusion but put his hand on my back, pushing me forward. I remembered us talking about it but it completely escaped my mind with everything that is going on. Luna Erin waited for us to gather around the door before she unlocked it. Swinging the door open, she allowed us to walk through first. My first impression was complete shock. Everything was just like I pictured. My drawings were on the walls, and she even had the desks I bought fixed up. One for each of us. It wasn't huge but there was still room for a small couch against the wall with a wet bar. Two beige arm chairs sat in front of each desk. "I left it partially bare so you can put your personal touches to it. When you guys officially take over, we can rotate offices." Luna Erin had a small smile on her face.. "If I could hug you I would." I was in awe with how perfect it was in this short amount of time. She really did capture everything.

ave you ki "I'm so glad you like it!" Alec pulled his mom in for a hug. "I'll to look through the phone. Maybe you will see something we didn't. Either way, your passwords are on a sticky note on the computers. Feel free to change them as you see fit." "Thanks, mom." Alec said as she turned to leave. "Of course. We love you both." Luna Erin gave me a smile before walking out and closing the door. "We have an office..." I whispered as Alec walked around and claimed a desk. Starting up the compute. he pulled over the other desk chair for me to sit next to him on. I wasn't sure what style or fabric these chairs were but it screamed money to me.

"Do you want to start with the pictures or with something else?" Alec asked as the different folders popped up after he inserted the flash drive. "Pictures are fine." Alec nodded and double clicked the pictures. Most of them where of just me doing daily things. Nothing crazy, going to the pool or eating lunch outside. Most of them were far enough away that you could still see my face but still see where I was at. The pool, it was close enough that when I was laughing, you could see my face but then you could see what landscape behind me. "Oh...s hit..." I said slowly. I "What?" "Can you print out all the pictures?" I asked as a sinking feeling came over me. "There are like hundreds..." Alec sounded perplexed. "Just do IT!" I stood up as I started to panic. "Okay, they are printing. What's wrong?" Alec stood up and looked at me concerned. I I needed my hands, I needed these things off me. "Take these off of me." I knew I almost sounded like I was having a panic attack but maybe I was. My heart was being fast as it dropped to my stomach. Alec quickly helped me remove each sling. As they printed, they came out in order. Grabbing a pair of scissors, I started cutting each picture. "Move the chairs off to the sides. Move everything." I demanded. n out Alec didn't even hesitate as he did exactly like I asked. One by one, I cut the pictures and laid them das "Holy...f uck..." Alec whispered as he realized what I was doing. He ran out of the room as if mind- linking wasn't going to get his point across. He came back a minute later with Alpha Marc and Colt in tow. didn't st though, I kept going. My shoulders protested as I kept going. Each cut sent pain up and down my arm but I refused to stop. No one spoke as I perfected each pictures. It had dawned on me that it wasn't all

about me. Each picture was of the surrounding area I was at. At the time, I assumed it was just because that is all the drone could get but no I see I was wrong.

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I had just finished with the pictures of my shop. From all the different angles, it perfectly showed a view of the entire street in front of my shop. My store was the focal point but it showed how to find it. It showed the angle that Alec was shot at. "I would bet money this is the angle you got shot at." I pointed directly where we would have been standing when he was shot in the arm. "What are you saying?" Alpha Marc was flabbergasted. "What I am saying is, it wasn't all about me. Yes, he wanted me but this pictures show the exact layout of our pack. Each pictures is a different angle. Look, I am just sitting at the pool with Emmy. There are five different t angles to the same position I was at. When you cut them and put them together, it lays out the entire layout of the pool. I can connect it with the playground next to it and the school beyond that. Don't you see, they have the entire layout of our territory!" I Their eyes moved from picture to picture. It wasn't until I put them next to eachother that they connected the dots. "He knows where everything is at." Alec said quietly. "He knew exactly where to go to kidnap me. He knew what to avoid and how to get there." I clarified just in case they didn't get it through their heads. "I can't believe this." Alec rubbed his hands over his face. "That's not the worst part. Look!" I pointed out the boarders. "They know our schedule." Alpha Marc's eyes got wide as he ran out of the room. "Are you sure?" Colt asked me. I knew he wasn't exactly questioning me but he was in shock as well.

"I was only ever quickly shown the pictures. I never got to really look at them before now." I pleaded with Colt to understand. "This isn't your fault." Colt her his hand on my shoulder. I tried not to wince but he quickly removed it and looked at me apologetically. Standing up, he looked over at Alec. "I am sending a group of warriors to beef up the boarders until you guys can figure out a new plan.

"Okay." Alec didn't even try to argue. "We will also be issuing a state of emergency." "Good." Colt nodded as he left the room and pulled out his cell phone. It was just me and Alec in silence listening to the printer continue to print pictures. After a few minutes, Alec walked over to top the printer. "DON'T!" I yelled. "Why?" "I need to make sure there isn't anything else in those pictures." Alec frowned but nodded. "Get Emmy in here." I said without looking at him. I knew it sounded bit chy but she would be the only other person that I trusted to be able to do this with me. We had done these before to try to push my brain. "Emmy?" Yes, s, get her in here." I picked up another picture and kept working on cutting them and fitting them into their spots. It was like a massive j ig saw puzzle. Alec sat on the couch and just watched me work. "What is so urgent?" Jasper walked in and looked over at me on the floor. "Ice?" Emmy asked as she kneeled down I need your help. Remember when we did that puzzle when we were trying to figure out my IQ?" I looked at her in panic. "Yeah, it took us hours...." Emmy looked around. "I need you to help me do the same. These are the pictures we found on the phone. Look! They aren't just of me but of the entire pack layout." "Oh f uck.." Jasper's eyes got wide as he looked around. I didn't even care that some of them had Alec and I having S\*\* in some. "Okay, I need a pair of scissors and a



trash bucket.” Emmy said as she looked around. “Trash bucket?” Alec asked. “To throw up in. It’s been a bad morning.” I stopped and looked at her. She was extremely pale and looking rather ragged.

“Emmy...” I said in a soft voice. “I’m okay. I was going to go crazy staring at the same walls. You can only hug a toilet for so long.” She gave me a weak smile before she turned her attention to the task at hand.

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“Do you need snacks? Fruit? Nuts? What sounds good to you?” I asked. “Lunchables.” Emmy looked up at me. My eyes went from hers to Alec’s. He nodded and left the room. We worked for about fifteen minutes before Emmy threw up in her trash can. Jasper had returned just in time to see it. Without saying a word, he handed her a water and grabbed the trash liner. “Have you tried gatorade?” I asked. “What do you mean?” Jasper asked. “Electrolytes. She needs electrolytes. Gatorade or even pediaSure would be okay.” “What flavor do you want?” Jasper asked Emmy. “Oh, um lemon.” I had to scrunch up my face. “Lemon?” “I know but it sounds good.” Emmy gave me a look that said she knew what I meant. Alec came back with lunchables as Jasper was leaving. Emmy took one and slowly started munching on it. “Ice?” Emmy said after another five minutes had went by.

“What?” I asked without looking up. “What does this look like to you?” She handed me a picture. It was actually a picture of Alec and I in the woods having S\*\*. I was riding him as he was leaning against a tree. “Looks like a good time?” I asked looking at her. “I mean, behind you. Is that a hand?” Taking the photo from Emmy, I looked at it carefully. It did in fact looked like a hand but it was just a hand. This area was part of the forest we had not gotten to yet. It was on the edge but far enough in that you wouldn’t see us. It was the risk of getting caught that made us do it there. However, this photo was taken at the same time as the hand in the background. “Alec...” I said as I stood up.

He came over to me. “What is it?” “Does that look like a hand?” I pointed it out. “It....does.” “Alec, this is one photo. How did a hand get there behind us having S\*\*?” Alec looked up at me. “I am going to look into this. Do not move from this room. Understood? I am putting a guard out front.” “Wait!” I said as he turned to leave. “C-can you just..... send someone else?” I was hesitant to ask like this but I felt myself start to panic. “I’ll have Jasper come back?” Alec stopped and put his hand on my chin. “Okay.” Alec turned to leave. “But! Wait till he is here?” I let Alec see the vulnerability in my eyes. “Okay.” that way but I looked down ashamed I even felt I did. As much as I wasn’t going to let my kidnapping bring me down, I couldn’t lie and say I wanted to be alone either. Slowly, I sank back down and picked up the scissors. My hands shook as I continued to cut. Emmy saw this but didn’t comment. Instead, she kept going as well. here.” Jasper said after what felt like hours. “Stay here with the girls. I need to check something out and under no circumstances are you to leave Kristen’s eyesight.” Alec didn’t command Jasper but he was firm in his instructions. “Got it.” Jasper walked in with a gatorade. After handing it to Emmy, he went to sit down. “Can y-you shut the door?” I asked quickly. “Sure?” Jasper got up and shut

the door. "Lock it?" Jasper gave me a look but nodded. He gave me a look to ask me if I was satisfied and I nodded. Sitting down beside Emmy, he watched us work.

"Alec?" I asked in the mind-link. "Are you okay?" He asked, knowing and fully I was not okay. "Can we keep this open?" "Of course." He sounded like he was running. "I'm sorry, 1-" aware #

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"Just getting there." Alec said. "You keep working and I'll let you know if I find anything." "Okay." Grabbing another picture, I started cutting it but much slower. The printer finally stopped printing and I was so thankful. Emmy was moving rather quickly after she had the gatorade and lunchables. I had a feeling she probably shouldn't have had the lunchables but her color was already looking better. Picking up another photo, I started trimming it so it matched the location and there wasn't any overlap. Right as I was about to cut, I noticed a head looking out from behind a tree. This face looked like someone I knew. "Jasper..." I asked in a worried tone. "What?" Jasper moved over to me. "Look." I handed him the partially cut photo. "That is a head." Jasper said. The picture was of me going for a run. Alec was with me and we didn't even notice a person behind a tree? "Doesn't it look like someone?" I pushed. "I'm not sure... "Emmy, doesn't that look like someone?" I took it from his hands and gave it to Emmy. She squinted at it before her eyes widened. "Penny?"

"It's the same nose!" I said. "Same face shape and that little half smile she has." Emmy agreed. "There isn't a way to prove this but it is enough to give us pause." I said as I looked at the face. "Where is that at?" Jasper asked. "A stranger... literally twenty feet from you and Alec. How did he get there?" "This is like on the other side of the pack. This is by the pond." I said. "Almost where we came across the rogues."

"Are you telling Alec?" I asked. "Yes." Jasper said after a moment. "Did they find the one location?" Emmy asked. "They did." He didn't elaborate. "Alec?" I asked in the mind-link. "Everything okay?" He answered. Alec sounded out of breath. "Did you find something?" "A tunnel. I have some men seeing where it ends. I am going to the other location that you found." "I only have a tree. It could be anywhere." "I know but it's worth looking into. Dad called in some people to come do a full ground search with sonar. It will look for voids to find any tunnels." "This is bad." I said. "Have to finished all the other pictures?" Alec asked. "Just about, a few more to do." "Good. Let me know if you find anything else. If not, you can move on to another part of the phone." "How much longer are you going to be?" I hated sounded needy. "It's going to be a little. I have Cash working on a few things and Colt is coming through on his end." "This is turning into a cluster f uck. We might need to consider moving completely out of this pack. Thir. about it. I or anyone could have been hurt or kidnapped at anytime. Is it really safe here?" Emmy was finishing the last of the pictures and Jasper had taken the photo back and was studying it. "I was thinking the same thing. I was actually thinking if we moved all women and children and left the warriors, we could be ready when they attack. After tonight, they could be attacking as early as tomorrow." Alec sounded like he was running. "Move them all to Colt's pack as the attack is going on.

That way they are occupied." I suggested. "I wish I could be with you but take Jasper and go to dad's office and catch him up." Alec seemed almost

distracted at this point. "Okay." I didn't cut the mind-link but I pushed it back. If I wanted to, I could hear what Alec was saying but I tuned him out. "Jasper?" "Yeah?" "I need to speak with Alpha Marc, can you take me?" I asked standing up. He really didn't have an option "Of course Emmy? Will you be okay?" Jasper asked her