

## Tattooed 281

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After he was finished, Alec sat down beside me, breathing heavy." What now?" I asked. "Now, we need to go to Florida and finish uncovering what your mother left you." Alec said. "That will have to be next week. This week is full." Emmy said. "That's fine. One more week isn't going to change anything." I sighed. "Take a ride with me?" Alec looked down at me. "A ride? As a bike ride?" I was confused. "Yes, a bike ride. I need to check the conference center is ready to go. Emmy had some events there and although the contractors said it was done, I haven't looked at it." "Do we have time for you?" I looked at Emmy.

"You do. I already penciled that in. You just need to be back at 4:30 at your shop." Emmy smiled. "What a bo..." "No. I have it all handled. Even if you stayed here, there isn't anything for you to do. The demo team is already working at the houses and I have most of the house designs people asked for so I just need to send a few emails and draw up a design. I have organized a little ribbon cutting at 4:30 but that will only take a little amount of time and we can be back at the BBQ at 6pm." "To think I was worried about losing Penny. You are wonderful." I leaned over and gave her a small k\*ss on the cheek. "Yeah, remember that in a few months when I need off for three 1/3 "It's okay. I'll return the favor one day." I laughed with her as she tried three times to stand up before she got her momentum going. "Better make it sooner than later, I want our kids to be the same age. and right now you are going slow." "I'll work on that." I said as Emmy and Jasper walked away. "I should change first." I said to Alec as he followed them.

"Nope, just sit on your dress. You will be fine." Alec pulled me against him and k\*ssed me. "I love you." He whispered against my l\*ps. "I love you, too." I said back without hesitation. We walked back to our bikes. Alec must have told someone to bring them out because they were ready and waiting for us. Alec handed me my helmet and gloves before he put his on. When I saw he was ready, I got my bike started. It felt amazing to feel the power between my legs again. It was like I lost a part of myself and finally got it back. True excitement filled my heart as we raced down the driveway and into the open road. Alec stayed right in front of me but kept looking at me in his mirror. Just like he did before we were mates. The butterflies came back as I even allowed my dress to fly up when there wasn't any cars coming. The tension in Alec was leaving and being replaced by something. primal. I knew I was going to be in for it but that just made it more fun. His eyes would narrow at me but never once did he actually say anything. The whole ride was amazing. Pulling up to the convention center, I was surprised. It looked amazing. The parking lot of beautiful with trees planted for shade. The building was circular with a dome top. Everything looked classy and sturdy. 2/3 What?" My heart sank a little. "I had Andrew come out here and inspect it already." "Then why are we here?" I was a little hurt by this. "Our getaway house is done." Alec held out his hand for me. I had completely forgot about the treehouse. Walking in front of Alec, the path was even more narrow with the overgrown trees. I half expected it to be cut down but the builders did an amazing job at not damaging the forest. Walking up to it, my breath was taken away. It looked perfect. Dark stained wood covered the whole

thing. Solar lights lined the walkway, balcony and even the forest. Since it was still daylight, they weren't on but that was okay. I wanted to see what it looked like now.

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My excitement got the best of me when I ran up the walkway and didn't wait for Alec. Running from room to room, I was constantly being surprised. Alec stayed on the balcony, watching and waiting for me. "This is amazing!" I said as I threw my arms around his neck. He caught me easily, kissing me. "I'm glad you like it." "I need to use the restroom though." Alec rolled his eyes. "Did you find it already?"

"I did!" Smiling at him, I walked to the bathroom. I had a hunch there was what I was looking for in there. Locking the door, I tried to keep my emotions level. Digging through the drawers, I found what I wanted. I had no signs or symptoms of being pregnant but with not being protective and Alec wanting a baby so much, I figured I might as well take one and see. There was this nagging thing in the back of my mind, telling me not to drink tonight. I wasn't due to have my period for another two days but why the hell not. Opening the package, I sat down and peed on the stick before putting it upside down and capping it. My legs were shaking as I finished. peeing and washed my hands. The two minutes weren't up but my patience was. Grabbing it quickly, I flipped it over before I could talk myself out of it. There was one really dark line and a second lighter line. After checking the box, it mean positive. 1 Positive. I was positive for being pregnant. "WHAT?" I whispered as a smile crept over my face. My hand shook as I covered my mouth with one hand and held the test in the other. So many things went through my head. I wanted to surprise Alec but I don't think I could keep this a secret. Everything in me burned to run. out to him and tell him. I wasn't even scared. Knowing he was going to be thrilled is the best thing I could have asked for. Slipping it in my pocket, I walked out to Alec. He was leaning over the rails, looking at the city below

us. "I was just about to come find you." He said as he pulled me in front of him. His head rested against mine. with his arms around me as we looked at the city. "How are you feeling?" I asked him. "Happy...sad...overwhelmed. I don't know. Burying your parents isn't something I was prepared for but I was more scared of losing you." I turned around to face him. "You will never lose me. I'll fight anyone to get back to you." "When did you become a softy?" Alec teased. "I'm NOT a softy. Just don't mess around with what is mine." Alec grabbed my thighs and picked me up so I was sitting on the rail. His hands slipped under my dress and around my ass. The pregnancy test fell out of my pocket and hit the floor. "What was that?" Alec asked as he looked down. "FUCK!" I groaned. Alec bent down to pick it up. "This wasn't how I was going to tell you." I felt Alec's body freeze. One of his hands was still on my ass but the other was looking at the two pink lines. "This is a pregnancy test." "It is. I just took it in the bathroom."

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“Correct. We are pregnant.” I said as I waited for him to absorb the information. “You are carrying my child?” He looked at me, begging me to tell him. this wasn’t a joke. “Seriously?” “I’m serious. I’m pregnant and you are going to be a dad.” Alec looked. at me for a minute before he smashed his l\*ps against mine. His heart exploded in happiness to the point it brought tears to my eyes. The way his arms held me tightly yet passionately was something I wasn’t ready for. “What....how did.... why didn’t...” Alec was stumbling over his words as he looked down at the test. “I honestly thought it was going to be negative. I don’t have any symptoms or signs. I’m honestly not even late yet, my period isn’t due for two more days. I just had this nagging feeling that I shouldn’t drink tonight. Couple that with our lack of being protective, I just figured why not.”

“I can’t believe this.” Alec got down on his knee and put his face to my stomach. “Hey little one. This is your daddy. You are already so loved.” Threading my hands through his hair, I just watched him process the news. After awhile of him just resting his head on my lap, he stood up. “I’m glad you are happy.” “Are you okay with this?” He asked me as he wrapped his arms. around me again. I kept my legs open so he could sl\*p between them. H o oking my ankles together, he picked me up and walked me into the livingroom. Depositing me on the couch, Alec laid beside me. “What do you mean?” I started k\*ssing his neck and ear. “Are you ready for a baby? You have been so hesitant on wanting one.” His hand ran down my thigh to my as s. “The danger is over. I was worried about being pregnant and something happen and I would lose the baby. I didn’t want to my pregnancy at risk like that.” I tried to keep the graphics out of my words. “I’ll treat you like the princess you are.” Alec grumbled as I found my mark and sucked on it. His claws dug into my as s before he pushed my legs apart. “I’m no princess.” I said and took his hand, bringing it up to my l\*ps. Keeping eye contact, I liked myself

off his fingers. His eyes darkened and shoved his fingers back in me.. “F uck me, Alec.” I moaned as he nibbled on my neck. Alec moved to straddle me. Lifting my dress, he pulled it off of me and tossed it on the floor. However, he didn’t start pounding away like, I wanted. Instead, he held my hands down as he worshiped my b\*dy. Kissing every inch of skin from my neck, to my breast and down to my thighs. “So beautiful.” He muttered before his tongue licked my c lit. His movements were antagonizing slow. It was driving me mad as his fingers teased me. “Please! Alpha! I want you inside of me.” I groaned as I felt the pressure build. “That’s it.” Alec kept massaging so precise and slow. My legs were tightening around him. My face was going numb and I just wanted his d ick inside me. I was right on the edge. Making eye contact, I couldn’t hold back my Right on cue, Alec gave in and pinched my c lit, allowing my or gasm to explode over. I wasn’t even at the peak when I felt his di ck enter me. He wasn’t pumping hard but he kept his annoying slow pace. His l\*ps cashed against mine. Wrapping my legs around him, he kept his slow pace. “Nope!” I moaned as I wiggled from under him. Alec was confused but allowed me to move him so he was sitting on the couch. Taking my panties off, I crawled on top of him. Moving my hips back and forth, his hands were tightly on my hips. Leaning back, I moved in an upward motion. Alec’s eyes rolled in the back of his head as he let out his own groan. 3/3

"Woman, you are making this hard." He said through gritted teeth. Grabbing his shoulders, I started bouncing up and down. His hands helped me keep pace. My fangs descended and Alec pulled me tightly against him. As my orgasm hit, my fangs went in until they hit bone. His arms tightened around me until I pulled out and licked it clean. Alec didn't wait as his fangs sank into me. Thankfully his arms were still around me as they kept me in place. My head fell back as his orgasm hit and my body exploded. When he finally pulled his teeth out, he didn't allow me to move. Instead, he leaned back and pulled me against him. Every now and then, his dick would twitch in me but I just kept my head against his chest, feeling each heart beat. "We need to head out." I said after I glanced at the clock and it read 3:15pm.

"Yeah, don't want to be late for your ribbon cutting." Alec pulled my head back and kissed me softly. Putting both hands on either side of his face, I looked deeply into his eyes. "Alec, I love you so much." "You have no idea how much I love you." Alec grabbed the back of my head and pulled me toward him. This was the type of kiss that screamed love, protection and acceptance. He was truly my other half to my soul. Alec let me go and I was able to get off of him. Grabbing my dress and underwear, I went back to the bathroom to get cleaned up. Alec went to another bathroom. So, by the time I was done, he was ready too. "We aren't telling anyone about this, right?" Alec asked as he put my helmet on me. "Not yet. I can only be a few weeks along. I want to wait till later. There isn't any sickness or anything yet." Alec helped me get on my bike before moving to his own bike. Part of me was confused as he has never helped me with my bike before. Maybe put my helmet on but that made me think he was going to be a little extra while I was pregnant.

"Okay." "Are you wanting to tell people?" I asked as he got on his own bike. "I can't wait to tell everyone you are pregnant with my pup." Alec had this twinkle in his eye at informed me I was going to have a long pregnancy. He was going to be very doting and attentive. Part of me loved it, the other part knew I was still capable of doing it myself. "I'm still going to start working out and gaining my muscle back." I said in the mind-link as we started our bikes and got on the road. "With certain moderations you sure can." "Moderations?" "You don't need to squat 150lbs." "You realize that a healthy workout routine is good for my body and what is good for my body is good for the baby." "Yes but you haven't been able to work out in how long? Your body isn't used to it anymore. I'm not asking you to not work out but just don't over do it, please?" Alec looked back at me. I could only see his eyes but the rawness of his worry was clear. "Okay, I'll take it easy." I could feel the worry through the bond. "Alec?" "Yeah?"

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with me?" I asked. "Of course. Have them stand just slightly behind." Melonie waved everyone over. Alec stood right next to me with Emmy. Penny and Sherry stood in front of Colt and Jacob. This felt right. Alec's hand went around my waist as the man raised three fingers, then two, then one... "This evening, we are gathered at the re-opening of Tattoo's by Kris. Earlier this year, this location was the result of a

random burglary. After completely remodeling, Kristen of Tattoo's by Kris is ready to open her doors again." Melonie turned to me. "Kristen, tell me what this means to you?" Well, s hit. I was caught off guard. "This means the world to me. Tattooing is something I loved doing. It's more than a job to me. I today. No one will be able to keep me from living out my dream." "What changes have you made since upgrading this space?" "Well, for starters, the security is much more advanced. Other than that, everything got a face lift and I added extra chairs in case I want to expand and hire more people." "With this ribbon cutting, it sounds like we will be expecting great things from Kristen in the years to come." Melonie took a step back and nodded to me. Grabbing the massive scissors, I cut the ribbon. and everyone clapped.

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I didn't realize how much this actually meant to me when I was able to turn and walk into my shop for the first time since I was 100% done. Everything was cleaned. Pictures were hung on the wall, lights were installed under the cabinets and even my computers were set up. Everything was polished and ready to go. Melonie walked around with the camera and said a few words before the camera got turned off. "That's a wrap! Thank you for having us!" She held out her hand for me to shake. I wasn't a short person but she towered over me with her perfectly manicured fingernails and red bottoms. "It was a pleasure." I said. Pulling out a business card, she wrote something down before walking up to Alec. "Here is my business card if you ever need another expert. I added my cell if you want to discuss some business after hours." He just looked at her but I wasn't going to have that. "I'll take that. I don't think my husband is going to be calling you. He likes his women a little less needy." Melonie raised an eyebrow at me and popped her hip out. "We will see about that."

Alec held me back as she walked out of the shop. "I wouldn't have hurt her..." I grumbled. "Yes you would have and we have had enough trouble." Alec laughed as he pulled me into a hug. "I KNEW IT!" Emmy screamed. 173 "Knew what?" I stepped back from Alec and looked at her confused. "YOU DO GET JEALOUS!" Emmy was bouncing up and down, clapping her hands. "Not jealous, just don't allow bi tc hes to look at what is mine. There is a difference. She isn't a wolf and has no idea what I could do to her. Humans are reckless and I was just protecting him." "That is a lot of words to use when describing jealousy." Jacob laughed.

"I'll kick your as s too!" I said as I glared at him. "Kris! We have one more surprise for you." Penny yelled from behind my front desk. "What?" I looked confused. She walked out carrying a massive book. I recognized what it was right away. It's the type of book that you use for a portfolio. "You got me a new book?" "Kinda." Penny showed me the cover. It had a Black Moon with two wolves howling. The leather was fresh as I could smell it. Alec took the cover and opened it for me. My jaw hit the floor. It was of my very first tattoo. Alec kept fl\*pping. Each picture was perfectly captured and showed off my work. "I don't understand..." "Alec wanted to give you back something. Him and I together contacted everyone we knew who had a tattoo by you and asked to take a picture of it." Penny filled in. "I know how much this shop means to you and how hurt you were when you saw your portfolio destroyed. I wanted to give

this back to you." Alec fl\*pped to the last photo and it was of his back. He even had his back blown up and was hanging behind my front desk in a massive frame. 2/3 "Thank you!" I yelled as I threw my arms around his neck. He caught me and held me close so I could gather myself. "You know. We should really tell them you are pregnant. Otherwise, they will question why you are not drinking at the BBQ tonight." Alec said in my mind-link. "You want to tell them that bad?" I laughed as he let me go. I went to hug Penny too. "Thank you, Penny." I said to her. "It is only a small token of what you have done for me." Penny had tears in her eyes. "I do." Alec said in our mind-link. "Fine but you tell them." I walked over and grabbed his forearm. Not his hand but just his arm. I wasn't sure why I was so scared or nervous all of the sudden. However, I was and I wasn't going to be able to get the words out.

"Thank you all for doing all this for us... for her. With everything that has been going on, having all of you beside us has truly been the only thing keeping us going. Keeping me sane, keeping Kristen safe." Alec was even getting a little nervous. We were all standing around in a circle. "I wish Jasper could have been here but Kristen and I do have some news to share."

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"You are finally going to Italy?" Emmy's eyes widen. "No." I laughed. "Going to Florida?" Colt asked? "Yeah, we will go next week but that isn't what he is trying to say." I said as I looked at Colt. "Well, where are you traveling? It has been your dream to travel." Jacob asked. Everyone nodded as they looked at us. "We aren't planning on anything yet, other than Florida, we will need to wait till next year." Alec looked down at me and smiled. "Next year? Why?" Emmy looked confused. "Because... Kristen is pregnant." Alec said like a proud daddy. "WHAT?" Emmy screamed. "I'm not going to cry... I'm not going to cry." "Seriously?" Colt basically pushed Penny out of the way and scooped me up. He twirled me a few times before putting me down on my feet. "You're pregnant? I will get to be an uncle?"

"You will." I said as he hugged me again. "If you weren't her brother, I would be cutting your balls off for doing that." Penny glared at Colt. "Move." She pushed him out of the way and smiled at me. "I'm so excited for you." "You will get to be Auntie Penny." said as I hugged her back. Colt gave Alec an actual hug before stepping back and shaking his hand. Jacob just shook his hand. 1/3 "How far along are you?" Emmy asked. She lost her battle to not cry. "Not very. I'm not actually due to miss my period for another two days. I just had this feeling I shouldn't drink so I took a test." Alec pulled out the test and showed them. "So, no symptoms?" Emmy asked as she looked at the test. "None yet."

"That is bull\*hit but I am so happy for you." Emmy finally hugged me as Alec put the test away. "Congratulations!" Sherry walked up to me and gave me a hug. She was really starting to open up and show her personality. Colt was trying to make it up to Penny but she was blocking his attempts to k\*ss her. "Are you going to find out the gender?" Emmy asked. "I haven't honestly thought about it, or names before you ask." Shrugging, I looked at Alec. He was just beaming at me. "Do you want your crib now?" Penny asked. "Yeah, I'll take it. Not sure where we will put it but I do want it." I said. "Knowing

the gender, you can be so much more prepared.” Emmy gave me a look. “Just because Jasper is wanting to keep it a surprise doesn’t mean you can’t be prepared.” I laughed as sl\*pped under Alec’s arm. “I don’t know if I should buy a dress or athletic shorts!” Emmy tossed her hands up. “Girls can wear athletic shorts!” I argued. “Just because you are incapable of looking nice every day does not mean other girls don’t like to dress up! If this is a girl, Jasper wants 2/3 WYWIIL LU iad yn ullUL uvcJ DULII. “It will be so much fun to watch you navigate this world.” I laughed. “Just you wait!” Emmy gave me a look. “I don’t have to. I can watch all your mistakes and not make them.” I knew I was poking the bear but it was funny. “Okay! Before you bust that vein, let’s get to that BBQ!” Colt laughed as he pulled Penny along with him and sl\*pped Emmy under his other arm. “You are coming to the BBQ too?” I asked.

“Most of my pack is, actually. Emmy called this morning and invited us. Give people a chance to really mingle.” “If I can’t drink, neither can you.” I whispered in Alec’s ear before giving him a look and walking away. He just raised an eyebrow at me and followed after me. Grabbing the keys from the counter, I locked the door and headed towards our bikes. “Is that so?” Alec whispered in my ear as he passed me and went to his bike. “It’s only fair...” I laughed. “I’m joking. You can do whatever. I wouldn’t ask that of you.” I rolled my eyes and put my helmet on. He didn’t respond but put his helmet on. I had already started my bike and drove off by the time he started his bike. The race was on. I wasn’t speeding nor was I driving reckless but this might be the last time I will be on my bike until I had this baby so I was going to enjoy it.

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By the time we made it to the packhouse, the place was crawling with people. People I haven’t seen in years were there. Though, I might have seen them at a funeral but this was the first time I was able to actually talk to them. “I am to change first.” I told Alec as got off my bike. “Change?” Alec looked confused. “Why?” “I smell like S\*x and there is a little spot right here.” I showed him a spot on the inside of my dress that had some dried liquid to it. “So?” Alec challenged.

“I’m going to change. I will be right down!” I pulled his shirt down to give me a k\*ss before running off to our room. Being that I was going to start showing, I needed something that showed off my figure but was still professional. There was a little sundress I kept in the back of my closet, compliments of Emmy. I was always too reserved to wear it. However, feeling rather comfortable in my skin, I wanted to finally p it on. It was easy to pull off my sunflower dress. Taking my bra off and underwear, I only grabbed white lacy underwear to wear. The dress was spaghetti straps with a tight top. Tight enough that I didn’t need to wear a bra and gave me perfect lift. The white lacy top went to my natural waist with a golden metal belt. It flowed down into a white skirt with pink and rose colored flowers. The skirt itself was somewhat flowy but if a gust of wind came, nothing would be shown. It stopped mid to high thigh, making it questionable. However, this wasn’t a professional atmosphere but a relaxing one. Finishing off my look with some golden strappy sandals, I fixed my hair and was ready to go. Knock! Knock! Knock! “Emmy?” Opening the door, I was surprised to see Emmy standing there.



"Look you f ucking amazing!" She eyed me up and down. "Do you think?" I asked as I gave her a twirl. "I do! Alec wanted me to come check on you." Emmy was smiling from ear to ear. "Why?" I asked. "You really have worn the perfect dress." Emmy grabbed my arm and pulled me down the hall. "Why?" I was so confused. "Just smile and keep walking." Emmy pulled me down to the back door. As soon as she opened it, I realized this wasn't just a BBQ. Alec somehow had changed into slacks and a white polo. He was standing down a flowery path that lead through everyone. Emmy gave me a small push as she walked outside and closed the door. My feet moved on their own as I walked down the path to Alec. Grabbing my hands, he looked into my soul. "We will have a luna ceremony for you. Have all the food we picked out and all the decorations you wanted. However, with everything that has happened, I wanted to give you something." Alec pulled out a ring from his pocket. I immediately recognized it as the ring his mother had worn. "This ring has been passed down through generations.. Every Luna from my great great grandma to my mother wore this ring. It was my mother's intention on giving it to you on your luna ceremony but I wanted it to be worn by the luna. This ring symbolizes our unity and our commitment together. Not only our commitment as mates but our commitment to run this pack as one. Neither is above

you have already shown every single person here how much you care by laying down your life numerous times to save another. Please accept this ring as we move forward into this next chapter of our lives." It was all I could do but shake my head yes as he sl\*pped it on my finger.

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"Are you ready?" Alec asked as he got on the plane. It had been an entire week since we found out we were pregnant. Since then, I had went to the doctor and confirmed my pregnancy. So far, it is a health. pregnancy with no symptoms. Since it was still really early at four weeks, we haven't told anyone else. Obviously, Emmy told Jasper right away but that was it. Currently, I was sitting on a seat in the private air plane. I kept admiring the ring he had given me. Platinum metal had a singular black one karat circle cut diamond. The band had a twisting pattern. around it. The black diamond, I learned later represents the Black. Moon name. Alec's great great grandpa mined this stone and designed this entire ring. The metal had to get replaced due to the wear over the years but they kept the design and the stone. "Eath to Kristen!" Alec waved his hand between my eyes and the ring. "What?" I looked up, surprised. "Ready go to?" Alec sat down. He was breathing a little heavier. "Yeah, get all of our bags?" I asked. He refused to let me help so I came and sat down on the plane. "Yeah, we are good to go." Alec looked back at the pilot and nodded. A flight attendant shut the door and went to his seat and sat down. My eyes landed on the window as I watched everything fly by up until

we soared in the sky. "Can I get you anything to drink, Luna?" The flight attendant asked me after the plane leveled out above the clouds. "No, thank you." I gave him a smile before looking back out the window. 1.3 +25 BONUS "Alpha? Would you like a whiskey or water?"

"I'm good, thank you." Alec answered. I was joking earlier but Alec has not touched a drop of alcohol since we found out I was pregnant. "Are you feeling okay?" "Yeah, tired." That was really my only pregnancy symptom. However, I really didn't call it a symptom. We have been so busy this last week that I have been exhausted. Alec has tried to get me to go bed at eight every night but it hasn't worked. So far, we have started a new housing development for our new members. People have asked to join different clubs and more women as asking to work in the packhouse. It is what they did at Midnight River and they felt comfortable doing it. So, we had to make different jobs for people and shift things. The kitchen staff was excited to get more help and welcomed it. The new members even showed our staff some new recipes they are excited to try. Colt and Penny have brought over the crib and everything else. It is hiding in our room. It is common knowledge that I got it from my mother so there aren't any questions going around about that. "Come here." Colt moved over next to me and allowed me to put my head on his chest. Closing my eyes, I listened to the sounds of the plane, rocking me to sleep. "Kristen, we're here." Alec shook me, gently. "What?" It was really bright as I tried to open my eyes. After a few times, I was able to look down the see the ocean. The plane had just started it's descend so I could still see the world below me. My nerves were getting the best of me as we touched down. Not from flying but what could be in the storage unit. Alec helped me stand as the flight attendant opened the stairs. There was already some people unloading our luggage and loading it into a vehicle. 2/3 +25 BONUS "The keys are in the ignition, sir." Everyone here were human but Alec must have paid to get the private plane and car service. "Thank you." Alec opened the door for me. After getting in, Alec walked around and got in the drivers seat as the truck got shut. "Where are we going?" I asked, unsure if we are going to the hotel or storage unit first.

"Where do you want to go?" "To the unit." I said looking at him. "I need to know what is in there."

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Alec nodded as he put in the directions. 318 Crestview Drive, Destin. It automatically came up. We were only fifteen minutes away from the biggest secret my dad had. Alec held my hand still from tapping on the center consol. "Relax, love." "I'm trying." The traffic was crazy. I hadn't seen palm trees before and watching them blow over in the wind was crazy. The wind had a salty smell to it, letting me know we weren't far from the ocean. The navigation had us turn into a gated area. Stopped at the window, an holder gentleman poked his head out. "Unit number?" "Oh, um..." I wasn't sure what the number was. "It will be the number on the key. Do you have the key?" The doorman seemed annoyed. "Yes." Opening the envelope, the key dropped into my hand. There was just a four on it. "Um, four." I told him. "Four?" He looked shocked.

"Yes, four." I held it over Alec so he could see. "Dam n." The guy disappeared into his little brick area, only to come. back with a cl\*pboard and a pen. "Please sign this." Alec handed it to me. It was a basic noticed that I received the envelope that was attached. "What's that?" Alec asked. "No idea. We were instructed years ago that when someone came to get into that unit that they recieve that letter. We just need a signature that it was delivered and to assist you in anything you need." 1/3 +25 BONUS Taking

the letter, I signed the paper and handed it back to him. "Thank you." "Your unit is to the left on the far end. Let me know if you need anything." He gave us a bow before

opening the gates. "That was weird." I said when we were out of ear shot." This place. was incredibly upscale. White painted brick was at least fifteen feet high with cameras in every direction. "It was." Alec crept the car down the row until we saw the number four. Alec turned off the car but didn't make a move to get out. Instead, he reached over and moved my chin so I was facing him. Breathe love."

Immediately, I sucked in a gulp of air that I didn't realize I needed. I'm sorry, I don't know why I am so nervous to look in here." "I'm right here with you." Alec looking into my soul through my eyes. Ready?" I didn't speak but I nodded. "Should I read this letter first?" I asked. "Yeah, go ahead." Alec kept his hand on my leg. Somehow, I managed to not give myself a paper cut as I opened it. The paper was incredibly delicate as I pulled it out. The handwriting was elegant. Dear, my sweet daughter, Kristen, If you are reading this, then I did not make it out of the delivery room. Your father thought I was crazy when I told him I had concerns. Even the doctor didn't believe me. So, I took matters into my own hands. and I am writing this letter. There is so much I wanted out of life for you. I wanted to watch you grow up, find your mate and be the best version of yourself. I want

you will umuyo uc little girl. I had instructed your dad what to do with this stuff if I was to ever pass away and if it wasn't safe in my family's house anymore. Florida has always been a special place in my heart. The beach was a place. that my parents took me and I wished to take you. So, by moving it all here, I was able to make sure you at least visit the beach once in your life. Hopefully, you will fall in love with it like I was. There are many things in this unit that I hope you will appreciate but there are also items that are

priceless. Family heirlooms that cannot be replaced and are worth money. had everything appraised a few years ago. Depending on when you find this, you might need to get them reappraised. However, it is my wish you do not sell them but keep them in your family.