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“It doesn’t get better. The more you grow, the more you really question your balance. Plus, after you have the kid, you realize just how much your body has really changed. Nothing will be the same.” Emmy took a sip of a water that she had and I suddenly wished I had some too. The lights dimmed a little more and the music changed. Everyone stood up as Colt and Kris turned the corner. Jacob offered me his hand as I tried to stand securely. I’m not even sure when Alec and another Alpha came up to the alter but as Colt and Kris walked down, her eyes never left him. She was wearing a very fitted white dress with beading down. The long sleeves hung over her shoulders and the bottom flared into a mermaid and a train. Her hair was in a low bun. Emmy must have done her hair and makeup because she was incapable of doing it herself.

“She looks so beautiful.” I whispered as they passed. “Indeed.” Jacob said as he stood close to me. It was almost a little too close for my liking but since I knew him, I didn’t feel uncomfortable. Colt handed Kris off to Alec and walked over to me. Jacob took a step back and Colt wrapped his arm around me, holding me against him. They nodded at each other in understanding for Colt now being responsible for me. Jacob visibly relaxed a little but kept his back straight. “Ladies and Gentlemen. Finally, we are able to come together and celebrate the union of Alpha Alec and Luna Kristen. It is my great pleasure to be able to stand in for Alpha Marc and perform this for them. Alpha Marc was not only a great ally but a great friend. Having the picture of me in your room I assume Luna Kristen you are aware that he leaves his socks around and doesn’t always put the toilet seat down.” The crowd giggled in response. “The union between you both started months ago. Although, Luna Kristen was already sworn into the pack, we need to follow our traditions. You both have already shown each other what it means to stand

beside each other in thick and thin. More than once, both of you have been in danger. Still, you stand in front of me as a unit of one. We will start with the vows they have personally written and then we will move to the unity ceremony. Alpha Alec...” “Who is doing the ceremony?” I asked Colt in the mind link. “Alpha Thomas. He has been our ally as well for years.” “Kristen, from the moment I walked into your tattoo shop, I knew you were destined to be mine. Your beauty took my breath away that I even forgot what I went in there for. That hasn’t changed. Every time I see you, my breath is caught in my throat and all I see is you. I have seen you bleed, cry, laugh, and even yell a time or two. You have brought more excitement to my life than I ever needed but I wouldn’t change anything about our story. It has made us a stronger couple. Not only for us but for our people. You have taught me how to rule with my heart and not just my head. I am a better man for having you in my life. Now that we have a baby on the way, I have no doubt that you will teach me how to be a father as well. I couldn’t imagine going on this ride with anyone else, you are not only my mate but my true soulmate. I love you more than can ever express.” I couldn’t help the single tear that fell down my face.

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“Luna Kristen, please say your vows. + “Alec, from the moment we met, you had this unwavering faith that we were mates. Even when I was doubting everything I knew, you stood firm. Over and over again you would reassure me that we were meant to be together. What scared me most was how you were able to zone in on all my insecurities. Instead of using them against me, you built me up with them. You taught me what it means to love unconditionally.... what safety feels like. You have helped me realize my full potential. Our relationship is not only built on a mutual respect but a friendship that is unwavering. We laugh, roll our eyes at each other and even bicker frequently. I’ve laughed, cried and yelled at you. Even on our worst days, I wouldn’t trade us for anything. I promise to continue to annoy the s hit out of you but give you all the respect in the world. As great of a mate and alpha you are, I know you will be an even better father. Alec, I love you.” I could hear sniffing all around the room with a few giggles at Kris’s joke in her vows. Colt was feeling very proud of his sister. The whole thing made me very nervous for our ceremony. Not sure how we will compare to this.

“Now, we will move to the unity ceremony.” Kris and Alec moved to stand in front of the chalice. “Alpha Alec, please take the knife. The knife that has been used for generations of alphas. By spilling your own blood, you unit your pack with their luna.” Alec took the knife and quickly sliced down. “As your blood drips into the chalice, you have committing to eternal commitment.” As soon as enough blood was give, Kris picked up the cloth and gently tightened it around his fist. “With my blood, I am committing to my enteral bond.” Alec said as he looked into Kris’s eyes. “Luna Kristen. Please take the knife and spill your blood in proof of your commitment to Alpha Alec and his pack.” Kris took the knife and without hesitation, sliced down her palm. Putting her hand over the chalice, the blood flowed until it started to slow down into a drip. “With my blood, I am committing to my enteral

bond.” Kris repeated as she looked at Alec. Taking the other strip of fabric, Alec tied it around her hand. Alpha Thomas held up the chalice in the air. “Together, they have sacrificed a part of themselves that is unbreakable. As they drink, they will become one. One ruler with one soul. Two equal parts that makes a single victor. Drink and confess your loyalty.” “I, Alpha Alec of the Black Moon Pack, vow my loyalty as your mate, your alpha and as your friend. I accept you as you stand. From this day forward, shall no one question our bond and position as Alpha and Luna.” Alec brought the chalice up to his lips and drank half of it. Handing it to Kristen, she took it and looked inside. “I, Luna Kristen of the Black Moon Pack, vow my loyalty as your mate, your luna and your friend. I accept you as you stand. From this day forward, shall no one question our bond and position as Alpha and Luna.” Bring the chalice to her lips, she emptied the rest of the cup before setting it down. They moved back to stand in front of the alter. “Ladies and gentlemen! Before us, Alpha Alec and Luna Kristen have confessed their love for each other. They have prepared a speech to address their pack and the room.” Alpha Thomas held his arms out to everyone. Alec and Kris turned to face everyone. Holding their heads up high, Alec started speaking as Kristen smiled widely. “These last few months have been trying and full of despair. Today marks a new beginning. Luna Kristen and I have worked tirelessly to create an everyon NG LUTTU CIVIC you, temnly you that we will not accept any form of treason... blatant disrespect towards the pack... or the idea of weakness. We are stronger together and will remain firm in our positions. We will rule with fairness but firmness. We are not weak and anyone else who believes otherwise will learn the same fate as our most recent enemies.”

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The tent erupted in cheers. "I don't understand why that needed to be said now." I asked Colt in the mind-link. "There has been question if Alec is as strong of a leader as his dad. Regardless of what his dad did, he was allies with these Alphas. They need to know that he is just as strong and firm in order to keep the alliance. Alec and I have a long way to go to fully earn their respect and trust we can handle things." "You too?" I looked at him shocked. "Oh yeah. I am a little more respected than Alec. Dad didn't f uck things up the way Marc did at the end but died willingly. Dad had his affairs in order and spoke with these Alphas so they knew it was coming. However, I am still young and have only seen one enemy." Colt looked at me as he spoke. The room drifted away as I focused on Colt's face. "Will we need to say something similar?" I was more shocked than anything. "We will. Not quite the same but I'll need to make a statement." eyes shifted over to his sister. I was vaguely aware of them walking down the aisle. The sounds of the room came back to me, snapping me out of my thoughts. "That was really beautiful!" Emmy was wiping away her tears. "It was!" I agreed, quickly.

"What's wrong?" Colt asked, in the mind-link. "Nothing is wrong. I just wasn't fully aware of this. Some of this ruling stuff is still sinking in." I just assumed we had respect until we lost it. reached out to the other lunas and tried to make nice. "I've let you do your thing. You said you didn't really want to focus on that stuff so I didn't force it. I was honestly waiting until school got going and your centers figured any and all kinks out before I put more stuff on you." "Please help yourself through the food line according to your table assignments." Alpha Thomas announced. We were table one so we

were up. "Thank you." I told Colt as he helped me stand. After I got food, these heels were coming off. Colt held my hand the entire way to the table but let it go as we reached for our plates. "Do you need me to fill a plate for you and come back?" He asked. "I think I should be okay." Taking a plate, I started with some salad. Then I added some pasta to it before opting for a few different finger foods until my plate was full. Since wasn't sure what any of it was, I just figured I'd try them all. Kris was pregnant too so I assumed it was all safe for me to eat. Walking carefully back to my seat, I was able to sit down before Co came over to me. "Why didn't you wait for me?" He asked, slightly annoyed. "I'm sorry, I just wanted to get back to my seat." "Jacob is here now. What would you like to drink?" "Lemonade or tea. Which ever is fine." Colt leaned down and kissed my forehead before walking off. "Everything looks so good!" Emmy gushed as she sat down. "Do you have a bigger appetite since you gave birth?" I asked, honestly curious about postpartum. 270 "Oh, some. I get hungry more frequently but I don't eat more. I think it evens out but I eat smaller more frequent meals than big meals." "Interesting." I said as I picked up something and ate it. After a few bites, it tasted like a blueberry tart, which was amazing. "Here you go." Colt set down a glass of something yellow. That must be lemonade. "Thank you." I said as I took a sip. It tasted amazing as it went down. "Jasper, how have you been feeling?" Colt asked as Jasper sat down with drinks for him and Emmy.

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“Doing good. No limitations and we got decent sleep last night.” “It was the best. We slept for five whole hours.” Emmy nodded with wide eyes. “Five hours?” Jacob looked confused. “That’s it?” “Jacob, a newborn baby needs to eat every two to three hours. Basically, we put the baby to bed at lets say 8pm after being fed, changed and burped. Best case, the baby wakes up again at 11pm. It takes 30 to 45 minutes to feed him completely. Then you have to burp them and change their diapers. After that, they are possibly awake for another 30 minutes. Now it is like 12:30am. You have to rock the baby back to sleep and lay them in their crib. Now you are back in your own bed after you use the bathroom at 1am. Assuming you aren’t hungry, you can fall back asleep until 3am or 4am if you are lucky. Most of the time, it is every two hours they wake up.” “S hit.” Jacob rubbed the back of his neck. “I’m looking forward to it.” Colt said as he took a drink. My head snapped to his with a smile on my face. “You are?” Jacob asked.

“It isn’t forever. They don’t wake up that much for long. The first six months to maybe a year is rough but eventually it will even our and you get better sleep. That is why you have nannies or betas.” He joked. “I am not babysitting until that child can s hit by themselves in the toilet.” Jacob announced. I couldn’t help but laughing with the rest of the table. “One day, Jacob, one day.” Emmy said between breaths. “One day what?” Jacob challenged. “I will watch you eat your words and remind you of this conversation.” Emmy pointed her fork right back at him. “Colt, I need to use the restroom.” Leaning over, I whispered in his ear as Emmy and Jacob kept bickering.

“Okay.” Colt cleaned his mouth off and stood up. Offering me his hand, I took it and stood up. “Where are you going?” Jacob rounded on me. “That bathroom so I can s hit in the toilet to make you happy.” I mouthed off before I turned around, unable to hide a smile. “Some times I really wonder about him.” I said to Colt. “Me too. We need to find a ga mma” Colt switched to our mind-link. “I know but how?” “Not sure. A tournament? Just appoint someone?” Colt suggested as we approached the bathroom. “Keep the link open and I’ll wait out here.” Nodding, we let go of eachother’s hands so I could go inside. “Who would you appoint?” “I’m not real sure. Ma-” Colt stopped talking and I heard him start speaking with someone else. He must have been approached by another alpha. Just as I sat down to pee, the door opened and a few more girls came in. “Did you see her? She looked like a stick was shoved up her as s!” One girl said. “Maybe I will just flirt with Colt and get her out of the way!” Another LUNITY “Shh, you need to play your part! There is so much at stake here and I don’t want any f uckups!” Another one chastised. “Oh please! They are both so focused on Vin that they don’t realized what is happening under their own noses.” The second one laughed. SLAP! The sound of flesh hitting flesh echoed off the walls. “That is enough! Let’s go before we get caught!” S hit! I tried to clean myself up as much as possible but the door opened and closed. “Colt! Stop those girls!” I yelled in the mind-link. Mrs. Smith Author Thank you all for being a loyal reader! I like it

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“What?” Colt asked me, slightly distracted. By the time he finally responded, I had pulled up my panties and quickly made it to the door. “The girls...” My eyes frantically looked a round to see who it could have

been. "What's wrong?" Colt asked. He grabbed my arm and pulled me to the side. "There were three girls in there. They said something about a plan being in play and they had a part to play." I whispered urgently. My eyes never left the room as they continued to scan. "Do you know who they are?" Colt stood up straight and looked around. However, he kept his arm around me. "I don't." "Okay, let's head back to the table. Colt said as he slipped his arm fully around me and pulled me to the table. "Penny, we are thinking about having a girls night. You in?" Kris was standing by the table as we approached. "Of course! That sounds like fun. When?" "Not sure yet but I'll let you know. We have a busy couple weeks but I am thinking maybe on a school night." Alec came up to Kris with a drink in his hand. I couldn't help but notice how little her belly was. Still completely visible as a pregnancy but not near as big as mine. "Oh, a school night.." Playfully, I gave her a naughty look as I took a sip of my lemonade.

"I like to live on the dangerous side." Kris laughed. "We can do it at my house." I offered. "What will the guys be doing?" "I think they will have a little hunting trip." Kris id in a way that made me realize it wasn't for an animal. "Interesting." Was all I could say. s

"Colt. We need to speak with Alpha Thomas about Penny's luna ceremony." Alec stated. "Alright, I'm coming." Colt looked at Jacob and he moved so he was sitting at a different angle. His whole demeanor changed as the guys. walked off. "I need to make my rounds. I'll be right back." Kris said as she walked off. "I'm sorry, Penny. I need to go pump. We will be right back." Emmy and Jasper got up and walked out another door. My eyes followed her out the door but spotted three girls huddled together. Excitement suddenly filled me as I think I might have found the girls just by their posture. As soon as the door started closing, they started walking down the hall. "Where are you going?" Jacob did a double take as I got up and started walking quickly to the door. "Going for a walk." I said without looking at him. "You can-" "Shh!" I put my finger to my mouth and quieted him. As we got into. the hallway, I grabbed his arm and pulled him along side of me. "What is going on?" He whispered in my ear. We were making our way down the same hall I saw the girls go. "There was three girls in the bathroom that said they had a plan in play. I want to know what plan that is." I said back. My shoes were 1214 "We should go sit back down and let Colt handle this." Jacob said, urgently. "If you are scared, you can leave." said with a new found sense of adventure. "I'm not scared for me, I'm scared for you." Jacob looked down the hall. Handing him my shoes, I just ignored him and kept walking. This was much easier and I felt more secure as the hallway started to incline. "Do you hear them?" I asked. "Maybe..." Jacob kept looked back like he hated everything about this. My curiosity was getting the better of me.

"Don't f uck this up, Mary!" I heard a girl yell. "I won't!" She answered like she was tired of being told this. "What is the plan again?" The second girl asked. "Penny won't be dancing so I will be able to ask Colt to dance. While we are dancing, you are suppose to cause a disturbance and then I will be able to inject Colt with the poison." "Good and you?" "I will be by Penny. When the distraction happens, I'll inject Penny with this sleeping stuff and that will allow our men to take her." Jacob wrapped his arm around my mouth to keep me quiet. Plastering me against the wall, I started to panic. "I'll talking to Colt. Be still." Jacob whispered so low in my ear that I wasn't sure if I dreamed it. "Perfect. Here are your syringes. Be careful and do not poke yourself." "This is so exciting!" I heard footsteps echo getting

louder. Jacob didn't say anything but grab me under the arms and pull me down the hall. I was lucky that my shoes were already off. Suddenly, I was ripped to the side and pinned against the wall. "Don't move." Jacob said in a voice that really had me trembling. Two strong arms had firm grips on my arms to the point that it almost hurt. There will be bruising tomorrow. However, a few seconds later, there was some commotion and a few screams and grunts. Words were not coming to my mouth as I tried to look but I was held firmly against the wall. There was a loud bang to our left and I was suddenly tossed to the right as the warrior engaged into a fist fight. It only lasted a second but the smell of blood was everywhere.

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"Penny!" Colt's voice came from somewhere but I was focused on the dead man on the floor. "Look at me!" Sparks ran across my face as Colt grabbed me and forced me to look at him. "W-what?" "Are you okay?" "Oh, yeah." I said as I snapped out of my head. "I don't know I have seen someone kill someone before. I've seen dead bodies, of course but not them actually get killed." "Is she going into shock?" I heard Alec asked. "Penny?" Colt cupped my face and stepped in front of the dead man. "I-" "My mouth moved a few times but nothing came out. "It's okay." Colt said. "JACOB!" "Right here." "What happened?" Alec asked. "Emmy left to pump or something and Penny said someti seeing some girls in the hallway? She took off after them and couldn't get her to come back. That is when we ran into the held her back as we overheard them plotting to kill you by injec poison and inject Penny with something to put her to sleep to ki her."

"Did you get the girls?" I asked, looking at them. Three pairs of ey looked down at me. "We did. They are being transferred to my cells." Alec said. "Was it much of a disturbance?" "Minor but we were able to keep it mostly quiet." Jacob looked at Alec and Colt. "Good. Alec, this ceremony is for you too. I don't want people to know something just happened. Jacob can escort me back to our table. Alec and go forward like nothing happened and Colt can join us when

this is all settled." Colt and Alec shared looks before nodding. "Okay. We can do it that way." Colt said. "Are you okay?" He looked down at me and put his arm on my shoulder. "I'm not a child." I said, instantly annoyed. Shrugging off his hand, I turned to walk back to the party. "I got it." I heard Jacob say before he took off after me. My emotions were all over the place but I couldn't really figure out why. I didn't want to be angry but I was. Men tally, I know Colt wasn't treating me like a child so why did I get angry fast? Was that the pregnancy? That would explain what was going on with Emmy. Thankfully, no one was at our table when we got back to it. "Penny, seriously, are you okay?" Jacob asked very quietly as I took my seat. He sat in Colt's chair and put his arms on either side of me. If someone didn't know us, they might think this was inappropriate. "I think so." Picking up my lemonade, I really wished this was stronger as I sipped it down. "Do you need a doctor? Is the baby okay?" Jacob pushed. "Jacob, I need some quiet time." Putting my elbows on the table, my head rested against them. "Who did this?" Jacob grabbed my arm and twisted it. Wanting to see what he saw, I looked over and noticed I was right. There was finger "That was quick." I said and shrugged it off. "Who did it?" He asked again. "The guard

that you handed me too. I probably have it on the other arm as well. It isn't a big deal, they did save my life." "Penny! Are you okay?" Kris came up to me in a hurry. Jacob backed off and Kris sat on my other side. She barely even noticed Jacob. "I'm fine. Honestly just trying to wrap my head around it." "Is there anything you need?" Kris asked me, more urgently. "I honestly don't know what I need. Maybe once I rested." "You look really pale." Kris looked at me worriedly.

"I'm actually kind of dizzy." The lemonade slipped from my hand and crashed on the table. Thankfully, Jacob was quick and kept it from fully spilling but Kris was able to catch me before I fell over. "We need to get her to a hospital." Kris said, urgently. "Carry her to my car." She told Jacob. I was vaguely aware of his hand wrapping around me as my head fell over on his chest. "I already mind-linked Colt but we aren't waiting." I heard Jacob tell Kris. Black spots danced in my vision and I was unaware of my surroundings. "Penny! Stay with me!" Kris yelled. I heard something slam before the ground started moving. It was hard to form a thought in my head as the whole world was spinning. I wasn't sure how long I was in that car but bright lights and loud beeping caused more distress than the actual dizziness. People were moving my body each direction, yelling my name and even a few pinches on my arm. I could hear them yell my name but I wasn't able. The sound of fabric chattering was so loud that a single thought formed in my head. "My dress". The dress was being cut open, exposing my body. Something cold was put on my stomach before I heard the most amazing word. "Healthy." That's all it took and I let the darkness pull me under. Mrs. Smith Author Thank you all for reading and a special thank you to the wave left a Like it

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"What's going on?" I groaned as my senses came back to me. Sparks were running up and down my arm, making me aware that Colt was with me. "Penny!" I heard a high pitch voice that surprised me. "Colt?" I called out. "Right here, love." "What happened?" I asked again as I tried to open my eyes. There was this constant beeping that was starting to annoy the shit out of me. "I'll find the doctor!" The high pitch voice said. I wasn't quick enough to look and see who it was. Instead, I was looking at Colt's worried eyes. "You fainted. The doctor was running different test. I was worried they managed to spike your drink or something. I've been so worried." His eyes filled with water before his head rested against my hand. Reaching around, the I.V. tugged but I placed my hand on his head. "I'm so sorry I worried you. What did the doctor say? Is our baby okay?"

"I think so. He hasn't told me anything yet." Colt looked up and there was some anger in there. "I'm assuming they are doing blood testing. Let them do their jobs." The door opened and Kris walked in. "The doctor will be right in. Are you okay?" It looked like she had been crying. "I'm good. I am so sorry that your party was ruined." "Your life and the life of that baby is far more important than any party." Kris came up to my bed and sat down. They apparently had both been camped out beside me. "What happened? At the party?" I asked looking between them.

"The girls were caught. Their men attacked but we were ready and took them out quick enough. There was actually very little disturbance at the party. Most people didn't even know something happened." Kris said with a shrug. "I hear someone is awake." The door opened and a taller but skinny man walked in. His hair was pretty grey but still had some black in there. Wrinkles lined his face with all the years of experience he had. "Is she okay?" Colt said as he stood up. "She is fine. No signs of sleeping poison or anything that shouldn't be there. Your levels are actually very normal." "Then why did she faint?" Colt pushed. "Pregnancy hormones can increase the heart rate and the blood supply in the body. Blood vessels relax and that can cause you to faint. Couple that with you being in shock from watching someone die, your body just fainted. Now, currently, I don't see anything to worry about but fainting in pregnancy can be in result of something more serious. Pay attention to any dizziness or excessive bleeding but I'm not going to list you as high risk just yet. Take it easy and don't over do it." "That is a relief." I said to the room but no one in particular. "What about the baby?" Colt kept pushing. "Well, do you guys want to know everything I found out?" The doctor asked as he walked over to a monitor and turned it on. -25 BONUS "Yes." Colt said in controlled anger. It was clear he wasn't happy but the doctor ignored him. "Here is the sonogram we took when Luna Penny was brought in." The doctor started. "Holy s hit!" Kris's eyes were wide as she looked at the monitor. "What?" I looked between her and the screen. "Triplets." The doctor said simply. "This is baby A, baby B and this little one is baby C. Three separate sacks with their own placentas." As soon as the doctor stopped speaking, the room fell silent. I just stared at the monitor in disbelief. "What?" Colt asked after a moment.

"Triplets. You are decently along but due to you both being alphas and there being three in there, it's hard to predict your due date. I would like you to come back in a week or two for an anatomy scan and to see how they grow. I have the genders from the blood draw if you want to know?" He looked between us.

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"Do we?" Colt asked me, still in shock. My mouth opened but nothing came out. I couldn't pull my eyes off the screen. "Here." The doctor turned off the monitor and ripped something from the machine. "These are the pictures of the sonogram. In this envelop are the genders of your babies. Opening them when you are ready, if you want to know. Luna Penny is free to leave but I am going to request she is on light duty and not push herself. Fainting in pregnancy isn't uncommon but it can be a sign of some complications. Obviously, call me at anytime." Colt took the envelop but just stood there. Kris didn't move, I don't think I even blinked and Colt was a statue. It wasn't until the door opened again and Alec walked in that my eyes even shifted from the sonogram. "Is everyone okay?" He asked as he walked up to Kris. "Y-yeah! We are good. Penny is good. We... um... lets give them some privacy." Kris jumped up and took Alec's hand before running out of the room with him. "Triplets..." Colt said as he sat down in the chair. "That is what the doctor said..." I kept looking at each scan. There was some characteristics in each picture. The profile of each baby, maybe an arm or a leg. "I got three babies in there." Colt turned and put a hand over my stomach. Leaning his head down, he rested against me. "No wonder I have been feeling so huge." I said as put the picture down and looked at him.

“You look beautiful.” Colt smiled at me but didn’t move his head. “Do you want to know the gender?” asked and took the envelop from him. “It is whatever you want.” Colt said.

“That’s not what I asked.” Smiling at him, it was both annoying and sweet. “Yeah but I want to do whatever you want. If you want it to be a surprise, that’s okay, too.” Colt finally lifted his head up and smiled at me. “I think I would like to know....” I said, partially unsure. “Okay.” Colt moved so we could both read the papers. With shaky hands, I was able to open the envelope. There a single piece of paper folded into thirds. Slowly unfolding the paper, there was a big bold letters that read: RESULTS. Under that was three separate lines. “Boy!” I said and pointed at the first line. At the end, the word boy was in big letters. “Two boys!” Colt said excitedly as he pointed at the next line. “Girl!” We said at the same time, looking at the third line. “Two boys and one girl!” Colt took the letter and stood up. A huge smile was plastered on his face. “I guess I will need to pick out more stuff.” I laughed. “You started picking stuff out?” Colt looked at me with so much love in his eyes. “I have.” “I love you.” Colt said as he came over to me and kissed me. “Take me home?” I whispered when he pulled back. “Of course.” Colt pulled the covers back and helped me get on my feet. “Oh, my dress. I assume it was cut off me?” I asked disappointed. “It was. Kris brought you some sweats and a t-shirt to wear though.” Colt grabbed what looked like a to-go bag that all werewolves carried in their trunks. Pulling out some jogger style leggings and a basic KISS t-shirt, I was able to get dressed.

“I can get a wheelchair for you.” Colt said as we walked out of the room. “He said take it easy, not become immobile.” Rolling my eyes, I walked to the front door. “Still you are car-” “No!” I almost yelled too loud. Looking around, we caught the eyes of a few people. “Shh!” Colt looked at me confused but didn’t push it. Only when we were in the car and headed home did he talk. “What was that about?” “I don’t want to tell people yet I am having triplets. I want to save that till my luna ceremony and have some sort of announcement.”

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“Tell everyone at once?” “Yeah, make one big announcement. Can you text Kris and tell her not to tell anyone?” I requested. “Of course.” Colt pulled out his phone and texted her as we drove one. The pictures were clutched in my hand. “It’s a good thing we have that third extra room.” I said when he put his phone down. “It really is.” “At least I get this whole pregnancy thing over and done with.” “What do you mean?” Colt asked. “You only want three kids?” “I don’t need to risk having six kids if we get pregnant again. Plus, three kids at one time is going to take us out.” “Maybe but I have faith we will handle it like pros.” Colt smiled at me. “I will remind you of that when we are crying on the floor with poop and baby vomit all over us and neither of us have showered in three weeks.”

“That is a tad dramatic?” Colt rolled his eyes. “Oh no, just the right level of dramatics.” “Anyway, you will need to find a few assistants to help you since you will be working from home now.” Colt looked at me like he dared me to argue. “Fine. It’s not like we haven’t cleaned out our office anyway.” Rolling my

eyes, I folded my arms under my chest. Colt's eyes followed my "If you need anything else, you can always ask me to get it for you or you can have someone do it for you. "It will be easy enough to work out of the livingroom. We have a pop up table that can get set up and

allow me to put stuff on." It wasn't like I hadn't planned on working from home more but I wasn't prepared to be stuck there. "Go through and order what you we need for the babies. I guess we need three of everything." Colt made a face like he realized how expensive this would be. "Now that it is real, I need to focus on what I actually want and not what looks cute. It's harder since it is real now." "You will do great." Colt reassured me as we pulled into our house. "I am going to get you situated and then I need to head out. We are questioning the girls this afternoon, Alec is just waiting on me to be ready. That is, unless you need me here?" "No, I am good." "I'm not leaving you alone. Kris is waiting inside." Colt said as he helped me out of the car. "She can help me pick a few things out." I was slightly relieved she was here with me. "Penny!" How are you feeling?" Kris looked up from her phone as we walked in. "Good, just tired really." "I got the recliner all ready for you." Kris moved the pillow and blanket out of the way. Sitting down, she put the blanket around me and put the pillow behind my head. "Not that I mind being pampered but I am still capable of doing things for myself." "Nonsense." She waved me off. "You are pregnant too." I reminded her. "Not with triplets!" "I am going to leave you girls to it. There will be a warrior standing outside the doors. Do you need anything else?" Colt asked. "I don't think so. I must have been passed out all night since the sun is rising." "Yeah..." Colt frowned. "Get some rest though. I'll bring breakfast with me." "Thank you, bro! Breakfast burrito please!" Kris waved him off as she laid down on the couch.

"I'll see what I can do." Colt rolled his eyes and looked at me. "Do you want anything?" "Biscuits and sausage gravy." I requested. "Alright." Colt said and walked out.

Chapter 390

Colt POV "You got away faster than I expected you to." Alec muttered as I walked into his office. "They released Penny first thing morning after she woke up. Ice is sitting at home with her as she rests." Sitting down in his chair, Alec barely spared me a glance. "I'm glad she is doing okay." There was an awkward silence before Alec looked up at me and smirked. "I'm more surprised you aren't sleeping. Triplets is going to be a handful." It was all I could do but glare at him. He snorted and went back to his work. Leaning back, I just started thinking about all the bottles I was going to need, all the diapers and all the clothes. "Triplets aren't going to be that bad." I finally said. "How far along is she?" "The doctor wasn't really sure. We are both alphas and that will make the pregnancy move quicker. We have another scan soon to see." The bottle of whiskey in the corner of the room caught my attention. Getting up, I just took a swig and felt myself relax. "Little early?" Alec set his pen down and stood up. "Might as well get used to my days and nights being mixed up."

"Once the shock wears off, you will be just fine." Alec slapped his hand on my shoulder. "I'm like excited and scared shitless. I was wanting a baby. A baby. I wasn't expecting three. I'm just freaking out a bit. I'll be okay, I just "Do you know what you are having?" "I do but Penny wants to keep it all a secret.

Even the fact we are. having triplets and she wants to tell everyone at her luna ceremony.” “I’ll bring the whiskey.” Alec shook his head as we headed out and to the cells. “How far along is Ice?” “About twelve weeks.”

“Four kids running around. You know, if your child looks like Ice and my kids look like me, they will look like siblings and not cousins.” “How about we just question the girls and go eat.” Alec rolled his eyes at me. “The girls requested breakfast.” “Let me guess, Kristen wants a breakfast burrito?” “Correct.” “Make it sausage with no bacon.” “No bacon?” I asked. “Bacon makes her stomach roll.” Alec sighed. “Found out the hard way.” We walked into the cells and the smell always gets to me. It will never be something that doesn’t make me want to gag and throw up. Yet, I will forever not show a single ounce of weakness. Alec opened the door to the viewing room. “What do you want to do with them?” Alec asked as he crossed his arms. Following his movements, I just stared at them. One moment, I was talking to Alpha Thomas about next week and then Jacob mind-links me that Penny is in danger. To think, if I was just a moment later, she could have been in serious trouble. Her and my three kids. “They are women is beating the s hit out of them might not work.” “We need to find the weak one and focus on her.” Alec was scanning them, trying to find who it was. “Start on the nails. Females are more vain than men. They will care more about permanent scaring and their looks.” Thankfully, their hands were easily accessible. “Pliers are on the table. This is your show.” Alec looked at me. Pushing Penny from my mind, I put my game face on and allowed the anger fill me. “Morning, girls.” I said as I walked into the room. My eyes went black and I didn’t even try to change them. My wolf was pi ssed and wanted blood.

” F uck you, dude.” The middle one said with more venom than I expected . Her eyes never left me as I stood in front of them. The one on the left kept looking between Alec and myself. The one on the right. was looking at the ceiling. “That was a pathetic attempt on Luna Penny’s life.” I said.