

Tattooed 21

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A soft knock sounded on my door before it opened and closed. "Sis, what happened?" Why does turning 18 have to be so much pressure? I don't want a mate, mates mean feelings and men are big babies." Colt tried to hide the laughter from his voice. "Did Alec make a move? I seen the way he looks at you. I know why Ace is so pis sy." "Ace knew the deal, no feelings. He broke that. He can't be mad at me for sticking to the rules. Alec told me I was just a job to him, which for some reason stung. I am not a job." "Who would think you would have guy trouble. If it makes you feel better, neither guy is good enough for you." Colt laid down beside me. "What do you think will happen?" I didn't need to elaborate for him to know I was talking about us turning 18. "We will find our mates and for you, that will go one of two ways."

"Are you going to break up with Kara before that?" I asked, trying to get the conversation off of me. "We have had multiple conversations. I told her I was going into the party single and we would see what happens." "I bet she didn't like that." "No. We agreed she would go in with her friends so it didn't look like I ditched her since you and I will walk in together." "Speaking of which, I have two dresses to decide on." "Oh?" "One is black and one is a deep red."

*Please wear the red as a big F.U to A nn." Smiling, I turned to look at him. "Glad you agree." "Don't tell her that. Tell her you got a black dress." "Technically I did. One will be for prom." "Well, ready to go down to supper?" Colt asked. "Do I have to?" "Yeah, you kind of do." Colt gave me a suck it up look. "As much as I want to get away from here, I'll miss you." "Let's just wait and see what happens? Promise me you will talk to me before you take off?" "I promise." And I meant it. Colt deserved that. "Good. Get changed and come down." "Okay." Colt got up and left my room. It took me a second but I was able to roll out of bed and look at myself in the mirror. My hair didnt look bad but not perfect either. The braid Emmy did was still okay so after applying a light layer of makeup, I put on dressy shorts and a V cut button up shirt. Grabbing a pair of sandals, I made my way down stairs. "It's about time you show your face." An ns shrill voice echoer off the walls. Alpha Marc, Alec, Jasper and Emmy had joined us. Ace was beside Jacob and Colt saved me a seat between him and Ace. "An n...!" Dad said in a stern voice. 3 Piercing my l*ps together, I took my seat and waited to be served. "It's good to see you, Ms. Kris." Alpha Marc smiled at me. I had opened my mouth to speak but An n jumped in first. "Alpha Marc, how are things going for you?" Fire burned but I did what I was suppose to and kept my mouth shut. Actually clenching my teeth together. Colt rubbed my back to help me relax. Looking at him, I gave him a half smile. "Everything is going great. I actually would love to hear about this tattoo shop." My head instantly snapped towards Alpha Marc. The food started to come out. Looking at dad, he

noddod at me. "Thank you for asking, sir. It's going very well. I have always loved drawing and this shop has really allowed me to get creative." "Yes! You used to draw all over the walls and spill your paint on the carpet!" An n laughed. Dad shook his head in defeat, No one laughed but A nn.

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Thankfully, Alpha Marc ignored her. "I think that is excellent and something to really be proud of. Alec tells me you also are in charge of the prom, spelling bee and multiple other events as well enrolled in advanced classes." Glancing at Alec, his face was passive. "Yes sir. I enjoy staying busy. Not sure what I would do with all that free time." I gave him a polite smile. "I could think of a few things you could do..." An n muttered. Everyone continued to ignore her. The food was finished being placed. An open faced roast beef sandwich with mash potatoes caused my mouth to water. "I've heard rumors that you are incredibly smart. Is that true?" Ah, he was fishing. "Thank you for your interest but I would prefer if you just ask me what you really want to know...sir." "Kristen! How very rude!" An n stood up and scolded me. Alpha Marc just laughed. "Calm down, Luna A nn. She wasn't being rude but being direct. Okay, I would like to know what your IQ is." 2 "If you don't mind, I rather not discuss this matter. I have allowed Kristen to follow the path she wanted. Yes, most of the rumors are true that she could have skipped and went to college but she has chosen to

attend school to have the same experiences as the kids her age. I have granted a certain level of independence to her because she has shown me she is capable of it all. That is all I am willing to share unless she ends up being mated to someone of your pack." Dad said firmly. The room was quiet as I kept taking little bite of the overly salted gravy. "I can understand and respect that. I would be protective of her too." Alpha Marc spoke finally. The conversation tapered off and I was finally left alone. Jasper and Emmy where in there own world. It was hard not to watch their happiness.

"I'm sorry." Ace leaned over and whispered in my ear. "No worries." I gave him a small smile before returning to my glass of wine. This was a late supper so it was almost 9pm at this point and going out did sound like fun, "Yo Emmy." I said in the mind-link. She hadn't officially switched packs so we could still talk. "What's up?" "I feel like dancing" "Oh?" "Well, just to get a drink anyway." Emmy smiled at me before whispering in Jaspers ear. Whatever she said, he was game for. Looking at Alec, he whispered in his ear. "Anything you kids want to share?" Alpha Marc Caught on. "They want to go dancing." Alec shrugged. "Try to not get into a fight this time." Alpha Marc shook his head. "Well, my kids aren't going." A nn said as she went to stand up. "Excuse me?" It was Colt that spoke first. "Since when are we your kids?" Oh s hit. "Since I took over raising you brats!" "It's fine. They can go." Dad didn't even look up from his plate. "NO! She still hasn't been punished!" An n pointed a finger at me. Colt pulled my chair out and helped me stand. I was so shocked that it took me a second to move on my own."I'll watch over her." Ace stood up and so did Jacob. Alec, Jasper and Emmy were right behind. "No time to change. Just get in the car." Colt opened the doors and forced us all in. "What a piece of s hit stepmom" Jasper said. Muttered as Colt peeled out. I was in the front seat, forcing the guys to be shoulder to shoulder. "Did you say that you owned the club?" Alec asked. "Technically the pack does under the name but yeah, we run it together." Colt nodded towards us.

"It's more his than mine. I just am the brains to get it running." Colt had the club and I have the tattoo shop. "Is there anything you guys can't do?" Jasper asked shaking his head. Turning, I gave him a genuine smile. 1 "I can't pee standing up..." "Smartass." Jasper muttered as Emmy busted up laughing.

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"Are we in a place I can joke with you and not get punched?" Jasper asked. "Yeah, you're good. Emmy is basically my sister so by extension, you can be my brother-in-law." "So does that mean I get to use your brains too?" Jasper asked in a joking but serious way. "HA! You wish!" It felt good to joke around and relax. Colt reached over and squeezed my shoulder. Taking a deep breath, I nodded at him and smiled. It was our own language. You twins are something else. Its like you have your own language." Jasper noted "You have no idea! It gets weird." Jacob spoke for the first time. "How?" I asked, looking back. "It's like you know what each other think without the mind-link. He can take one look at you and know or vise versa." Jacob crossed his arms. "Jealous I have a better connection with Colt than you?" Giving him a concerned playful look, Jacob looked sick. "Gross." We all were laughing when the SUV pulled into the club. It was still early so there wasn't a lot of people here yet.

The bouncer nodded to use as we passed and went straight up to the VIP room. A waitress by the name Denise came over to get our drinks. 1 "What would you guys like today?" "Jack Daniels on the rocks" I said, the thought of it made my mouth water. "Miller bottle" Jacob said. "Vodka and cranberry" Emmy piped up. "Whiskey too." Colt said "Make that three" Alec said but was looking around and not really paying attention.

"Jim beam and sprite" Jacob said in a very flirty way. Denise even blushed. "Whatever beer is on tap." Ace muttered. "Got it. Be right back." "Hey, Alec. Why is Alpha Marc so interested in Ice's brains?" Jacob gave no s hit and we could always count on him starting the conversations. "He was surprised by the fact she does all she does and then opening challenged Angela. Not many girls care about that in our pack." "S hit, all we have are whiny prissy girls that cry when a nail breaks." Jasper got a disgusted look on his face. "Can we not talk about me?" I said in a more annoyed tone than I intended. Jacob had the sense to drop his head like he was getting scolded. My aura didn't come out but it was showing itself. "Sorry, Ice." Jacob muttered. "No worries." It was hard to cut out the annoyance in my voice. "What does our schedule look like these next few weeks?" Ace asked. "Well, we have our birthday party on Friday. The challenge on Saturday. The following Saturday is prom and then the week after that is the carnival." Colt said. "Spelling bee is Tuesday after school but we dont have to go to that." I added in. "Did you turn in the words?" Ace asked. "Yeah, they were all approved. We should be good to go. Polly finished my to-do list so I got left is the checkbook." "And that is all yours." Colt smirked at me. "Gee, thanks!" It was sarcastic but I was smiling. "Here we go!" Denise put our drinks in front of us. "Might as well make me another one." I said as I took a large gulp. "Will do!" Denise swayed her hips as she walked away, leaving Jacob to break his neck watching.

"Jacob, your hopeless" Emmy laughed. "What can I say, I'm a ladies man!" Jacob cracked his knuckles like he was getting ready to enter a fight. More and more people started filtering in. The boys were talking about fighting stances so I maneuvered out of the booth and stood at the balcony. Looking down, I could see the whole club. "Here is a refill!" Denise came out of nowhere right as my drink was empty. "Perfect, keep it coming." It was hard for us to get drunk but we could ride out a buzz good. "You okay, gir!?" Emmy came and stood by me. "Oh yeah. These drinks are going down smoothly." "Yes they are!" Emmy started swaying her hips to the music. "Colt thinks I should wear the red dress." We had to yell as the music was getting loud.

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"That red dress was dam n fine" Ace had came over and joined the conversation. He kept a distance between is but it felt nice to talk to him again. "An n will be so pi ssed. I can't wait. However, the prom decorations got changed a bit. They didn't have the dark blue we needed to it got changed to Emerald Green and gold instead of silver." "That black dress will fit in perfectly then." Emmy exclaimed. "It will. You boys all have tuxes right?" "Yeah, I think we are good. Pretty sure we even got a limo." Ace informed me. "Nice. Are you going to get ready with me or get ready over at your pack?" I asked Emmy. "I have to get ready with you. You are incapable of doing your hair and makeup. Now if that is at my place or yours, I dont know." "I could.....try...." I made a face that Ace and Emmy laughed at. I could feel myself relax and start to enjoy the evening.

"You want to dance?" Emmy asked. "No, I'm okay. You can though." My ribs were okay but I didn't feel like dancing. "Nope, just making sure you didn't want to." That was a lie but I let it go. "Oh Ace, our bikes need service." "Alright. I'll see to it." Ace was handy like that. "Thanks!" "At this rate, I'm going to be your personal waitress!" Denise came over again. "I'll tip you well!" "Well, hold that thought. We had a bartender call in sick." She gave me a sorry look. "Ooh, I'll cover tonight!" It actually sounded fun. Yelling at Colt, "bartender called in. I'm going to have

some fun." "S hit. Don't go all Coyote Ugly again!" Emmy busted up laughing. "Coyote Ugly?" Jasper asked. "She was dancing on the bar one night..." "Hey, I made a lot of money that night!" I tried to defend myself but wasn't working. Instead, I followed Denise to the bar. "Sorry about this!" Kyle was our main bartender. "No worries!" To say I was having fun was an understatement. No one asked me about my problems. They said hi and told me how good I looked. I made a series of rainbow shots. Between Kyle and I, we f ucking killed it. Occasionally I could see one of the guys watching me. It would rotate between Ace, Alec and Colt. Jacob would get distracted with a girl. If I didn't like her, I would "accidentally" spill a drink on her. It wasn't until last call that I realized how late it got. Kyle handled the rest as I finished cleaning the bar. Apparently it was Alec's turn to watch me. "Alec!" I yelled. "What's up?" "Can you change the tap? I can't lift it right now." Alex grabbed the barrel and rotated them out. I would be lying if I didn't get some satisfaction from watching his muscles work. Dam n he was f ucking hot. "Thank you!" Smiling, I reset the machines. "Do you need help with anything else?" "Nope. We are just about done." Walking out, Kyle was counting the money. "How was the night?" Alec was standing

behind me. I almost wished his hands were on my hips. "It was a great night. Though, when your back here, it always is." Kyle shook his head. "You got it from here?" "Yeah, here are your tips!" Kyle slid/over a pile of a couple hundred at least.

"Nope, pass them evenly out to you guys. You deserve some extra." Pushing the money back, Kyle frowned. "One day I am going to force, you to take your tips." "Good luck!" I smiled and waved as I saw Colt by the door.

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"So much!" I smiled big at him. I looked out the window as everyone was talking loudly still. "That was really impressive shot work!" Jasper yelled at me. Turning around, I had opened my mouth to respond but the yellow eyes running toward us caught my attention. "COLT!!!! ROGUES!" Right as it was out of my mouth, the rogue smashed into the vehicle. There was enough force that the SUV flipped on its side. The passenger side slid a ways till it rammed into a tree. I felt the broken glass pepper my b*dy as my ribs protested. Something warm trickled down my face but my adrenaline started pumping. A rogue was trying to rip the windshield out. Thankfully, I managed to get my feet up and land a kick right to its nose, forcing it back. As quickly as possible, my wolf came forward. Shifting into a beautiful silver beast. Her name was Sierra and she was fierce. From what I could see, all the rogues were not as rabid as I would expect. They weren't foaming at the mouth but their actions were wild. Some of the guys made it out and had started fighting. The rogue that was coming after me had lunged. Sierra dodged the attack before jumping on his back. Biting' down on his shoulder, she ripped a huge chunk of flesh away from the bone. Blood coated her mouth as his howls of pain caressed her ears. As she was about to go in for the kill, absolutely massive pitch black wolf came over and snapped his neck. Sierra was not impressed. Almost to the point that she wanted to nip at the black wolf. Her eyes didn't

get to linger long. More rogues had shown up. Emmy was just as fierce as the guys but Jacob's woman looked scared. Sierra pushed her behind a tree and stood guard. Colt was fighting two rogues but seemed to be doing okay. The wolf who I knew as Jacob was playing with his rogue and Ace had his kill and was looking around for more. I assumed the stupid other black wolf was Alec as his movements were as precise as

he was. Sierra was slightly drooling over his wolf. I assumed the other one was Jasper and he was looking around too. It looked like we had got them all or was finishing it. They fucked with the wrong SUV. Finally, the rogues were killed. Colt shifted back and opened the back of the SUV. Pulling out a duffle bag, he tossed me two shirts before handing out shorts. Emmy and I went behind a tree and shifted back. The t-shirts were massive and covered the main parts but I still felt exposed. "You okay?" I asked the chick Jacob brought with us. Her tiny figure was crouched down as if trying to look like the dirt she was laying in. Two leaves covered her face. "I-i t-think so." She was shaking as she was going into shock. "Come on." Helping her stand, Emmy and I walked her over to the SUV and sat her down. Her

back was “S hit, you okay?” Jacob came over and looked concerned. “She is going into shock.” Frowning, there wasn’t much I could do for her here. “Cr ap.” “Injuries?” Colt yelled. “Ice is bleeding.” Jacob looked at me. Touching my temple, I felt the stickiness of blood. “S hit, Ice, you got glass every where.” Ace had come over and examined me. His hands grabbed my shoulders and forced my head upwards to his. “There are tweezers in the first aid kit.” Colt yelled. Sighing, I sat down on a turned over log. “I’m not getting service. I’m going to run ahead and get help. Are you guys okay?” Colt asked. “Colt, you can’t go alone.” I was scared there was more out there. Pushing Ace away, I leaned around him to look at Colt. His phone lit up his face as he tried to look for a signal. “I’ll go too.” Ace sighed as he reluctantly handed over the first aid kit to Jasper. I saw his eyes twitch to Alec. Colt and Ace took off running. “I’ll do it.” Alec sighed. Emmy had been bitten on her ankle and was

struggling to stand. Jasper was looking between us so when Alec said he would take over, a clear relief filtered across his face.

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“Girl.” Looking at her, I laughed to tease her. Emmy was on the ground, trying to make her ankle injury go away with a rub. “F uck, I know.” She sounded angry. Tossing her hands up, she looked pitifully up at the sky. Alec gently took my chin as we straddled the log. I kept my hands down so my privates weren’t showing. Alec was gentle as he picked piece by piece, all the glass out of my face. “Most of this will be gone by morning.” I said, trying to make it sound like it was no big deal. “How’s the ribs?” He asked, completely ignoring my statement. “Actually, not bad.” “Probably still the adrenaline.” Jacob muttered. Looking over, he was watching Alec work. “Yeah.” Alec muttered. He had moved to my neck and collar bone. Enough he had to move my t-shirt. “Anymore anywhere?” With one hand, I opened my shirt to look. “Don’t think so.” The hell I was going to tell him regardless. “Need help looking?” Jacob joked. His date slapped him.

We all busted up laughing. “What? It wasn’t like I was going to get lucky after this.” He was standing by her but not touching. She didn’t look like she cared that much anyway. “Jacob, you will never get lucky with me.” Laughing, I turned so I wasn’t straddling the log and crossed my legs. “Are you guys mates? You have really good chemistry together.” Jacob’s date was looking at Alec and I. There was an awkward silence. “I’m not 18 until Friday.” I said to her. “Oh...” “How far are we from the pack? Emmy asked quickly. She knew the answer but it got the topic changed. I

appreciated her tack fullness.* “A good ten miles. It will be a little but yet.” Jasper and Alec were walking around like they were looking for danger. The owls were hooting so I felt like the danger had passed. The longer we sat here, the quicker my adrenaline was wearing off, and the soreness was settling in. into my back regardless of my position. Each motion caused more pain. After a few tries, I gave up and laid in the ground. The dirt wasn’t the most comfortable but it was better than the tree. I was slightly sloped downward so I had to shift a little to make sure the blood didn’t rush to my head. “You doing

okay?" Opening my eyes, Alec was looking at me. His hand twitched like he wanted to touch me but with all the eyes, he didn't. "Ready for a shower and bed." Closing my eyes again, I let the sounds of the night drift me off to sleep. I felt safe with the guys here. At some point Emmy joined me and we cuddled. Next thing I knew, headlights were shining on me. "Kristen!" Dad's voice boomed, shaking the trees. I'm okay!" I said as I yawned. "Your head..." Dad examined me. Coming up to my as I was trying to sit up, his hands grabbed my head. gently. "It's probably almost healed. Just little scrapes. Once I clean up, I will look good as new" I tried to stand up but it was still sore. "Here." Dad picked me up and helped me stand on my own feet before Emmy helped me walk to the vehicle. "Jacob, take the girls home. We will finish everything here." Dad commanded. "Yes, Alpha." As soon as the vehicle started rolling, Emmy and I were out. We didn't open our eyes until we pulled into the packhouse. "Emmy, wake up." I shook her as I got out and we walked up to my bedroom. We both showered at the same time. Making the floor of the shower a brownish red. It stung a little but Alec was able to get all

the glass out nicely. Pulling out two sets of silk pajamas from my closet, I handed one to her, I got into the other. We both sl*pped into my bed. We were out as soon as our heads hit the pillows. I was vaguely aware of voices in my bedroom before I heard my door shut. I wasn't even sure if Emmy was still in my bed or not but it was impossible for me to wake up and see what was happening.

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It felt like my b*dy was on fire. Sweat had formed on my forehead before it sl*pped down my skin. Opening my eyes, someone was pressed up against me. It wasn't until I sat up that I realized that Jasper left Emmy in my bed. "Morning." My whole b*dy jerked as a new voice echoed in my room. Jasper was laying on my couch like a f ucking creeper. The blanket and pillow told me he slept there. "What the f uck, Jasper?" The bedroom door creaked open as Alec stuck his head in. "Coffee?" "What the hell are you guys doing?" My yelling woke Emmy up. I was very much aware that my silk pajama set wasn't the most conservative. "Jasper slept here because Emmy was not moving and he text me asking me to bring coffee. I slept in another room." Alec walked over and handed me a cup of coffee. Emmy got up, grabbed hers and sat down beside Jasper like this was an every day occurrence. "She isn't a morning person. You're going to have to give her some time." Emmy sighed. It was too dam n early for this.

"I see that." Alec snickered as he sat in the arm chair. "Why...." I wasnt sure which issues I wanted to address. "By the time we got home and everything sorted, it was almost 4am. Alpha. said to just sleep here. I was trying to move Emmy to another room but she wasn't having it. So I slept on the couch." Jasper filled me in. "Why didn't you just go to another room?" I was clearly annoyed as I got up and went to my closet. My ribs were a little sore but overall, I felt decent. My b*dy in general was sore from the wreck but it

compared to doing a full b*dy workout. "Didn't want to leave Emmy for a night. You will understand when you have a mate." Jasper snorted like I didn't understand him. Putting on a sports bra and some

athletic shorts that probably could use an inch longer of material, I was ready to punch something. Grabbing some socks, shoes and a hair tie, I went back out to the bedroom/ livingroom area. "Not all of us are going to be attached to our mates hip." I felt Alecs eye rank my b*dy. "Girl, you were just in a car wreck. Can't you take today off?" Emmy said as she sipped her coffee. "That's coming from a warriors daughter?" Frowning at her, my mood wasn't changing. As soon as my shoes were on, I stood up and tied my hair back in a ponytail. "One day I will get you to realize taking a break is good for the soul too." Emmy sighed. "Good luck!" I gave her a k*ss on the cheek before walking towards the door. "Please be gone by the time I get back." I was talking to the boys. Just as I was about to shut the door, I heard Emmy. "She really isn't a morning person." I had just reached the stairs when I heard my name being called. "Kris?" S hit. "Yeah, dad?" Turning, he was in his office working. "What are you doing?" "Going to do some light weights. Work out the soreness. "Take it easy, okay?" He went back to his paperwork. I had only taken three steps when her voice sent chills down my spine. "Put some clothes in you little slut!" "Hello, Anna." My whole b*dy froze as she turned the corner. "You didn't turn in your accounting paperwork yesterday. "It's not due till today. I'll get it done and have it finished by 5pm." I went to walk away but she grabbed my arm. "That's not good enough. I want it done, now!"

Ripping my arm back, "No. It will be done by 5." "Excuse me? Who do you think you are talking to? I am your mother..." "You are NOT my mother. You are nothing to me." I said through gritted teeth. Anna raised her arm as if to slap me. "I wouldn't do that." A dangerous voice spoke behind me. It was Alec. He looked absolutely deadly as he walked up behind me. "You have no authority here! I'll be sure to tell your father about this and how you spoke to a Luna!"

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"Please do." Anna walked away, leaving Alec and I standing there. Not wanting to see the pity in his eyes, I started walking off too. "Thanks." I called back as I sighed. "Spend the day with me." Alec retorted. I kept up. He "Do what?" I didn't even stop walking, making him have to be still only wearing the shorts from last night. His bare chest was screaming at me to lick it. If I stopped walking, he might smell my arousal. "Spend the day with me." He repeated. Opening the door to the gym, I was happy to see it empty. I went straight over to the treadmill for a warm up. "What do you have planned and why do you want to spend it with me?" Alec sat down on a nearby bench. "Just some general stuff. I wouldn't mind having some company and having a female perspective."

"Why not get a girl from your pack? Take Emmy, she will be your beta female." "You're going to pass up a chance to get out of your pack and get some fresh air? Plus, we can take our bikes. It is a little bit of a drive." That peaked my interest. Glancing over, he knew he had me there. Getting off the treadmill, I put some gloves on and motioned for him to hold the bag. "Some people would think you are taking an interest in me." I delivered a few good punches that made Alec take a step back. He underestimated me. "I'm not in a habit of caring what others think." As I punched, his voice sounded a little winded. It was

hard to keep from smiling. o you are asking me for the soul purpose of doing a good deed by getting me away from here?" "So "Sure." Alec leaned forward a little. "You In for a little adventure?" I didn't answer, instead I finished punching until I was worn out. If I was going to ride my bike, doing legs were out of the question. "So?" Alec took a few steps back as I started taking my gloves off. My breathing was heavy, making my breast rise and fall. Alec had a hard time keeping his eyes on mine. More than once, I caught him "I need to balance the checkbook first." Alec smiled a half smile. Dam n if I didn't need a cold shower. "And a shower. You stink!" He was joking.... think. "Looks like you n you need more than a shower..." My eyes glanced down to make my point known. "I'm going to go take a shower and then I'll be back to get you. We can get lunch first then head out." Alec started walking away. "Take Jasper with you. Last thing I want is for him to claim my room as his since he had Emmy remove all her stuff!" Alec actually laughed as he left the room. I might as well be done with my workout. I needed to shower and be ready by the time he came back. Not sure how long it took him to get ready but his pack was like 30 minutes away from here. That gave me. around an hour and a half to shower and balance the checkbook on minimum. The world must be in my favor today as I walked up and didn't run into anyone that would give me grief. The only thing that made me nervous was asking dad.

"Dad?" "Yeah?" "Alec as.." "He already asked permission to ask you. I'm okay if you go." That stopped me in my tracks. "He asked you?" "Yeah. He knows his manners. Have fun, ride safe" Dad waved me off as I hesitantly turned to leave. What is happening? Walking to my room, I was happy to see it vacant. Bee-lining straight to the shower, I got rinsed off quickly. Washing my hair and b*dy. There was this weird feeling in me as I turned the shower off. I was excited. Looking forward to today even. So much that I stood in front of my closet, wondering what I was going to wear. It was going to be a hot one bit riding a bike mean a certain layer of protection. I had got a light weight black pants for riding that really let the wind breath through them. They were skinny pants so my chunky heel fit perfect with them. Those were not riding boots but it looked f ucking se xy with it. Finally, grabbing a white formfitting tank, I was satisfied. Tucking the tank into my pants, I was good.

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Since I was feeling good and se xy, I decided to blow-dry my hair. Emmy had been trying to teach me to curl my hair but I still preferred curlers. After putting those in, I applied a light layer of makeup, with a simple black eyeliner. It was all I was comfortable doing. My watch said I had about thirty minutes to go. Sitting on my desk, I got to work. It wasn't hard work but since my mind was pre-occupied, it was hard to focus. After three errors, I finally got it right. "Alec is here." Dad mind-linked me. "Give me a second, I'll be down. Is my bike out front?" "Pulled it around myself and checked it." "Thanks dad!" Hitting send on the checkbook, then rushing to the bathroom to remove my curlers. I sent a thank you prayer to the Moon Goddess for giving me a good hair day. The curls looked great as I felt. After grabbing

my light weight riding jacket, I forced myself to walk out the door so they didn't see my excitement. Thankfully, Alec was wearing the same style clothing as me, His had on riding jeans with a t-shirt. His leather riding jacket was on his bike but he had riding gloves on "Here is your helmet and gloves are

inside.” Dad handed me my helmet as I walked up, smiling at them. “Where do you think you are going?” An n screamed from the door. “Riding.” I said as I put my jacket in. Alec got on his bike. “She can go, leave her alone.” Dad warned. “She hasn’t turned in the checkbook.” “Just did. Check your email.” I said as I quickly got on and started my bike. Finally, dad handed me my helmet, shaking my hair back, I slid it in. Alec handed me an ear piece so we could talk. After I was situated, we were finally leaving. I caught a glimpse of Jacob and Ace looking at us from the training field.

Thankfully, they didn’t mind-link me. “You look good.” Alec said to me through the mic. “Thanks. These are new riding pants I’m trying out. Very breezy.” “Fit you like a glove.” “Lunch at Billy Deans BBQ.” My stomach growled in response. I loved BBQ. “Sounds good.” “Your dad said it was a favorite of yours.” Alec admitted. “What did you do? Ask my dad to take me out today and what food I liked?” “Kind of. I asked if you could join me on this ride. I need to look at some new ground for a possible venue. He was happy to let you get some fresh air and he offered a few suggestions. I think he knows you! needed a fun day and it so happened I could provide one.” My heart sank a little. “A pity ask?” “No! I genuinely wanted to spend the day with you. This just gave me the opportunity to ask. I figured your would say no to a date. Plus, your birthday is next week so no reason to call it that.” we! “Ah.” The rest of the ride was silent but it wasn’t far regardless. Since we were in our bikes, we shared a parking space. Alec was quicker to get off so by the time I got off, removed my helmet, he was watching me. I had just finished fluffing my hair and removing my gloves and jacket by the time I realized he wi watching. “Need help with that drool?” I teases. “You wish.” He gave me a half smile was I passed. I almost expected him to slap my was but he didn’t. I wasn’t sure if I wanted to flirt or not. The air condition felt amazing as we entered the restaurant.

Chapter 30

“Ms. Kris! Its been awhile!” The hostess smiled as I walked in. “Too long!” I laughed. “Come on, I got a table for you two.” “Thanks, Ira!” “Anytime!” She waved as she walked away. I hated sitting with me back to the door but I guess the alphas in 2 Alec made it so he needed that seat. Sighing. I sat down. “Come here a lot?” Alec lifted his eyebrow at me. “Occasionally.” He tried to hand me a menu did I shook my head. “Creature of habit. I like what I like.” “Alpha Alec. Its good to see you again. How are you?” A waitress that I hadn’t seen before put her hand on his shoulder. Completely ignoring me. “Brittany,” Alecs tone said he was less than impressed. Moving her hand off him, he asked. “When did you

start working here?” “I just turned 18 and came to visit my grandma. They wanted me to do to some birthday party next Friday for some spoiled Alphas kids. Apparently, I need to find my mate.” My eyebrow raised at this. I decided to have some fun. “Birthday party? I heard about that. Do you know who they are?” Leaning back, I faked seeming interested. Brittany finally realized I was here. Pushing Alec over, she sl*pped in. “No idea. I hear there is two of them. Twins. A girl and a guy. The girl is rumored to have genius IQ but have quite the bit chy personality.

The guy is rumored to be f ucking hot and a ladies man." Sounds about right. "Bi tchy attitude?" "Yeah, I guess she beat up some girls in the bathroom. They caught her flirting with her man and when they went to ask her to stop, she fl*pped out. Loose cannon. Though, I heard she is ugly so it may not matter. There was a challenge issues and the one girl said she plans on cheating to win." That surprised me. "How can someone cheat in a challenge?" long. She has a target on her back." I looked at Alec and I could see his demeanor change. Brittany was clueless. "What else have you heard? This is juicy stuff." "That's about it. Oh! I heard she also has a fling with the future Beta. Rumor is, he's been stepping out and h ooking up with other girls behind her back!" Brittany made a face like this was juicy information. One, I do n;t believe that rumor and two, I didn't really care if he did. "Interesting. Where do you get this stuff from?" I leaned forward like I was actually interested. "I can't reveal my sources!" Brittany laughed Ira walked over to us, looking really nervously at me. "Um, Brittany?" "What do you want?" Her tone changed to a pretty ugly one. "Do you realize who she is?" "Just some wannabe girl that stands no chance now I'm back in town!" She gave me a fake smile. Reaching out my hand, I smiled in a b itchy way. "Hello, my name is Kristen. The female twin and the chick who's birthday is Friday. I assume you are in Alec's pack and I think he will agree with me when I tell you to be at Alpha Marcs office first thing tomorrow morning. They will want to have a word with you."

Brittany face dropped. It took a second but she finally reached out a shaky hand. "I-I'm so sorry..." "Save it. I really could care less about what you said. Not all of it is true, however I would love to place an order." "I think I'll take over from here." Ira said. Brittany walked off with her head hung. "S hit." Alec muttered. "I'm so sorry, Kris!" Ira looked nervous. "Don't sweat it. She actually gave us some information." "Your usual?" Her voice was still shaking with nerves. "Yes, please! Tea with lemon today though." "Perfect, and you, Alpha Alec?" "I'll have the brisket special. Water." He was trying to control his anger. "I'll bring that right out." Ira walked away to whom I assumed was the manager. Her hands were in her hips, glaring at Brittany. "You have girls everywhere." Shaking my head, I crossed my arms over my chest.