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"Of course." Penny smiled at me but took Emmy's hand and helped her up the stairs.



"The doctor said that if he had taken one more ball to his stomach, he would have died. You really did save his life," put my hand on her stomach. She wasn't huge but you could tell she was pregnant and not just bloated now. "What is it you need to tell me?" Penny asked after a moment. "I know who your parents are." I said after taking a deep breath and looking at her in the eyes. The shock and surprise was clear. "What?" "We haven't found anything." Emmy said, equally shocked: "I can spare you the story if you don't want it and just tell you where they are at." I was giving her an out. "They have not betrayed you but protected you, your entire life. They are good people that were forced to do bad things."

The room was quiet for awhile as Penny struggled to find out what she wanted. End the end, she looked at me and nodded. "Yes, I want to know but keep the details out. Just an overview."

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Penny didn't have the same stomach as I did. "Okay. Alpha Ivan was the Alpha of Midnight River pack. He had one daughter, named Cassie. Cassie had a boyfriend, Zac, that got her pregnant. She was just a few weeks along when she met Alpha Rip, her mate. Knowing his personality, she tried to pass off the pregnancy as his. However, the baby came out looking just like her dad. Alpha Rip said he was going to kill the baby so Cassie and Zac got the baby out and left her outside of Blue Fang Pack. Cassie was.... either way, together Cassie and Rip had Darin. Rip has spend the last 19 years plotting to kill everyone so

Darin would get the Alpha position and not Cassie's daughter. However, Rip and Darin are dead. Cassie was marked by Zac a little bit ago and is in the hospital. She is currently the Alpha of Midnight River pack."

The room was silent for a long time while both girls digested this information. "Why was he trying to kidnap you?" Emmy said after a little bit.

"Well, it get fuzzy but they had one plan and it kept changing and Darin really did have a fantasy about us and hired the rogues. However, he asked Zac to get the rogues so Zac got s hitty he knew we would beat."

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"You almost died..." Emmy looked at me like I was losing my min and Alec. F u ck, Ace died!"

"True but he had to sell it. The way I see it, Zac would have blown his cover if he would have been successful. I think by shooting Alec in the arm, it was his way to making it look real without breaking his cover."

"Cassie can't be an Alpha when she has spent the last 19 years in a cell." Emmy said.

title to Penny. It would be the right thing. She isn't physically or m entally able to do it." We never discussed it but I had a hunch.

"What does that mean?" Penny asked.

"It mean, you will be the alpha of Midnight River pack and Colt is the alpha of Blue Fang. However, I would suggest merging the packs and just expanding Blue Fang."

"That is massive." Emmy's eyes got wide.

"I think it is something you and Colt will need to decide what is best for you guys. Alec and I will always be here for support." "So... Cassie and Zac are my....my parents?" Penny asked, hesitantly. "They are. I think it is best that you give it a day or two before your meet them. Talk to Colt about how to go about it but I'd give it a day or two." I didn't want her to see the state of her mother's neck. Penny opened her mouth but closed it and nodded. She must have. read between the lines and decided it wasn't worth going against my word. I would never steer her in the wrong direction so I was thankful she agreed to that. Still, not knowing who your parents are all these years and then all that get dumped on you? "What are Colt and Alec doing?" Emmy asked. "Seeing to the warriors of Midnight River pack and making some adjustments to them. We can obviously discuss how to move. forward with them but I believe it will be in everyone best interest to completely flatten that pack and build new homes. Those women are traumatized." "Sherry has opened up a little to me about what had happened to her." Penny looked sick. "I would agree with that statement." "I want to shower and change my clothes and then I want to go down, to the kitchen and eat everything in sight." "Nothing was ever done to your room." Penny said looking at me. "What?"

"Colt refused to allow it. I cleaned it and what not but Colt wanted it to be there. He knew there would be a time when you would want to come back and he wanted you to feel like this will always be a home. to you: So, we compromised. I wanted that too, obviously, but I knew you wouldn't ever think of this as your home again. You checked out the moment you marked Alec. We decided to remodel the entire place. However, that room is untouched. It is your's to remodel or

leave as is. I don't think you will ever feel like this is home to you but hopefully it will be a place you will want to visit. A place you can get memories with any niece or nephew you have."

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I was quiet for a moment. As much as I appreciated and respected what my brother wanted and hoped. I agreed with Penny. This will. never be my home but I did find myself willing to come back here for any of their kids. "Nursery."

"What?" Penny seemed confused.

"Make my old room a nursery for your future kids. You are right. I'l never see this as my home. I will probably never stay here again but! want to see it filled with all the happy memories I never had. I know you will live at the house but while you do work here, make that room the nursery or even just a play room. I'll come back and visit, especially when those kids get popping out but I don't want the room. Put mom's old furniture in there. She wanted it to be loved on and you wanted to redecorate the house."

"Then that is what I'll do." Penny smiled at me.

"Come on. I'll take you to my room that I've been staying in for you to shower. I have clothes you can wear as well." Emmy stood up and nudged me.

"Perfect. Thank you." Smiling at Emmy, I stood up but stopped and looked at Penny. "Are you okay? Do you want to come and sit with us while I shower?"

"No. I'm not sure I am okay but I will be. I just need to process this. I am going to go check on the women and food." Penny sighed before standing up herself.

"Okay, we will see you down there." Emmy said. We went one way and Penny went the other. It wasn't until we were in her room that either

one of us spoke again. "Do you think she will be okay?"

"Eventually. She probably dreamed of finding her parents and then to find out what happened to them..." I gave Emmy a look as I got in the shower.

"Jasper is landing..." Emmy looked at her phone.

"Go! I know how to shower myself." Smiling at her, she didn't need being told twice. Running out of the door, she was gone before I even turned around.

Truthfully, I was a little thankful. I wanted to quiet time to myself. Just to process what happened. Everything has happened so quickly that I haven't processed it myself. I haven't even found a normal since. Alec and I mated. Everything snowballed so fast that I don't even remember what day it was. However, I didn't feel trapped. There wasn't any lingering emotions of anxiety or any type of PTSD. I felt at piece. That might have to do with the fact that I quite literally ripped his heart of out of his chest. It could be the fact that I knew they were dead. I watched them die and they wouldn't be around to hurt me.

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After my shower, I was able to use Emmy's blow dryer and

straightener. Thankfully, I also found some bras that would fit me and underwear with the tag still on them. Grabbing just basic shorts and t- shirt, I felt more myself. For the first time, in a long time, I was excited to go out and talk to people.

The entire atmosphere was different. Kids were laughing as they ran around. Mothers were chasing them, scolding them or just laughing at them. Everyone had a drink in their hand and just seemed to be chilling.

"Hey, Luna Kris! Do you need anything to drink? We are passing out coffee, chi tea or waters. We have lemonade for the kids. I can get. you something different if you prefer." One of my old pack members, Suzie, was walking around with a couple empty glasses.

"No, thank you. How is everything going? Do you need any help?"

"Obviously we are busy but it's been great. Everyone is helping

everyone so its been pretty relaxed. I do think Luna Penny might need help in the kitchen." Suzie whispered the last part to me.

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"Okay. I'll go check it out." I said, smiling at her. She nodded and kept on going around asking if anyone needed drinks. I had to dodge a few kids before I made it to the kitchen. "...nightmare!" I caught the last part of it. "What's wrong?" I asked as I shut the door behind me. "I don't think we have enough food for everyone!" Penny looked like she was in tears. "Okay. What do you have?" "We have deli meat, some pastas, salads, fruits but I don't feel like it is enough." I could hear the concern on her voice. "Well, remember those women were starved. They aren't going to eat a lot. Second, there are boxes of mac n cheese on the counter over there. Make that for the kids." I started looking through the fridge. You have plenty of cheese and tortillas, maybe some people will want a quesadilla. There are some leftover shredded chicken and steak in here. Plus, I'll call Alec and see where they are at. If he is getting ready to head over, I'll have him bring some stuff from our house. Okay?" "Thank you!" Penny looked relieved. The kitchen staff got to work as I took her phone and walked out to the porch. It rang three times before he answered. "Alpha Alec." "Hey, it's me." "Kristen? What number are you calling me from?" "Penny's. I have no idea where my phone is." "It's a gift, really." "So, what's going on?" He went back to being serious.

"How soon are you guys coming over?" "Why? Are you okay?" "Oh, I'm fine. Happy, really but Penny is freaking out she doesn't have enough food." "Ah, well we were about to head over in a few minutes. I was actually getting ready to shower."

"Great. Can you bring over all the deli meat we have and anything that can be served easily?" I asked, happy that he wouldn't be much longer. "Sure. Have you heard anything on Jasper?" "Yeah. Surgery went good. They brought him over here and Emmy is with him now. I think he will be just fine." "Good." I heard the shower turn on. "Hurry over." I sighed as I sat on the porch swing. "I will, love. I will." There will always be this warm fuzzy feeling when he called me love. "Bye." I said "Bye." Alec hung up and I

just rocked back and forth. "Did you get ahold of him?" Penny said, scaring the life out of me. "S HIT!" I jumped as she sat down. "HA! Sorry!" Penny started laughing at me. "You scared the s hit out of me. Yes, he will be here in about thirty minutes." Giving her a little push, she settled down next to me. "I really am glad you are okay." "I'm pretty stubborn that way." I didn't want to have a heart felt conversation at this moment. "I should thank you, though." Penny started laughing a little. "What? Why?" I was confused. "You got us out of the school testing again. I have been dreading that." I couldn't contain my laughter. "Seriously?" "Colt has been stressing about that da mn test and everything else." "Why is he stressed over a test? He doesn't actually need to take it. None of us do." Mrs. Smith Author Thank you for reading!! 07

men gasped in horror as another guy stepped forward and he stepped back. "We accept full responsibility for failing to protect our Alpha and Lunas. Luna Erin was found dead, from the loss of her mate." I these guys wore a bruise on their face. At first, I thought it was from the battle but now I think differently. Colt and his warriors stood off to the side. "We accept full responsibility for our actions and will accept any punishment you deem fit. We are deeply sorry. Your bravery not only killed Darin and Rip but save multiple people from a terrible fate." A third warrior said. Falling back in line, everyone was quiet. Not even the children were making a sound. Alec looked up at me. "I can decide their punishment if you prefer." He said in the mind-link. Taking a deep breath, I walked down the steps and into Alec's arms. "Everyone will be punished..." I started. A few of them blinked, waiting for what that punishment was. After a pause, I kept going. "... but not tonight. Right now I was to celebrate our victory. I want everyone to come together as one. So many lives were lost yet so many people got new ones. Tonight we will eat and hold our loved ones. Tomorrow we will find a new normal. There will be a lot of changes coming. Actions speak louder than words and we are watching." "Dismissed." Alec shouted before turned and looking at me. "I'm sorry I wasn't there to get you." "It's okay. I got myself out of there. Reaching up, I grabbed his shirt and pulled on it. Alec got the hint and bent down to k*ss me. His hands grabbed my face and gentle touched my split I*p. "You are the strongest person I know." Alec sighed. "I'm sorry about your mother." I whispered. "I felt the bond snap when we were on our way to get you." Alec closed his eyes for a second. "How did you know where to find me?" Beckham broke through the firewall just after you were taken. It worked perfectly and there was two numbers that came up the most. Time was not on our side so we separated into two teams." Wrapping my arms around his neck, his wrapped around my waist. "I don't regret my decision." "I know you don't." Alec frowned at me. "You are both irritating and brave."

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"He wants to hang his diploma on the wall. To show kids that school is important. Colt wants to enroll in College classes this fall in business." Penny whispered it like it was a big secret.

"Oh really?" That shocked me.

"Yup. Wants to be a good role model."

"That's good." I was actually kind of impressed. I had no desire to continue on with any education. Part of thought I might but I am more excited to get back to my shop. Get back to relaxing. We sat in silence for awhile until I stood up.

As if right on cue, multiple vehicles came down the driveway. My heart started jumping for joy. Women started running out of the packhouse to greet their mates. Screaming with their own joy as they jumped on them. Half of the men were clean after a shower and the other half were dirty still.

"MEN!" Alec yelled in a very loud, pis sed off tone. Anyone was that holding their mates, put them down and formed a line. All the women. backed up, confused on what was happening. I was even confused, so I got up and walked to the top of the stairs. Alec walked around to the front with his arms crossed.

One guy stepped forward. In a very military fashion, started speaking. "Luna Kristen. Due to our inattentiveness, we were able to be captured. Resulting in Alpha Marc and Henry being killed. It resulted in you having to allow yourself to be kidnapped once again to save us from the same fate." Many of the

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"It's really a gift." I laughed.

"Kris? Alec? We can't eat without you guys." Penny popped her head out from the packhouse door.

"Coming." I yelled as Alec let me go and was walked hand in hand. Everyone was seated at a table and a beautiful array of food was lined against the far wall. As we took our seat, Alec stayed standing.

"A few quick announcements before we begin. Firstly, from my pack. is welcome to return to your houses. Everyone from Midnight River pack will stay here for tonight and tomorrow there will be direction on what moving forward will look like. There is much sensitive information that needs to get sorted before any announcement is made. I would like to thank everyone from the Blue Fang pack for their hospitality and kindness that has been shown these last few days." The entire room erupted in clapping. Penny was blushing and Colt just raised his hand but was smiling.

Alec sat down and Penny stood up. "Each table was given a number. That is the order in which you came go up and get food."

Seeing that we were table one, we all got up and made our way through the line. When we were half way done, the next table went. Everyone was acting respectful to everyone and talking quietly. I knew everyone was talking at our table but I was just looking at everyone. Our parents were gone and now it was literally up to us to keep them safe and alive.

"Ice?" There was a push against my arm, pulling my attention back to the group.

"What?" I looked over at Colt, Penny, Emmy, Jacob, Sherry and Alec all looking at me.

"Where did you go?" Colt asked. "The threat is gone. I can open my shop again. We can open the club again. People can go shopping and go back to being happy. We are in charge of everyone now. I'm safe. Everyone is safe." I've repeated that in my head multiple times today but this was the first time I said it out loud. Alec put his arm around me and pulled me close to him. Kissing my temple, he scooted us together so I was against him. "That's right. I believe your shop is ready to go. Do you want to have a grand opening?" Penny asked excitedly. "I suppose so. I need to find my books of who needs to get back on the schedule. Assuming they haven't got them fixed already." "Awesome. Please let me organize it!" Penny asked, her face lit up and there was no denying it. "Ppple eee as see?" "Sure. Don't go crazy!" I said quickly. "Of course not!" Penny had a devilish look to her eyes. Colt shook his head but smiled at her. "Are you going to Florida?" Colt asked. "Yeah, maybe next week. We need to figure out who is going where and what is happening. Though, that is really your problem, not ours." "Actually, it is your problem too." Colt said and sat back in his chai

"Oh? We are doing this here?" Penny dropped her fork and looked a

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mate's head and your warriors." I said in autopilot.

"Still, this is our proposal. We will give each person a choice on who they want to serve under. They can decide if they want Colt or Alec ast an alpha and we will each build our own territory up." Colt said as he grabbed his drink and took a sip. I was at a loss for words. "Are you sure?" Alec leaned forward and took the paper to examine it future. "I do." Colt said simply. "Come by tomorrow and we can finalize plans." Colt stood up and Penny followed. "It's early but we are going to turn in and have a quiet evening in our rooms." Penny said. "I would like to get back to Jasper anyway." Emmy stood up. "Let me know if you need anything." I said to her. "Of course!" We watched Emmy make her way out of the kitchen and out the door.

"I did what any luna would do. You would be surprised what you can do when there is a gun to your

"Attention everyone! Luna Penny and I are going to enjoy a quiet evening. Please follow the regular guidelines in place for quiet hours. when that comes around. Everyone has received their assigned rooms. If there are any questions or concerns, there are staff members around the pack house to help. They can mind-link us if need. We will always be available to help where needed. There will be a shuttle service to those who wish to head back to Black Moon Pack." Everyone nodded before going back to their conversations. "I would like to head home too." I said to Alec. "Here, you can take my car. Bring it back tomorrow." Colt tossed Ale some keys. You can stay YOU "No. I want to go to my home." I said. "Maybe one day I will stay the night but that isn't tonight." Jacob frowned but nodded. "Thank you." Sherry, who hasn't spoke all evening, finally said something. "For what?" I was genuinely confused. "For killing them." There wasn't any emotion in her face as she said. the words. Jacob wrapped his arm

around her as she buried her face in his chest. He gave us a look that said it was her way of healing. "I hope you find some peace." I said to her as Alec and I followed Colt and Penny out of the kitchen. Multiple people stopped us today express their gratitude but I was ready to get home. We didn't speak as Alec unlocked the car and opened my door. Sliding in, he went around to the driver's side and got in. As soon as he was out of the driveway, he put his arm on my thigh. Not sure why, but I pulled my legs up against my chest and held onto his arm. Resting my head and closing my eyes. "Love, we're home." Alec had to shake me to get me to wake up. it felt like we just left. "Okay." Letting go of him, I got out of the vehicle. I expected him to hold my hand as we walked inside, however, he came over and grabbed my thighs. Somewhat caught off guard, my arms went around his neck as my ankles locked behind him. "That's better." He grumbled as he carried me inside. His tongue was remembering just how I liked it. Going down my neck, he left little nibbles. I was so lost in how good it felt that I didn't even realize we had made it to our room until he slammed the door shut and locker it. No one was even here but it might have been out of habit or just in "I'm sorry, this won't be gentle or slow. I'll make it up to you." Alect tossed me down on the bed. He was standing over me, just looking at me. "Good." I said. Sitting up, I pulled on his draw string and let his shorts. fall.

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To say I was sore would be an understatement. Alec lived up to his word when he said he wasn't going to be gentle. Not that I minded. Reconnecting physically was something that I needed. He was mine. and I was his. The only man I would let touch me. We had just finished getting ready and were about head out. There was so much to discuss but yet, so little. After Colt dropped that bomb on us, the possibilities were huge. We needed to go through the Midnight River packhouse and get rid of any sensitive information. Colt wanted to meet us there and allow all the women to get whatever they wanted from their houses. They could either request to stay there or abandon it completely. All of us would understand either way. If they had a mate, it was required they would live in the packhouse or until they can show how to properly treat a mate. At the end of the day, it was up to the woman to stay with them or reject them. All would be required to undergo some therapy to make sure they weren't being coerced. I had a feeling most, if not all, the women would request new housing. In addition, all women and men would be allow to choose which pack they wish to join or even have the opportunity to ask to join another pack. There are some packs across the U.S.A that had the same reputation as Alpha Rip. Part of me feared they would leave and find them, taking their mates and children with them. At the end of the day, I knew it wasn't something I could fully intervene with and it wa up to the women to

decide. Everyone has been notified of these options and when we arrive a the Midnight River Pack, we should have a good idea who is goin where, or at least by the end of the day. "What did you do to the warriors?" I asked as we walked to the ca

AICU NUJ yviny our car. him unui ma yuny i uru "They each fought me and did a few different drills." Alec sighed. "What about the Midnight warriors?"

"They were punished with the whip and will be brought out with cuffs. to either plead their case or be killed. Their choice." Alec didn't seemed fazed by this. "Where are they now?" I asked in the mind-link since we just pulled out of the garage and headed to meet Colt. "Our warriors came and got them this morning and walked them over. They are already at the pack and chained to poles." "This will be a long day." I sighed. "I hate this part of the job." "Me too, love. Me too." "So, you settled on that pet name for me?" "Seems like a life time ago we were having that conversation." Alec chuckled. "I know. I'm hoping I can talk Colt into opening the club tonight." "I think he would be on board with it." I felt a little excitement coming from Alec. "Is the construction of the event center finished?" I asked. "Actually, it is. Finished last week. I have already secured them for a housing division." "When did you do that?" I asked, completely surprised. "The other day. I got an email from them and we needed more housing anyway so it worked out." "It's nice when things workout." I said as we slowed down. "I don't think I have ever been here." The boarder was completely brick and about eight feet tall. Wrought iron metal doors were standing open for us with pretty high techy looking cameras sitting on each corner. The trees were thick the entire way until we reached an opening. Everything was dark in color. Dark grey packhouse sat in the middle with a black roof. There wasn't any plants or greenery. It was either concrete or metal. My heart immediately broke for those kids.

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"This is all yours!" Penny had hair sticking out in every direction. "The big bad Penny has a situation you can't handle?" I teased. She put her hands on her hips and glared at me. Something she has never done. "You already had it organized by the time you gave it to me. This is just...." She waved her hand around like a crazy person. "How about I will work on this, I believe I heard the kitchen needed helped deciding what to keep and what food to throw away." I was giving her an out. "You know what!" She was a little hysterical at this point. "I'll just do that!" She stomped out and it was all I could do to look at Colt. "She is a little overwhelmed right now." He looked like he was exhausted just from listening to her. "However, we do need your help." "I got it. You just move over." I said as I pushed his chair out of my way. "Thank, sis." Colt stood up and walked over to Alec. "Why don't you guys figure out who is going where and move on t the warriors. This might take me awhile. Send Emmy in here whe she if she is done yelling at Jasper." "All the women are yelling." Colt sighed. "I haven't yelled yet!" I acted offended. "Yet being the key word." Alec muttered. I was looking down and made a show up slowly moving my eyes up. Colt laughed as he darted out of the room and Alec just smirked but came over to give me a k*ss. "Get your as s out of here." I faked grumbled as I started shifting through the paper files. I found everything. The paper trail of his attack on our packs. How he planed on flattening it and what he wanted to do with the land. There was an entire files on the different businesses he owned and what they did. Most of these will fall back in the hands of the banks and will be up to them to sell or discontinue the business. What I wouldn't give to have all this information last week.

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More than once I heard a few things out of the window that burned at my curiosity but the anger I felt from Alec told me I didn't want to actually see. Emmy had found me a few boxes that she was working on putting the paper work into. I was finishing up saving different things to the flash drive before deleting everything else. In the end, it was getting late as the sun was starting to set. "How's it going?" Alec asked as he and Colt walked in the door. "Good. Carry these to the car for me?" Emmy answered for us. They listened instantly and grabbed a box before walking out of the room. "How's the baby?" I asked. "Good. Growing like a weed." Emmy sat down and let out a long sigh. "Boy or girl?" I asked as I turned the computer off. "We wanted to be surprised." Emmy rubbed her belly. "Where is Jasper?" "Probably doing something something that will end him up in the hospital." Emmy grumbled.

"Speaking of hospital...." Penny walked into the room. "Oh?" I looked at her, knowing where this was going. "I want to meet them." Right on cue, both Alec and Colt walked through. "Meet who?" Ale asked as he sat down beside Emmy. "Cassie and Zac." Colt looked at me. "Penny, they were in really bad

shape..." I tried t "I know but we need them to reject the title so we can move forward with the plans and... I just want to meet them." "Honey, you understand they didn't abandon you?" Colt wasn't against it but was hesitant like I was. "I know that. We talked about this last night." She glared at him.

"Penny..." I started. "If You Were in m position, would you allow anyone to hold your back? Penny rounded on me. "Fine. You want to meet them? Then go to the hosptial but you need to understand the trauma Cassie went through. Not to mention Zac. They look rough and everything they did for the last 19 years was to make sure you were safe and loved. Whatever you think or feel, remember that." I gave Colt a look that said, she was your problem. "Come on." Colt sighed. I wanted to follow them as I was the only person Cassie really would know. "Are you okay?" I asked, Penny. "I mean, you seemed a little stressed out earlier." "I'm stressed and can't focus because I know they are here. I can't get them out of my head so if it means I need to meet them in order to focus than I will." It made sense but I was more afraid of how she would handle this. Penny was such a gentle soul that meeting her parents after all these years might be too much. As we approached the hospital, there was one guard standing in front. Like the rest of the area, it looked gloomy. The white had faded an needed a good pressure wash. What was once green vines hac overgrown one side but now it was all dead and crumbling. Even the "Alpha, Luna." The guard said as we each passed. He held the door open for us but quickly closed it after. Only emergency lights were on, making the hallway dark. I have expected someone to pop out of one of the rooms with a knife. Maybe I watched too many Michael Myers movies. I was out of it so when Alec stopped right in front of me, I walked right to him. "Oh, sorry!" I mumbled as I took a step back. "Penny, let me go first and tell them what is happening, okay?"