

Tattooed 251

Chapter 251

Even with my wolf, I haven't worked out in weeks. My muscles screamed in protest as I kept ducking out of the way. Jasper's instructions fell on deaf ears as I kept my focus to not get hit. Feeling his hands grab me, my b*dy was suddenly flying through the air. My back cracked against the wall before it slid down.

"F uck." I groaned but I didn't have time to recover. I watched as the warrior grabbed his radio to tell Alpha Rip where I was. Jumping up, my wolf forced my legs to spring forward onto his back. Snapping his neck in one motion before he pressed the call button.

-As he fell to the ground, I staggered to the floor as well. My breathing

was heavy as I crawled to the door and locked it. Just in case someone decided to come and check how things were going in here.

"Kristen.." Jasper's voice finally invaded my ears. With my back against the wall, I was trying to catch my breath.

As soon as he said my name, my eyes met his only visible one. "We... got to get out of.. here." There was a sharp pain on my side. I think he fractured a rib.

"Where are we?"

"No idea." Using the handle, my b*dy protested as I stood up. My adrenaline was going but I was very much aware over my lack of physical activity.

After gaining my balance, I walked over to Jasper to get him freed. It took me a second to unhook the chains but I did it. Jasper fell forward, clutching his chest. He was on his hands and knees with his face in the ground as he groaned. "S hiiiit..."

"Come on. We need to get you to a hospital." I said as I put my hand.

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my teeth together so I wouldn't cry out over the pain in my side. Jasper needed me more than a broken rip.

"How do we get out of here?" Jasper asked through gritted teeth.

"Quickly." I helped him walked over to the door.

"I mean, which way." My hand was on the door knob.

"No idea but we can't stay here." Looking at Jasper, we were both standing in our underwear with our bloody bodies using each other for support. "Ready?"

"As much as I'll ever be." Jasper nodded as I opened the door.

Without even looking, we turned left and ran as fast as we could. It was hard between the pain and carrying most of Jasper's weight, I kept stepping on sharp objects that cut my foot. I didn't stop, I kept going.

"THERE SHE IS!" I heard behind me.

"Don't look, keep going!" Jasper yelled. There was a sign for stairs up ahead. Our running didn't stop as we ran into the door, pushing it open. Thankfully, the door weighed enough that our momentum was stopped so we didn't fall down the steps that were closer than what I expected.

"Down!" I yelled as Jasper and I started down the stairs. We made it down a flight of stairs before the door opened with a bang. Slamming so hard against the wall, concrete dust fell down on us.

"They went down!" Pulling out his walkie talkie, we could hear the warrior radio to everyone. "She is on the stairs, moving down to the third level!"

I didn't stop. We kept going down. Each time we went down, I reached

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Jasper lost his footing and we fell down a few steps. I heard something snap and Jasper cry out in pain. Jasper's ankle was turned a different direction that caused him to fall down again. My knee hit the floor extremely hard.

"F uck!" Jasper grabbed his ankle.

"Sorry, Jasper." I said. Without waiting, my hands wrapped around his ankle and snapped it back into place

"HOLY F UCK, KRISTEN!" Jasper growled as I grabbed his arm and pulled him up once again. The guards were getting close as I pulled Jasper the rest of the way to the door. It said EXIT in big red letters.

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"MOVE, JASPER!" I yelled as we both pushed the door open. The dark of the night greeted us. Wind whipped at my hair and stung my cuts. The back part of the building emptied into an alley. There was some street parking, trash cans but nothing that would help us hide. We only made it twenty yards when the door opened again.

"Dear, little Kristen." Alpha Rip's voice sent chills down my spine. We instantly stopped trying to run. Turning to look at him, I saw the guns. "I must admit, I didn't expect that from you." Alpha Rip was standing just outside the door with multiple men. They all had guns pointed at us, waiting for the reply. "You killed my son." His face morphed as he said the words.

"You killed Darin?" Jasper asked, looking at me.

"Ripped his heart out with my own hands. I guess you should make sure that everyone is sprayed before you send them to get rapped by your son."

“I will be sure to not show you any mercy as I take your life.” Alpha Rip looked down at his hands. There was a 38 Special he was

loading.

“If you kill Jasper or me, I will not help you.” I said, using the only bargaining tool I had.

“We will see about this.” Alpha Rip nodded to someone behind us. Hands instantly wrapped around my neck as well as Jasper’s.

As he pulled us back into the building, my braid tried to work out a plan. I could transform into my wolf but that wouldn’t be enough to kill all these men. She would be a massive target, giving them more

surface area to hit. Jasper was completely defenseless as he was being drug ahead of me. With his ankle not healing fast, he was

Distracted looked at Jasper and I tripped over the first step going up the stairs. “S tupid b itch!” The warrior growled before punching me in the already broken rib. As much as I expected it, it still took my

breath away.

My wolf was slowly trying to take over. Alpha Rip knew I had her so I didn’t try to hide her anger as we looked up at the warrior. Sierra took over. She didn’t shift but she extended her claws and lashed out as the warrior bent over to pick me up. Slashing his throat open, more blood sprayed down my b*dy.

“Kristen!” I heard Jasper yell. Looking over just in time to see Alpha Rip stomp over to me and punch me in the temple.

The world went fuzzy. Not fully passing out but black did dance in my vision as I was hauled over Alpha Rip’s shoulders and carried up the stairs. As much as I tried to focus, it was hard. Blood dripped down my forehead, however, I wasn’t sure if it was mine or not.

With more force than probably needed, my b*dy was tossed down on the floor. Flat scratchy carpet caught my fall. The only thought I could focus on was how that was going to leave a rug burn.

“IT ISN’T THAT F UCKING HARD!” Alpha Rip was yelling as he grabbed me by the hair and pulled me up.

“FOCUS!” Slapping me across the face, he tried my hardest to focus.

“F uck...you...” I said between my heavy breathing.

“That’s a good girl.” Walking behind me, he pushed my chair in. “Now, I want the F UCKING CODE!”

In front of me was a variety of numbers and buttons with abbreviations that I didn’t even understand. There was nine boxes that were blank, waiting for a number. “I’m not a hacker.” I said as I

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Wrong answer.” Alpha Rip said. I heard him c ock back his gun. My head snapped over just in time to see him point it at Jasper and pull the trigger.

“F UCK!!!” Jasper yelled and he grabbed his ankle. It was the same ankle he had already broken. It might not be saveable now.

“I. Want. The. F ucking. Code.” Alpha Rip’s eyes were black as he looked at me. “Next will be his knee and I will keep going up.”

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“Don’t do it.” Jasper looked at me through is one good eye. There was fear and acceptance in his b*dy language. My b*dy flinched as Alpha Rip pistol whipped Jasper. He wasn’t knocked out but he was dazed. A warrior cut some duct tape and wrapped it around his mouth.

“Now, get me the f ucking code.” Alpha Rip looked at me.

Turning my attention back to the screen, it had the logo for the United States of America on it. “Stole it from the humans?” I asked sarcastically as I pressed enter on the key board. I might be a genius but I was not a hacker. I had no idea how to cover my tracks or even do this.

Alpha Rip c ocked the hammer back. “Is that a problem?” He asked in a very calm voice.

“Not for me.” I said, very aware of how many eyes were on me. Okay, I took a deep breath and tried to focus. I had taken multiple classes on computer programing to boost my college applications, so I had an idea of how this even worked.

There was a kid in there and clicked the wrong part and managed to break into the highschool’s system. I just needed to do the same thing ... just on a national level. My fingers tapped on the keyboard for a moment before they started clicking away. However had tried to do this, had managed to make it through a few firewalls but were stuck

at one.

Clicking on the URL, I tried to put it in another server. “You can’t do that, it won’t work that way! I already tried.”

Looking behind me, a warrior was standing over me, looking at what I was doing. Annoyance and fear poked me. If he understood this, he would know that I would be trying to f uck this whole situation up.

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Alpha Rip.... Please shoot him.” I said before turning around.

“Excuse me?” Alpha Rip asked, with a little amusement.

“I don’t need someone looking over my shoulder telling me what I am doing wrong when he couldn’t even do it correctly.”

I was just joking but when the gun went off, my head snapped back so fast that it popped more times that I ever felt before. The warrior glared at me as he fell to his knees and eventually to his side. Breathing his last breath, his eyes never left me.

“Continue.” Alpa Rip said.

“Um, okay.” I was a little shaken after that but I tried to keep focusing for Jasper’s sake. Changing a glance, he was perfectly still but his chest was still rising and falling slightly. His eyes were closed but blood still ran down his face.

It took me another five minutes to figure out how to break through their firewall but I managed to do it. A combinations of numbers and letters filled the screen. Moving up with such speed that you barely could read each one.

I wasn’t trying to find the code but make enough disturbance that I would be contacted by someone. “This is taking too long.” Alpha Rip said. His voice was getting agitated.

“I’m not going to the store for milk. I told you I wasn’t a hacker. You are going to have to give me a minute.” I said through gritted teeth.

“Work faster or Jasper won’t have a knee along with his ankle.” Alpha Rip whisper in my ear. –

“I’m trying.” I said as I leaned away from him. My fingers flew across the keyboard.

“Luna. Can you hear me?” My b*dy jumped in surprise as one of our

“YES!” I said as I tried to gain my composure.

“What was that?” Alpha Rip asked.

"I'm cold. I am literally in a bra and underwear." I lied.

BAM! The gun went off and Jasper cried out again. My mouth dropped as I looked at more blood coming from Jasper's knee.

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"The fuck?"

"You aren't working fast enough. Apparently you lack motivation.

Next one will be his heart." Alpha Rip c ocked the gun again and got on Jasper's level.

"I'm working!" I said angrily.

"Listen. We are surrounding the building." I was too happy and worried to react too much.

"I will keep them busy as long as I can but you have to quietly penetrate the building. They are already aware that you were coming." I said as I tried to open this other link. A single number popped up. 8. Typing an 8 into the first box, Alpha Rip was happy.

"Alpha Rip, we are being surrounded. They are not friendlies." A warrior slammed the door open, making a bright light blind us for a second.

"Take care of it." Alpha Rip said without looking at him. Two warriors walked out with him. Daring a glance, there was still four warriors i this room.

As I was typing out another algorithm, I was finally able to get the U.S.A military to respond. He had placed it in the codes so unless your knew what you were looking at, you wouldn't see it.

-see your plea, follow instructions-

Relief and happiness filled me. I was starting to get worried they didn't see it or I didn't do it right. Clicking the link that popped up, it led me to another screen that looked exactly like the same one. However, this one had some data that I knew was false.

They responded with another message. However, this message was my coordinates that I needed to put into the system to program the false attack. The military wanted me to fake it like it was real to buy us time.

"The U.S.A military is on their way. We need to get out A.S.A.P." I said in the mind-link to the warrior.

"Colt said we are okay. He is on his way here but we need to stall."

"There is a bomb here. If this goes off..." I replied.

"We aren't leaving you." He said instantly.

More numbers were popping up as I followed the obvious instructions. 4. 2. I felt Alpha Rip come over to me and watch me work. At this point, it was easy to pretend to struggle. Typing random letters and numbers that made zero sense but Alpha Rip was hanging on my every push of the keyboard.

O was next before 8 came back up. I just needed four more numbers. Since Alpha Rip was watching me, I had to get more creative on sending my message. This time, I asked for an ETA.

Noises were being heard in the building now. We had officially penetrated. Guns and growls were vibrating the walls. The warriors were getting antsy and Alpha Rip was souly focused on me. Placing his hand on my shoulder, he squeezed hard.

"That's it. Hurry up." He growled.

7. Came up next. Putting each one into the box, I glanced over at Jasper again. He was looking at me with his only good eye. There wasn't anyway to read his expression from the blood and with how swollen his face was but I knew he thought I was achieving Alpha Rip's goal.

3...9... "One more..." Alpha Rip was excited. As soon as the last

the way and hit launch with a closed fist.

The room lit up green. Sounds of ignition grew. My heart started pounding as doubt filled me. That was, until it died and a red X filled the screen with a skull and the US.A logo under it.

"You...little..... bit ch." Alpha Rip dropped his head. I had fallen to the floor. Leaning back on my hands, he slowly moved his head over me to. There was more furry in his face than I have ever seen before.

Standing up, he tossed his head back and laughed. "What happened?" A warrior asked.

"Tell them." He said as he waved his gun around.

"I contacted the military and they gave me a code to permanently disarm the bomb. It is useless. You can kill us but I will not help you kill my family." I said with a smile on my face. If I was going to die, I wasn't going to allow him to win. "They are on their way, might as well leave now."

"We will be leaving but you will not. Starting with him." Alpha Rip turned and pointed the gun at Jasper.

My wolf finally snapped as she transformed instantly. It was like I was watching everything in slow motion as the gun went off at the same time he pulled the trigger. As much as I wanted to see if Jasper was alive, Sierra was focused on Alpha Rip.

Tossing me to the side, he transformed into the biggest pure black. wolf I have ever seen. His eyes were so black, that you couldn't even see them. Blending into his fur, he started circling me. Knowing I had to stay between Jasper and him, I held my ground. The warriors were all shifted too but stayed back. Most likely from his command.

Alpha Rip snapped at me. Sierra got her paw up and slapped his wolf. Barely nicking his nose. He was an Alpha but she was something

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I happily sat back. The power that came from her was frightening and beautiful. Shaking out her fur, she let out a massive warning growl.

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Alpha Rip didn't take lightly to the threat and punched. Sierra met him in the air. Kicking him in the ribs, he got a slap across her face. Sierra managed to avoid his teeth as they fell to the ground. Not sure if Sierra was aware but the building was not built for werewolf fighting. The floor shook under the weight that was going placed on it.

Alpha Rip attacked again but Sierra was ready for it. Dodging his attack, he was able to dance around him. Wearing him out or making him that much more angry was going to be key to winning. However, keeping him from reaching Jasper was a chore. She didn't have room to move. The room was small and Jasper stopped moving.

Alpha Rip made a move to get Jasper that Sierra blocked but it left her right side open. Alpha Rip instantly capitalized on it and sank his teeth into her hip. Her claws came back and swiped up. Leaving three large gashes across his stomach. Still, he didn't let go. Biting down harder, I felt them hit bone.

Using her weight, she fell over on top of him. He let go as our weight pushed against his lungs, and on the floor. A final crack made us sink in the floor. The carpet held strong. Making eye contact with Jasper, he shook his head no as Sierra used her claw and cut the carpet.

Instantly making them both fall through the floor. As her head passed, the door burst open and our warriors came in shooting their

guns.

Sierra landed on Alpha Rip, crushing her fall. Instantly jumping up, she was expecting him to come after her again. However, there was a single wooden shrapnel sticking out of his neck. Shaking, he transformed back into Alpha human form.

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His eyes were black with anger as he tried to take the wood out.

Sierra took her paw and stepped on his hand. Breaking every bone as

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pooling quickly from under him: Not wanting to leave anything to chance, Sierra dug in his chest until she pulled out his heart.

The door to the room we were in burst open to see me holding Alpha Rip's head in my mouth. It was the military. They had arrived and looked alarmed but not scared.

"Identify yourself!" He said and pointed a gun at me.

"She is one of us!" I recognized Peter as he pushed his way through the humans. Setting his gun down, he pulled off his vest and then his shirt. Tossing it at my feet, he put his vest back on. "Turn around." He instructed. They instantly listened and I was able to shift back into my human form.

Putting on his shirt, it barely reached my thighs. "Okay." I said.

"We need to get you out of here." Peter came over to me and grabbed my arm.

"Jasper!" I yelled and ripped my arm from him.

"Is being taken outside. Hurry." Peter grabbed me again but this time I didn't protest. Going down the hall, we were escorted down the stairs and out of the building.

"Get them to the extraction site. I'm going to check on my men."

Peter said as we came up to two military men holding Jasper. Going down the street, we continued on a slow jog for almost a mile before they slowed down. I recognized Jacob running towards us.

"S hit." He said as he looked at Jasper.

"Doctor! Jasper needs immediate medical attention!" Jacob said in a very authoritative way. The doctor instantly stopped doing what he was going and rushed over with some nurses.

quick examination, he looked at the nurse. "Call for a med-

vac." The nurse nodded ran to a vehicle. I watched as she ripped open the door and got on the radio.

"What is it?" I asked looking back at the doctor.

"Broken bones but it's the purpling. I'm worried he has some internal bleeding. Bullets are still in his ankle and knee. We need to get him into emergency surgery." Jasper looked down at his b*dy and back up at me.

"You will be fine." I said trying to stay strong.

The nurse came back with a gurney. Jacob and the doctor laid Jasper down as they rushed him under a tent. I was left standing there alone. Jasper had to be okay, there wasn't another choice. The military men walked away, not saying a word.

It wasn't until someone put a blanket around me that I snapped out of my trans and looked around. Peter had come back with another line of prisoners. "Do you need to sit or get a drink?" He asked.

“N-no.” I was trying to gather my thoughts and think rationally. “What is the report?” I asked as he started to turn away.

“Report?” Peter looked at me confused.

“Yes, what is the report?” I looked at him and waited..

“Luna... maybe you should...” Peter looked at me like I was crazy.

“Give me the f ucking report.” I said as I felt the anger build up in me.

Peter sighed but nodded. “Alpha Rip is obviously dead. Dar-”

“I know how Darin died, continue.” I interrupted. Peter gave me a double glance before his eyes shifted to my hand. He must have spotted all the red staining and connected the dots but thankfully didn’t ask.

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“Everyone who surrendered are cuffed and being brought here for processing and will be placed in a cell. Alpha Colt or Alpha Alec will decide when they get here.”

The last part annoyed me but I let it go. “I assume Judd was killed.”

“Yes, Luna. He was found dead and is being transferred with everyone else that died.”

“No, pull his b*dy and place by himself. He was not a traitor.”

“Luna?” Peter looked at me confused.

“For the last time Peter, do as I ask or you will not like what happens next.” I was getting a headache and did not appreciate being

questioned.

“Yes, Luna.”

“Also, I want a man named Zac brought up to me.”

Peter looked taken aback by this. “Zac?”

“That is correct. If he is here, which I doubt but if he is, I want him brought to me.” I had a hunch.

“I don’t-”

“Asked around Peter, use your brain, figure it out!” I knew my wolf was coming to the surface by this point.

“Yes, Luna.” Peter bowed before walking over to the prisoners.

Three helicopters were racing as they rounded the tree-line. As they got closer, the wind picked up, blowing my hair around my face. The tent sides were whipping anyone who got close but it wasn’t until the

tubes down his throat and out of his arms. His chest had this

massive tube sticking out with blood dripping down to the dirt below. All three of the medical team was covered from the waist down with the sticky red stuff. There was enough blood that made me wonder if there was any left in Jasper’s b*dy.

As the three helicopters touched down, the medical team ran towards more medical personnel as they got out. Handing him off, the

helicopter with Jasper took off. I kept watching as more medical people got out but it was the two men that jumped out and starting running towards me that caused my front to start to crumble.

My legs weren't moving. As much as I wanted to run to them, I was frozen. Colt hung back as Alec raced on, without breaking eye contact. The only time I finally moved was when Alec reached me and scooped me up. Wrapping myself around him, he hugged me tightly. My legs and arms wrapped around him, holding on with everything I had left in me.

"I'm so sorry." Alec declared in my ear. He pulled back enough to k*ss me hard before squeezing me tightly again.

"Don't be. I told them to take me. I'm okay." I felt a little hysterical feelings start to come up but it was too easy to push them down. That was no who I was and it was not who I wanted to be. Those

feelings would not win. I am stronger than that.

"Did he hurt you?" Alec set me down and pulled the blanket away. His eyes darkened when he realized I was wearing Peter's shirt.

"I'm fine. My wolf has already been healing me. Nothing I haven't dealt with before."

"Kristen." I heard Colt say. Looking over, he looked like he aged thirty

years.

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gave

a hug. I could feel the

relief flow through him as he held me close.

“Why the fuck did you go with them?” Colt let me go and turned angry out of love.

“Because that is what a Luna does for her men. If the roles were

reversed, you would have went without hesitation to save Penny.” Placing my hand on his face, his eyes closed as he nodded.

“Still, don’t do that again.” Colt said.

Alec grabbed my arm and forced me to look at him. “I’d rather die than watch that again. Do you hear me?”

“Look at my boys thinking they can control me!” I smiled before giving him a little kiss on the lips. “Come on, I have so much to tell you.”

Grabbing Alec’s hand, I went to walk to somewhere private but I heard my name get called out. “LUNA!”

Chapter 257

We all turned and watched Peter walk up to us with someone in handcuffs. “What is this?” Alec asked, a little annoyed.

“Is this who you wanted?” Peter pushed him to his knees. Grabbing a fist full of hair, Peter grabbed a fist full of hair and ripped his head back.

“Mother fucker!” Colt was pissed.

“Wait!” I said as I put my arm out to stop Colt. “Peter, let him go.” Peter looked at Alec for confirmation. I was f u c k i n g done with not being listened to by Peter. Letting go of Alec, it only took me three steps to reach Peter and punch him right in the nose. Peter didn’t even move as he probably wasn’t even sure what I was going to do.

“Whoa! What is going on?” Alec stepped forward.

“Listen here, Peter. I am your f u c k i n g Luna and you will do exactly as I say. Disrespect me one more time and I will not hesitate to put you in your place.” I knew my aura was out. The camp had gotten quiet as they watched the exchange. Peter was on his knees. Holding his nose, he looked up at me.

“Yes, Luna.”

“Great, get back to work.” Pulling back my aura, Peter got up and left without looking at Alec.

“Ice, what is going on?” Colt was looking between us.

“Zac, stand up and follow me.” Zac looked taken aback but listened. He stood up like I said and started walking behind me. Still cuffed, Colt walked beside him and Alec walked beside me.

No one spoke until we got to a separate tent that the set up as a

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his arms crossed, he looked at me, confused.

“Zac, do you know who I am?” I asked, firmly but politely.

“I do.”

“Do you know they are?” I asked glancing at Alec and Colt.

“Yes, ma’am.”

“Colt, this is Penny’s father, Zac.” I said without looking at Colt. Zac looked taken aback but didn’t say anything.

“What?” Colt kept his composure but got a closer look at Zac. His beard had grown out and his hair looked like he hadn’t brushed it in months. With it being down to his shoulders, his identity was hidden.

“Zac is not the traitor you think he was, nor was Judd.” I said as I took

a seat.

“Judd never betrayed anyone!” Zac looked angry.

“I know. Judd was placed undercover by Marc. However, these two formed an agreement based on a similar objective. You see, Alpha Rip has a mate that is very much alive. Before she found Rip, she had a boyfriend.” I didn’t take my eyes off Zac, making sure what I was told was the truth.

Zac avoided eye contact with me. “She-she is still alive?”

“She is.”

“Who is she?” Colt asked.

“Cassie was her name. Daughter of Alpha Ivan, the only child of Ivan and Penny’s mother.” I said. Both Alec and Colt’s eyes widened in shock.

“WHAT?” Colt yelled before he composed himself.

Rip found Cassie, she was already pregnant. She tried to pass the baby off as Rip's but she looked too much like her dad. Rip found

out the truth so they got the baby out of there. Zac has been working these last 19 years under cover at Rip's pack in order to protect Penny from attack."

"I'm so confused." Alec was trying to piece it together.

"Alpha Rip wanted Darin to take over the pack when he died. However, werewolf law requires the first born is the Alpha. Penny is older than Darin. Therefore, Penny is the heir to the title. Not Darin. Darin only becomes alpha if Penny died. However, Rip knew that Judd was a spy because he downloaded an app on his phone that made all communication Judd had sent to his phone. Rip read every single text message Judd sent to Marc. They is why he moved away from the garage. He was pre-warned. Rip's goal was to kill everyone and take over all three packs."

"He built the tunnels to attack our pack and set up a missile to level everything."

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"Yeah, we gave him a way out when we moved our pack to Colt's

pack. He was going to just kill everyone instead of just you two and

me."

"Alpha Rip and Darin are dead." Alec said trying to wrap his head. around this.

"That makes..." Colt continued.

"Cassie is now Alpha of Midnight River pack." I finished for them both. "Penny is the heir to the title. She is currently in the cells."

“Did he mark her?” Alec asked.

“I’m afraid so. She didn’t mark him but the bond was already there. I’m afraid with the conditions she has been in, she may not survive this.”

“Take me to her. I’ll mark her and keep her wolf there. I never stopped loving her.” Zac looked desperately up at Colt. “Please! Let me put my family back together!”

Colt was speechless. He wasn’t sure what to say but kept looking at Alec and me before looking back at Zac. “For Penny’s sake...” I looked at Colt. He met my eyes and I didn’t need to say anything else.

After a moment, he said, “Okay.”

Zac was on his feet quicker than I expected. Alec grabbed me and held me close to him as Colt grabbed a hold of Zac. Together, we walked back to the helicopter. Alec and I sat on one side and Colt and Zac sat on the other. I still had the blanket around me but as I sat down, it shifted a little.

“Are you okay?” Zac asked, bringing my attention to him. The

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making Colt and Alec to do the same.

“Nothing important.” I said as I tried to cover it up. However, Colt was faster than I was.

“What the fuck happened?” His eyes were black. “Those are claw marks.”

“I ripped out Darin’s heart, I’m fine.” Grabbing the blanket, I moved to cover myself up. Colt was not happy with that statement and neither was Alec but he just pulled me closer to him and rested his chin on my head.

The rest of the ride was silent. No one spoke a word. Zac was bouncing in his seat. Colt was lost in his own world and Alec was worried. He kept checking his phone. For some reason, I wasn't. I knew Jasper would pull through. He would be fine. He had to be. There wasn't another option. Jasper had a baby on the way. He would be fine.

The helicopter jolted as it started to descend. Looking out of the window, there was some guards but mostly just pack members. No one looked scared but extremely nervous. What surprised me the most was how all the women were wearing rags and covered in dirt. Only the men were clean. Sherry's words flashed in my head. Women were good for one thing.

Colt opened the door and walked out. He held his head high as he looked around. Spotting a guard, he walked up to him. "Get Cassie and bring her to me." I got out first before Alec and Zac got out. The helicopter started quieting down, which helped.

"I don't answer to you." He said, squaring up.

"How about me? I ripped Darin's heart out with my bare hands. Should we forced you to listen or are you going go into the cells and

my up w UVIL

The warrior's eyes narrowed as I spoke. I knew this would challenge him. All the women covered in fear. "Know your place!" He raised a hand but it was Colt that delivered a punch so hard that he fell over backwards.

"Can you please get Cassie from her cell?" I asked one of the woman. standing around. Colt grabbed the keys and handed them to me.

"Y-yes, ma'am." She nodded and stayed bowed over as she turned from me.

I couldn't help but look at the state of the poor woman that was leading me to Cassie. The rags she was wearing were literally only covering the important parts. Scars and bruises covered her exposed skin. What should have been lush brown hair was dull and

breaking. Dark circles lined her eyes and a freshly split lip finished off her look.

The cells were only a couple hundred yards away. I could see still Alec and Colt as she raised a door from the earth. The stairs were steep but manageable. I knew we were in the right place as the smell of sweat and blood filled my nose. It was so thick that my eyes started to water. We continued down a narrow tunnel until she finally stopped. Unlocking the door, she stepped back and bowed her head.

It was my turn to look. Sitting on the floor, with a metal dog collar around her neck, it was chained to the wall. Her hair was covered in dried blood and dirt, no single article of clothing on was but a smile was across her face.

"Cassie?" I asked, softly.

"He's dead." She whispered quietly. Her voice was strained but there was a happiness to it.

"He is." Taking the keys, I walked up to Cassie. "I am going to unlock you."

"Wish I could have done it myself." Her eyes opened and looked at

me.

"You realize what this means?" Her skin had started to grow around the collar, making me have to pull it from her literal flesh.,

"I do but my wolf doesn't have much left." Taking the blanket off me, I

“Zac is outside.” I said as I helped her stand. He must have been

keeping her wolf from her all these years. None of her injuries were healing good. One even looked infected.

“Zac?” Her eyes widened as she glanced at me.

“Yes. He has been trying to protect Penny all these years.” We walked slowly down the hall and up the stairs.

“Zac...” Cassie whispered as she was finally able to breath some fresh air after 19 years.

Alec held Zac back as we slowly made our way up to them. It took us awhile to get there since she was inching it. I suspected she hasn't walked around the entire time she was in there. Maybe from one side to the other but nothing that would come close to this.

However, she collapsed just fifty yards from Zac. Colt managed to get the cuffs off Zac before he ran forward and pulled Cassie into his lap. “CAS SIE!”

“Zac! I can't believe it's you.”

“Let me mark you. Let me save you. If not for me but for Penny.” Zac had tears in his eyes as he carefully caressed her face.

Cassie closed her eyes but nodded. Her time was out and if Zac didn't do it now, she would die. “Hurry up.” I said to Zac.

He didn't need being told twice, pulling her tiny frame up, he bit down. into her collar bone. Cassie didn't cry out or even move. Just a single tear ran down her face until he pulled out and licked it clean. Cassie's head rolled to the side.

“What happened?” Zac asked.

“Hold on to that bond as we get her to a doctor.” Alec said. Zac

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“Follow me!” The same woman said as she ran off. Colt followed Zac and Cassie.

“Get everyone in this pack to gather in front of the packhouse.” Alec told the warrior. He didn't want to listen but did it regardless. “Woman and children.” Alec clarified since we both could see if only

requesting the men.

“Lead us there.” I demanded. He didn't even acknowledge my statement but turned around and started walking. Alec held my hand as we walked. Thankfully, it wasn't far and people were already gathering around. There was far more woman and children than I expected but I wasn't surprised about the number of men. Most of them were taken down already.

Chapter 260

“As you all know, Alpha Rip and Darin are both dead. What you may not know, Alpha Ivan had a daughter before he died, Cassie. Cassie was Alpha Rip’s mate and is still very much alive. Fighting for her life in the hospital but is alive. Cassie has a daughter as well that is the heir to the throne. If Cassie does not make it, her daughter will be Alpha. There is many changes that are going to be happening immediately.” Alec said with as much authority as he could find.

“All women and children will need to make their way to Alpha Brian’s pack. The Blue Fang Pack is where Cassie’s child is currently the Luna. Luna Penny is a sweet and gentle soul that will see that bathed, clothed and get medical treatment.”

“All men will follow me to my pack where you will be treated accordingly.” Alec got on his phone and took a few steps back.

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“Is this really happening?” A little girl came up to me. “Mommy won’t bleed anymore?” She looked to be around six or seven.

“No, sweetie. Mommy will never bleed again.” My heart literally broke

as she said this.

“Vans will be here in twenty minutes.” Alec came back and

announced.

“I’m going to go with them.” I said in the mind-link. “I need to tell Penny the truth.”

“Good. You need to get cleaned up. Are you sure you are okay?”

“I am. I’ll take care of the women and children, you handle the men.”

"I am. There will be warriors that are coming that will assist Colt and I." Alec kept standing as everyone else sat down on the ground. The

Alec. It almost got to the point that I worried they would try to attack

US.

Thankfully, multiple vans pulled into the driveway right as one of the warriors stood up. "I suggest you sit the fuck back down before I help you." Alec must have noticed it too but he didn't give them an inch.

Fortunately, many warriors all got out of the vehicles. Some of them were still wearing their battle uniform and others weren't. "All women and children, please get into the vehicles." I said as I helped a few stand.

"Stupid bitch." I heard a warrior whisper. My body froze as I turned and got down on his level.

"Want to say that louder?" I asked, without breaking eye contact. I could see Colt walking up in the distance.

"I said... Stupid bitch!" He gave me so much attitude that I almost lost my balance.

"That's what I thought. You see my hand? See all the red? This blood is from Darin. I ripped his heart out." I made a show of extending my claws. Without pushing too deep, I cut a thin line right across his throat.

"Disrespect me again, I'll make sure that goes deeper. Time are

changing and you will either adjust your attitude or you can sleep with your dead Alpha. You can let my mate know what you decide and he will be happy with helping you achieve that, or you can ask my brother." The warrior didn't lose his attitude but did look a little more concerned.

"Luna Kristen. We need to go."

That voice made me smile. "Clint." Standing up, I turned and looked at

"Yes, alpha" I said back as I smiled at turns

He rolled his eyes and looked away but was fighting off a smile. "Bien, stand up!" Alec demanded as the train of cars started driving. I watched in the mirror as Alec delivered a blow to the man that

mouthed off to the

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It's nice to have you home. Clint gave me a small smile as he drove. "Thank you. I'm glad this is all over and behind on