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Rosalie bit her lip. "She was at a seven last ti checked." "When was the last tyou checked?" All the needles were out of Penny.

"Hour or so ago." Rosalie answered as Penny struggled to swing her legs off the bed.

"We are going to have company. Guards made it to the first floor and saw the bodies. You guys better get out of there now!" My heart started beating as Alec and I met eyes.

Alec frowned and looked at the door. "There is only one way out of here." "Try to make it to the first floor. It will be easier to extract you." It was my turn to create the plan. "You heard him." Grabbing Penny's arm, I put it over my shoulder and the doctor did the son her other side. "Can you keep up?" I asked the nurse.

"Yeah, I'm good. Just don't leavebehind!" She wasn't my first priority but I wasn't going to leave her behind regardless. "Good. I need you to stay with Penny regardless of what happens. Do not leave her side and I will not leave you behind." Between the doctor and myself, we half carried Penny to the door. "You have about three minutes before she starts another contraction!" I heard the nurse yell as we made it to the door.

"Take the North stairs!" "Okay." The doctor grunted as he turned and tried to walk as quickly as possible.

"Are you okay?" I couldn't look at Penny because I was busy looking around but I wanted to make sure she was okay.

"I'm in the process of giving birth and a war is going on around me. I'm fucking great." The sarcasm was very thick to the point that I even let out a little laugh. After all this, this woman wasn't freaking out.

Alec opened the door for us and we entered the stairwell. "Vin has exited the office with a group of warriors. You have about two minutes before he reaches you."
"You boys probably only have a few minutes before they use the cameras to find us. Better get out of there!" Alec yelled as we went down the stairs.

We practically carried Penny down the stair but as soon as we hit the second landing, Penny clenched her body in pain. "FUCK!" "That was only two minutes." Rosalie said more to herself but it registered with me. This wasn't good.

"Proceed with clearing the buildings!" Carson screamed to the rest of the team as he held the door for us. At this point, Penny was being carried by us and we just ran.

"Get in the suit. We will have to hold them off." Alec ran ahead and opened the door for us.

"Moving now!" I heard Anthony command.

We moved Penny to one of the bedrooms and pushed her in the middle of the bed.
"Penny, I need to check you." Rosalie pulled out sgloves from her pocket.

The doctor put his backpack down and opened it. Pulling out multiple supplies and put a blood pressure cuff on Penny. "How are you doing?" He asked her.

"All things considering..." There was a large boom outside in the hallway. "...I'm okay." "Shit." I whispered and moved to stand in front of the door.

Our warriors had ran out into the hallway and their growls filled the room. "She is at a nine." I heard the concern in Rosalie's voice.

"Alpha, Luna is going to be delivering here. You are going to have to keep us safe and everyone out of here." .

Turning, I saw the fear in Penny's eyes. Rosalie was holding Penny's hand like her life depended on it and the doctor was busy getting his stuff Lets situation "I'm going to shut the door and give you sprivacy. Letknow when the babies are actually coming out." Walking over, wrapping my hands around her face, I kissed her as passionately as I possibly could. "You can do this. Stay strong for our kids. I love you." .

"I love you." Penny whispered as I let her go and walked out into the living room. Shutting the bedroom door, I made eye contact with Alec. He was the next defense as he watched the battle in the hallway.

"Another round is coming from both stairs! We are getting out of here and heading up towards you!" I heard in my ear.

"Keep our ears open for emergencies unless needed. Updates can clater. Once buildings are cleared, move to phase two.

All available warriors cto the casino for support!" Alec said as three of their warriors walked into the suite.

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Alec took one and I took the other. He lunged at me. Normally, I would step aside but I didn't want any of them to go betweenand Penny. So, I allowed hi lowed him to tackle me. Wrapping my head around his neck. I tried to make it so we fell on the top of his head. Delivering multiple shots to his kidneys, we hit the floor hard.

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He struggled underas I kept my grip around his neck. At one point, he tried to flip over and it took everything into keep my hold. His movements beclabored until they slowed down.

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Looking over at Alec, he sported a fresh slash to his chest but the other bel guy had a broken femur. Limping on one leg, it was all could do but was watch th battle until my guy finally gave it up. Alec blocked a right hook and slashed up his side. Without waiting a second, he shoved his claws deep into the guys neck as Vin walked in. .

Letting go of my guy, I had just enough tto snap his neck and stand up when Vin looked over at me.

"This is a fun surprise." "I believe you are standing in my casino and I am here to make you vacate it."

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Vin laughed at that. He stepped aside as more of his warriors cinto the suite. "Your casino?" "Yeah. All this was under the pack's name. Since Penny took over and is Alpha of that pack, it now belongs to me." Glancing behind Vin, Alec had his hands full but he was managing. His men showed up and two had joined his fight, leaving us to our own fight.

"You can try and take it from me." "They released their wolves! Watch out!" I heard over my ear as Vin got into attacking position.

He tried to move around in a circle but I kept my back towards the door. His eyes narrowed as he looked at the shut door and smirked. At the smoment, Penny let out a massive scream that distractedfor just a second. Vin lunged. Barely getting my hand in front of my face, I blocked that punch but Vin landed another punch to my gut.

Trying to fight without any air in my lungs, my fist were easily blocked. Vin got up quicker and sharp pain shot up my jaw. Before I could even react, three more punches landed on my temple, cheek and stomach. Vin grabbed my shirt and pickedup before tossing to the side.

"Pathetic." He laughed.

My vision was clouded but I knew in my heart he was going towards the door. Scrambling to my feet, Vin had just turned the door handle. He hasn't made it in by the tI got up. Running over, I grabbed a handful of his shirt and tossed him back into the livingroom. He wasn't ready forso his body fell down, over the chair that was there.

Not even looking at Penny, it was my turn to react. Chasing after Vin, he was ready for me. Blocking my right hook, he managed to get his knees up. Rolling to the side, Vin tossedoff but it was easy to land on my feet.

My wolf was out and ready for a fight. Vin was betweenand Penny but his focus was on me. There was a red line across his chest that my wolf managed to get him before he tossed to the side.

Vin looked down and looked at his blood. Grabbing the hem of his shirt, he completely took it off and laid it on the floor. Small amounts of blood oozed down his stomach but he acted like he didn't even notice.

"Oh good, your wolf cto play." We both moved at the stime. Dipping under his left hook, I got two punches to his stomach before he brought his knee up. Blocking it, I went to defense. Blocking punch after punch, we went into a skilled hand to hand combat. Where he moved left, I went right. His body sank after I went for a full right hook and his legs swept around.

My right foot didn't get high enough and he knockeddown. However, I was ready for it. Keeping with the momentum, my right foot moved faster around until it cinto contact with Vin's ear. His body rolled to the side. Not wanting to give an

inch, my wolf took his claws and went for the kill but Vin kept rolling. Making Carpet the only thing that my claws cut.

"That was slick! I'll give you that." Vin laughed as he shook the cob webs from his head.

"Why do you need to keep taking breaks? One hit and you can't handle it?" I taunted.

"I just want to make sure that you are okay so when I kill you, there will be no questions on who is the better man." Vin barely lifted part of his lip.

"Better man?" My eyes narrowed.

"To raise Penny's babies. What else?" Vin's eyes glimmered as he tried to makemad so I would make mistakes. However, having Penny close, my anger was minimal.

"Too bad your mind games don't work, Vin. You will be six feet under with everyone else that stood in my way." Anger flashed in his eyes before he initiated contact. This time, he faked going high and went low. Taking the blow to the side, I was able to deliver an elbow to his neck, hitting the presser point directly. His body instantly limped, allowingto bring my knee up into his stomach.

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Out of the corner of my eye, something flashed. There was only a split second of realization of what it Halization was before his claws caround. I wasn't able to move out of the way quick enough. His claws ranked acrossed my stomach, leaving three slices in it's wake. .

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Grabbing the back of his head, I gritted my teeth through the pain and slammed his forehead against myn knee. His body bounced back and my bodybounced foot tripped over the coffee table. Falling backwards, the glass table broke under my weight. Shattering into millions of pieces, sof which went into my back. .

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Vin was on the move so I rolled to the side and got on my feet as soon as he did. His forehead was broken m down his was broken m open, making blood run do

face. With a growl, he charged at me. Tackling me, we went over the back of the couch, landing on the floor. White hot pain shot up my thigh. .

Looking down, Vin had one claw penetrated completely through before he ripped it out completely.

"COLT!" Both of us looked over and I realized Penny had full view of us fighting. Panic was clear on her pale face. Rosalie was crying and the doctor was doing something I couldn't see.

"I'm the better man!" Vin said, raising his extended claws above me.

"NO!" Penny's eyes shifted and her aura exploded out of her and covered the entire suite. Vin was frozen above me. Using the chance, my claws shot up and into his chest. Moving deeper and deeper until his beating heart was in my hands.

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Penny POV The fear of watching Colt fight Vin was something I had never experience before. My vagina was on fire and they kept tellingto push but all I could focus on was Colt. I couldn't push and watch him get gutted. Bring our babies into the world as their father died wasn't something I could let happen.

Being stuck to the bed was the worst part. I wanted to run to him. There was something insidethat kept trying to get out. It was like something was literally pushing against my chest. My wolf was growling, ready to attack at any moment.

The pressure got so great that I just couldn't fight it anymore. My mate was in trouble and my babies wanted out. Colt needed to be beside me. As soon as I decided to let the pressure out, there was this over whelming surge of power.

"NO!" It wasn't my voice but yet it was. There was an anger to it, a growl almost that made it almost inhuman. In my desperation, I pushed all the power out, wishing it was halter Vin.

To my pleasure, it did. Vin froze in place just long enough that Colt's hand shot forward. The satisfaction of Vin's eyes meeting mine with complete shock and then look back at Colt before his body fell was beyond satisfying. Something red was firmly in Colt's hands as he struggled to sit up.

"Colt!" There wasn't any weakness or concern in my voice. It was a fucking get up and get beside me. Pushing my newly found energy to him, I wanted him beside as I pushed these babies out.

"PENNY! FOCUS!" The doctor yelled at me. Both his hands were doing something between my legs that I tried not to think about.

"Con! You can do it! You need to get those babies out before he has to do a C-section!" Rosalie tried to plead to me.

"I'm here!" Colt staggered to and grabbed my hand. His hands were covered in blood.

"Wash your hands!" The doctor pulled his hands away and grabbed a water bottle. Opening the cap, he slowly poured the water over Colt's. Bloody water fell on the white carpet but it wasn't like this entire suite wasn't ruined already.

"I'm so sorry!" Colt said when he came back over.

"Alpha. Grab that blanket and be ready to catch." The doctor instructed before I could even respond. Another round of contractions pushed against me. My body screamed for me to push this baby out.

"Push!" Rosalie urged and I was done resisting. With one push, the baby shot out into the doctor's arms.

Colt was barely ready when the doctor took the baby and instantly placed our little boy in his arms.

Grabbing the suction, he cleared his airway. The sweetest little cry brought tears to my eyes. I was so preoccupied with his little face that I barely witnessed Colt cutting the umbilical cord. Rosalie walked over and helped Colt swaddle him.

"Does he have a name?" She asked as Colt put him on my chest.

"Elijah Colt." We both said at the same time. Colt put his arm around my shoulders, making me look up to him. Tears clouded my vision but I didn't need to see to respond to the kiss Colt placed on my lips.

"Be ready, here comes another one." The doctor said in a strained voice.

"May I?" Rosalie asked as she reached out.

"No, I have him." I said, instantly. "Colt will help push if needed." It wasn't that I didn't trust anything would happen to him but I wasn't about to let him out of my arms. Everything I had been through, was

for him and his siblings.

"Alpha, get another blanket. Luna...push!" Colt reached down and grabbed a blanket with one hand and used the other to help crunch. My wolf flashed before my eyes, giving the strength to push my second baby boy out.

Again, the doctor instantly placed him in Colt's arms. After clearing his airway, Colt cut the umbilical cord. He didn't even cry but look around with the most grumpiest fast on.

"Little Cooper Brian isn't impressed to be here." Colt laughed as he managed to swaddle Cooper by himself. There was so much emotion in his voice that I felt like my heart was going to explode.

"Little Elijah and Little Cooper. What beautiful names." Rosalie had a little tear run down her cheek.

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"I'm sorry, Luna Penny, this isn't going to feel great." The doctor said before he shoved his arm inside me. He was up to his elbow with his face scrunched up. The pressure that I felt like was nothing else. It already felt like an alien was inside with the babies moving around, this was very unnatural. .

"What are you doing?" Colt asked, alarmed.

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"The third baby is breech. I'm grabbing it's legs to bring her out." He said in a strained voice. A few moments later, his arm slowly began to pull out. Colt didn't need to be told a third time. Grabbing the blanket, he looked over at his little girl being born. .

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With both boys in my arms, all I could do was wait and see. My wolf was front and center as she helped me. Rushed, the last baby out. The last wave of fluid out as I felt the relief that comes with being completely empty of babies. Her screams were pissed and filled the entire room. .

"That's my girl." Colt cooed.

"What's her name?" Rosalie asked as she watched Colt swaddle his only daughter. After this, this will be his only children. Regardless of what he will say, I'm fucking done.

"Eliana Penelope." Colt answered. Just hearing my daughter's name finally brought tears to my eyes. Colt loved her for just a moment before placing her in my arms.

"My family." Colt wrapped his arm around as he looked at me.

"Give a few minutes to clean you up." The doctor said. His voice brought me out of my bubble, making me aware of Alec and Carson standing at the doorway.

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"Colt." I said, simply.

"Hmm?" He didn't even look at me.

Nudging him, I finally got his attention and motioned towards the doorway. "Congratulations!" Carson said but didn't make a move to get closer.

My first thought was my entire vagina was completely exposed to them. Not that this was in anyway sexual but it was still incredibly vulnerable situation. However, their bodies were blocking any other men from seeing me.

"Thank you." I said when Colt failed to answer. "What is it?" "I'm sorry, Penny. Sir Joe was just spotted trying to make it to the airplane." Alec shifted uncomfortably.

"Colt can stay here and we can take him down." "No." I said instantly.

"No?" Colt looked at me confused.

"No. You will go and stop Joe." I said firmly. With all the babies in my arms, I couldn't move. Thankfully, Rosalie realized what I was trying to do and helped take the babies and lay them each on the bed in a row.

Sitting up more, my wolf was already working on healing me. There already was less burning than before. "You will go and you will kill Joe the way you killed Vin. You need to see this through. We both know that if you aren't the one to kill Joe that there will be this hole in your soul. After all he did to me... to us... I want you to be the one to kill him." "You just had the babies..." Colt stammered.

"I am more than capable of taking care of our babies. Rosalie will be with and so will the doctor. Leave a few warriors but I'm sorry but Colt, I don't need you." Colt looked taken aback. "I have learned that I am capable of handling myself. I am not just a luna but an alpha. No one is going to keep from going home with

my babies. That is where I am going... home. You will kill Joe and then meet at home. I'm not the weak, sensitive luna you had. I'm powerful and will not stand to take you out of seeing this through. Be the strong dominant alpha. Show our enemies what happens when you fuck with us. End this today." I knew my eyes shifted. By the look of Colt's face, it was both beautiful and scary. This is what I meant to be an alpha. Putting other's needs before yours. I wanted Colt beside but Colt needed to stand beside his allies in battle. He declared this war for and now he will end this war.

"I'm sorry but we need to go now or we will miss him." Alec said quietly but firmly.

"Colt?" Carson added after a moment of silence.

"Go. Making it back in one piece." "Are you sure?" Colt looked conflicted.

"Completely. Go." Reaching out, I gave him a little push.

"He will come back to you." Carson said with a smile. "Alpha Penny." My eyes met his and I couldn't help the little blush that crept up on my cheeks. Yes, I wanted to go by alpha now but that didn't mean I wasn't still me. It felt good and I knew the power that flowed freely in my veins.

Watching Colt follow Carson and Alec out of the suit, I tried to push as much energy and power from him as I could. He needed it to not only heal but to be able to beat Joe. There was a brief moment that I felt alone but knowing that these babies needed was more than enough motivation to stay focused.

"Let's get you home, alpha." The doctor smiled at me. "Let's check the babies out first." "Sorry, doc. We need to leave now. There is a small opening and we need to get going. Jace is almost in position for immediate extraction." "Penny, can you walk?" Rosalie asked in a worried voice.

Swinging my legs to the side of the bed, there was only one way to know. "I guess we will find out." With Rosalie on one side and the doctor on the other, we got standing on my own two feet.

"I think the best way to go about this was to wrap all the babies tightly against her chest." Rosalie said as he pulled out an extremely long wrap.

"I like that idea." The doctor said. I was a little uneasy on my feet but my wolf instantly pushed herself forward.

"I'm going to get the wrap set and then we will put the babies in." Rosalie said as she started wrapping me. The doctor started cleaning up his supplies.

Out of the corner of my eye, I could see the warrior check his watch and then touch his ear. "I'm sorry but we need to go!" .

"Okay." Rosalie said as she picked up the first baby and put Elijah in place! Next cCooper and then Elaina. "How do they feel? Snug?" .

"Very much so." I said. I didn't need my hands on them but it felt wrong to not put them there.

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"Good. Let's go!" The warrior said as he turned. The doctor took the front and Rosalie and followed him. Dead bodies covered almost every inch of the hallway. .

"I'm going to need support going down the stairs." I said loudly to whoever was listening.

"Keep going. I got her." .

How the fuck they got up behind was beyond but I barely had time to see who it was before they slipped their arm around mine. The massive arm on my left told there was two warriors around me. .

"Rosalie?" I asked as I was practically carried down the stairs.

"I'm here!" I heard behind me.

"Do not leave her behind!" I commanded. It caught off guard but everyone around nodded like they didn't have a choice but to listen.

When the door opened at the bottom on the stairs, I got my first glimpse at what a war looked like.

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"Fucking shit." This warrior said as he grabbed my arm and took off. We took a few steps before something that looked like a wolf but didn't at the time, jumped in front of us.

He tried to turn us to the right but another one got in front of us again. "What are those things?" Rosalie sounded terrified but I didn't have the time to look at her.

I had literally pushed three babies out of and now I was standing here, trying to run for our lives. The warrior holding my arm let go and got into a fighting position in front of me. "Follow the doctor and don't stop!" He growled before he jumped into a fight. "This way!" I barely had time to ask where when I felt like my body was being ripped to the left.

"What about them?" I yelled. I looked back just in time to see the weird looking wolf slash his claws across the warrior's chest. "We can't wait! You are our top priority!" My wolf didn't like that. Stomping her feet, she wasn't going to let this go. "NO!" I growled and ripped my arm from his grip. Turning around, I wasn't sure what I was doing but my wolf did.

Taking the front, I was pushed to the back for the first time in my life. It was like I was watching a movie but yet, I wasn't. My body let out a massive authoritative growl so loud that the windows shook at the casino. The entire battle field on the back lot, completely froze. Thankfully, my warriors used the distraction and got the upper hand.

"Please! Can we go now?" The doctor touched my arm and tried to get me to move. My wolf whipped my head around and growled at him. "I have orders to keep you and those babies safe. Please let me do my job." "Let's go." There was a huge part of me that wanted to stay and fight but the three little babies told me my priorities needed to change.

My wolf kept me in the back. She was handling the running after just giving birth. She was powerful and kept trying to heal me. Still, I doubt I would have been able to keep up if it wasn't for her. There wasn't any shoes on my feet and the shirt that I was wearing was more like a massive dress.

Tree branches slapped at my exposed legs and stabbed the soles of my feet but my wolf didn't let up. She stayed along side of the doctor with another warrior and Rosalie just ahead of us.

"Turn right!" The warrior said as we came to a clearing. There was once a dirt road that now was covered in more weeds than anything else. The forest was slowly swallowing it whole.

A white SUV sat idling with exhaust rising behind it. The side door opened and another warrior leaned out. "Hurry up!" It was only then that I realized we were being followed. My wolf looked behind to see a dozen or so wolves headed towards us. Foam was dripping from their mouths, making the entire forest seem infectious.

The doctor and warrior helped in before Rosalie jumped in and the doctor followed us, shutting the door. The other warrior got in the passenger's seat before we started peeling out.

"GO! GO! GO!" The doctor said. He had one hand on the wall and the other hand firmly around my arm. There wasn't any seats in the back, only hospital grade bedding material. Looking around, I realized this was literally a hospital on wheels. The different size cuffs bouncing off the walls and birthing materials made realize that this was meant for me. They created it in case I had to give birth in a car.

"We aren't stopping until we are back on pack lands." The driver said. His voice sounded familiar. Looking over, Jace looked back at and smiled. "Good to see you, Penny." My wolf let back in front. It was such a weird experience that I was a little dizzy at first. "It is so good to see you, too." "How are the babies?" The doctor asked as he leaned over and pulled the wrap back a little.

"Is it safe to take them out?" I asked, unsure if we were still being followed.

"I can't guarantee we are safe until we are on pack lands but I don't believe we are being followed." The smile quickly left Jace's face as he became alpha again.

"I didn't get to assess them so I need to do it now. They need their shots and we need to check for fluid." The doctor and Rosalie started unwrapping and pulling the babies out.

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Elijah was the first baby they pulled out. It was easy to identify him as he was the only one only one with a birthmark across his neck. It almost looked like a dragon, which was pretty badass. I was a little proud of that. .

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He was just looking around, taking in everything that was happening. The doctor pulled him off to the side and started listening to his heartbeat. Rosalie pulled Cooper out next and did the same. He was still glaring at her with burrowed

eyebrows. If the grumpy emoji was a face, it would be his. I had to smirk at that. He was even trying to push Rosalie's hand away as she tried listening to his heart.

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The wrap was loose enough that I took it the rest of the way off. Little Elaina was not making any sounds and had her eyes closed. My internal bells were going off as I quickly unwrapped her. "Something is wrong." I said quietly as I looked at my motionless daughter. .

"Give her to me." The doctor said instantly and practically ripped her out of my hands. Her blue color brought tears to my eyes as the doctor listened to her breathing.

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Chapter 0506 Colt POV It felt wrong to leave Penny but she was right. I needed to see this through.

It wasn't that I didn't trust the boys to kill Joe, I wanted to be the one to do it.

Penny's blood and birthing fluids were still on my hands but so was the blood from Vin's heart. It sat firmly in my hand. Picking it up on my way out was more of an impulse thing. I wanted to return it back to Joe as a present. As a fuck you to everyone who thought they could go up against me.

Getting into a vehicle, Carson sped away quickly. "Do we have any backup?" I asked.

"Some. They are still clearing the buildings and picking off the mutants.

However, we haven't found where they are making them. After we kill Joe, we will need to follow the train and see where it leads." Carson said as he turned so fast that the car got on two wheels.

"What are you going to do with the heart?" Alec asked.

"Give it back to Joe." Shrugging, I wasn't sure they would understand but both of them broke out laughing.

"I'm sorry but Penny was badass today." Carson looked back at me quickly before turning back around.

“I have a feeling things are going to be changing.” The warmth that filled my soul was something I never expected.

| “Shit! There is the plane and it is running!” Alec pointed ahead. It was a smaller plane but was big enough to make it a private plane.

“Fuck.” My heart started beating faster. “Get me up there. We can’t let him leave!” Carson drove on the grass and over to the back of the runway. The plane had started moving, making the resistance so

heavy that the car started swerving.

“We aren’t going to make it!” Alec yelled as he held onto Carson’s head rest.

“We better make it!” I yelled back. My hand was on the door handle. “Go Faster!” I yelled.

As we went faster, the plane was

EE picking up speed too. “How are you going to stop it?” Carson yelled back at me, - “I have a grenade. Just get me close enough I can throw it and pop a hole in it!” I tried with all my might to push the door open but against the force of the plane and how fast we were going, I couldn’t do it. I was forced to take off my vest and roll the window down.

With the grenade in one hand, I pushed my torso out of the window. As hard as the wind tried to blow me out of the car, Alec had ahold of my legs to keep me from doing just that.

“We need to get closer!” Screaming, I hoped Carson heard me. I hadn’t pulled the pen but I didn’t think I could get it close enough without the wind

stopping it.

Carson heard me and slowly moved | over until we were adjacent to the rear tire. “This might end badly! As soon as I throw it, slam on your breaks!” I yelled.

I couldn’t hear if they responded from how loud the plane was but this was my only shot. Putting the pen between my teeth, I ripped it out in one motion.

With everything I had, my arm pulled back and threw the grenade as hard as I could into the rear tire hatch.

Carson instantly got on the breaks, making my body bend over. The car slamming into my stomach, taking all the air out of me. Not wanting to miss, my eyes stayed on the plane.

Right as the front wheels pulled off, an explosion made the plane jump before a chunk of metal bounced off the runway. Complete relief flooded me as the plane touched back down and skidded to a stop, sideways.

“Are you okay?” Carson asked. The car had stopped but I couldn’t move. I wasn’t sure if I was stuck or if I still couldn’t breathe from the door being shoved in my stomach.

“Um RL Carson got out and came around as I let out a few coughs. “That will leave a mark.” He said as he opened the door and helped me get out of the window.

Alec had walked up as I pulled my body free. “Look.” The three of us turned our heads in time to see half a dozen men exit from

the plane. “Is Joe there?” I asked, searching the men for someone familiar.

“There he is.” Alec muttered as a seventh man exited the plane. He had stopped to look at us. Taking off his jacket, he started rolling his sleeves as he walked down the stairs.

“Where are our men? This is two against one.” Alec asked quietly.

Alec was on my left and Carson was on my right. Before we started walking towards them, I went to the car and got Vin’s heart.

“Three minutes out.” Carson muttered as I got back into line.

“We need to stall then.” I said and we started walking towards them. He had six warriors but the three of us were

alphas. Still, two against one was never the best odds and with Joe in there, who knows how this was going to turn out.

“This wasn’t how I pictured us meeting again.” Joe said as he stopped walking. We were fifty yards between us.

“This wasn’t by my choice. I told you what was going to happen.” I said firmly. My wolf wanted to be in front but I kept him at bay.

"I must admit. I underestimated you." Joe chuckled.

"I believe this belongs to you." For more dramatic affect, I pulled the heart back and tossed it at him. It landed with a thug a few feet in front of Joe, rolling a few times so loose gravel stuck to the sticky heart. Joe's face

hardened as he stared at it. "I stayed true to my word and I killed Vin like I told you I would."

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"It's that a nice touch." All the playfulness was out of Joe's voice.

"I'll admit, it felt good too. Penny is back in my possession and Vin is dead. The last thing for to handle is you." "I am the head of the mafia family in Italy. Do you really think you can just kill and walk away like nothing happened?" Joe almost sounded like he was stalling.

"You are going to avenge Vin's death regardless. At least this way, whoever takes after you will hopefully learn what you couldn't. I'll give them the swarming. Leave my family alone and I'll leave you alone. Fuck with and find out." Joe held out his hands and smiled. "You are assuming you will beat me. There is seven of us and only three of you." "Three alphas and backup is coming. Your tis running out." I was itching to get my hands on Joe. Not that I had a real anger towards him the way I did Vin. However, he forced Penny into giving him her blood.

"I never laid a hand on her. You still want to kill me?" "You aided Vin. You didn't return Penny to but was going to use her blood for your own personal gain. A gain at the loss of humans. People our ancestors swore to protect. You run a mafia. It might have morals but you still crossed mine." "It's unfortunate you see it that way." Joe sighed.

It was finally time. "If it helps you, I will be happy to send Vin's heart back with yours to explain the conditions. I will even label who's is who out of the goodness of my heart." I knew that was a low blow but I was done talking and ready for a good fucking fight. My wolf had healed and the energy that Penny gave was flowing.

It was like a drug in my veins. Her power was unlike anything else I had felt. As soon as she decided to embrace her alpha blood, it made my wolf that much stronger too. He had grown a few inches in both height and width.

My wolf was at the surface already so when Joe showed his fangs, my wolf easily shoved to the side. That wasn't enough for him though. He completely shifted so within seconds, I was standing on all

four.

Alec and Carson both shifted and they were growling beside me. Looking at the seven wolves in front of us, I finally heard the stomping of our backup. As soon as they broke the tree line, Joe's men attacked.

I watched as my wolf took off, meeting Joe half way. Both of us got on our hind legs. My paw slapped away his jaws and bit down on his shoulder. Blood filled our mouth but Joe got his foot up. Pushing against our stomach, he pushed away. Rolling to the side, my wolf was up and ready for more.

Staying low to the ground, we started circling each other. He knew he wasn't going to get out of here alive but he was damn sure wanting to take a piece of with him.

Joe stepped once more to the side but slipped slightly. Glancing down, he realized he slipped on a pool of blood from one of his warriors. He had transformed back into his human form. The head was a good five feet from the body that was still leaking blood. It was so crudely ripped off that chunks of flesh hung off his body.

Using the distraction, we jumped towards him. Joe was quicker than I expected. He got low and using his back legs, pushed us off and away from him before rolling over. This time, he jumped and we were on the bottom.

His claws swiped at our face, leaving three claw marks on our cheeks. His leg was on the ground for stability, allowing us to push against it so hard that it snapped out of place. His body fell and we rolled on top of him.

It was our turn to attack. He kept his paws against us from biting his neck. Using the next best thing, our claws slashed across his stomach. There was a unique satisfaction of watching his stomach fall out of him. Next came the intestines.

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As soon as we drove up to the train, the first thing I noticed was our men. Everyone was done with their assignments and were standing around. A group of women of all ages were cuddled together, sitting on the ground.

"Alpha." Hank's beta cup to instantly and bowed. For the life of me, I couldn't remember his name.

"These are all the women that were freed. All will need medical attention but nothing life threatening." "Get them in a vehicle and get them back to my pack for treatment. They will be interviewed and provided for there." I commanded instantly.

"Okay. I will be traveling with them to assure their safety." I noticed more than once he kept looking back at them with a weird expression on his face. "Hank is on the train, waiting for you to arrive. All warriors are instructed to board the train and be prepared for where ever it goes." "Good. Take swarriors with you." I said and walked off. I could hear him command people around but my attention on was on Carson and Alec as they were a few steps ahead of me. Sof the men were sitting down, talking and laughing like the fight was already over. Maybe there was so many men that it was easier than I expected. Though, Joe and Vin might of thought I wouldn't have found all this. I wasn't even sure what to do with all this land and newly acquired casino. Maybe I could turn this into ssort of camp for training young alphas or teens learning to fight. I'd have to ask Penny since this was technically her land.

Walking up to the engine, I almost had to plug my ears with how loud it was. The metal bars were cold under my hands as I climbed the ladder. "Hank." I said as soon as I cinto view.

"Congratulations!" Hank had a huge smile on his face as he cup to me. I was expecting a handshake but he pulled into a full hug.

It was a little awkward but there wa still something comforting about it.... not that I could show that. "Thanks, man." I said and gave him a few slaps on the back.

Hank let go but held onto my shoulders. The look on his face was like a proud grandpa. After a few seconds, he let go and went back to the train. "Ready to start this beast and find out there she goes?" Alec and Carson were both standing off to the side with their arms folded. Alec was rather amused and Carson didn't even try to hide the smile on his face. "Let's go." Rolling my eyes at them, I walked over to the window and looked out.

Hank pulled on the string, making the horn blare. All the men quickly jumped onto an open car. The last few men had to run a little before jumping since Hank wasn't waiting. The train moved slowly down the tracks, giving a beautiful view of the landscape.

"Do we have an idea of where this goes?" Carson asked.

"Not a single one. I had someone run down the tracks sbut after ten miles, it kept going so he turned back around." "I have a feeling it just runs in a complete circle. If this is where they make the mutants, then they board them on the train to transport them to where they can put them into vehicles and take them where ever they need to go." I didn't even bother looking at them as I spoke.

"We need a fucking party for the men and for everyone when we get back." Carson said as he yawned.

"How are you yawning?" Hank bickered like they were kids.

"Didn't sleep the best last night." "The day is almost over so I guess you can sleep on the way home." I looked back just in tto see Hank shake his head. "I'm not as young as I used to be. Granted, this is the most fun I've had in years.' "I'll seco-" Hank started but Alec cut him off.

"Look." Pointing out the window, Alec saw a building in the distance. "Men. Be ready." Carson said. His tone instantly changed to that of an alpha ready to go into battle.

.The train started slowing as we creeped our way closer and closer.

bend As soon as we got around the bend, an incredibly old event denter stood beforeus. The paint was chipping, part of the roof was missing and most of the windows were broken. Still, it looked like a lot of traffic had taken place to have the doors opened to their fullest capability. .

The train cup level to the cement. The cool air almost made this a spookier place, not to mention the faint cries I could hear. "You hear that?" I asked anyone.

"Sure do." Alec muttered under his breath.

Taking a deep breath, it was now or never. "Let's go." I was the first one to step off the train, signaling everyone else to do the same. Not wanting to go in alone, I waited for the rest of the warriors to be ready with guns in their hands.

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No one spoke a word but as soon as I saw everyone was ready, I took the lead and walked into the vestibule avers Dust covered the floor but the footprints and paw

prints were etched into it. Swere fresh and shad another lay of dust that indicated how old they were. .

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Alec snapped his fingers, getting my attention. As soon as I met his eyes, he pointed into the next room next room om Following his direction, my eyes landed a chain link cage with mutants in it. Swere on the floor, dead or asleep. Other's didn't realize we were here so they were just licking their paw or pacing. .

Wondering what they would do, I signaled everyone to wait and I walked into the room.

Tattooed Luna

Instantly, their noses lifted and their eyes met mine. As soon as sstarted growling, the one asleep woke up and joined in. By the looks at the others being trampled, they must be dead. Not surviving the transformation.

The chain-link held up against their protest. I wished their was a cure but I doubt anything would change what they did to these humans. Their DNA was completely altered. It would take years to achieve that, if it was even possible.

After a few moments, Alec and everyone else started piling in. My attention was brought back to my surroundings as I kept looking around. The lights were out, making it really dark and only getting darker. Thankfully, wolves had excellent night vision or this would really be difficult.

"Alpha." I heard someone whisper. I had started walking down a hallway when they tried to get my attention from behind.

Not verbally answering but I turned and looked to see who it was. All eyes were on a single man as he looked into the glass of double doors. My curiosity got the best ofand I turned back to see what he was looking at.

He stepped aside so I could get a good look. Cleaning the dust off the window, I got a good look. It was one of the main rooms. Tables were lined up with looked like hospital beds in the middle. The whole scene remindedof when humans would give blood for the Red cross but this was much for unorganized. It wasn't until I saw another cage that I got concerned.

"Be ready." I muttered and pushed the door open.

I was expecting more growling but I was met with cries of scared women and men yelling, 'stay back'. I was still trying to comprehend what I was seeing when the overhead lights flickered on. It took a few times and didn't work but it allowed us to see the entire room.

"They are still human." Alec whispered in shock.

"Why are women where?" Carson asked. "I thought the wolves were all men?" As much as I wanted to let them out, I wanted to know what they knew. Quietly, I walked up to the men since they didn't seem as scared. "Have you been injured?" I asked, looking at their naked bodies for injuries.

"No! Stay back!" One of them held up his fist like he was going to fight us. By the look of them, they haven't had a decent meal in days.

"I'm not here to hurt you." I wasn't sure how to help them though either. "Can you tell what happened here?" "They kidnapped us and brought us here. They would tie us down and inject us with something." He shook his head like he couldn't bare to say anymore.

"What did they want with the women?" Alec asked, coming up beside me.

"They did something to them. Put rabies or something in them! They would unhook us and put a girl out there to see what they would do. They would always kill the girl and that would make them happy. After that, we never saw them again." Another guy said. He had track marks all down his arm, missing a few teeth and even a few toes.

"Where were you kidnapped from?" I asked, wanting more information.

"W-we were all homeless. He cup to our camp and offered drinks. Next thing we knew woke up here and naked." "Is that all you know?" I pushed.

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Fighting off my wolf was more difficult than I imagined. All the humans listened and obeyed as they got released. After giving us their name and location they wished to be dropped off at, they were blindfolded from abandoned material found in another part of the center.

Not that they trusted but I didn't want them to see I was a wolf too. Their experience was a terrible one and we would get more resistance if they knew what

we really were. If they fought me, they would get hurt and trying to save their lives were what I was after.

"Did you get ahold of your bank?" Alec cup behind me. I was so preoccupied by watching the humans get loaded that I didn't even hear him.

"Yeah. I have all the accounts being set up right now." "I got off the phone with Kristen. We want to go half in with you." Looking back, Alec was just standing with his hands in his pockets, like this was another normal day. "I appreciate that." "She said something else...." Alec trailed off. This time, he looked at and I could see it wasn't the best news. "What happened?" Turning my body, I faced him, ready for the blow he was going to give me. "She had gotten a call from Jace. He had picked up Penny and the doctor was examining the babies. Elaina had swallowed sfluid. She was unresponsive for an undetermined amount of time. Kristen got a helicopter in the air and they are schedule to get everyone within the hour. The doctor was able to clear her and it appears she is okay but they are going to be keeping her in the hospital for awhile for supervision." It was like another punch to my gut. Closing my eyes, I had to walk away. If they weren't already dead, I would make their death more painful. Pulling out my phone, I looked up Penny's and hit call.

"Oh, Colt." Penny sighed. "Did Kristen talk to you?" "She told Alec. Is Elaina okay?" "I don't know. She is alive if that is what you mean. She hasn't opened her eyes but her airway sounds clear-ish. There is still a little moister sound in there. He thinks she might have inhaled and swallowed sfluid. Since we couldn't properly address each baby, she didn't get cleaned out." By the end of Penny speaking, her voice cracked. I couldn't resist the tears that plagued my eyes. "She's your daughter. She will be strong

and will fight this. You stay strong mamma. Stay strong for our daughter and for our sons. I will be there as soon as I can be." "They are sending a second helicopter for you. I need you with me. Your job there is done. It's tyou chwith me." Penny said instantly. It sounded like she pushed the tears back and forced herself to toughen up.

"I'll be ready." "Kristen did ask that maybe you could convince Alec to go htoo." There was a little laughter to her voice, which madesmile. Sniffing, it even brought a small smile to my face. "I'll bring him htoo." "Thank you for killing them." Her voice was small, embarrassed she wanted them dead. "I saved their hearts to send back to whoever is in charge now. Hopefully, all this will be done." In the distance, I could hear the helicopter over the phone. "I have to go." "Callwhen you get to the hospital. Letknow how she is. Are the boys okay?" I asked, quickly.

"The boys are good. I'll let you know. Love you." "Love you too." I said and a second later, my phone said call ended. Bringing it down, I felt a sense of loss for reason. As I put my phone back in my pocket, I heard shuffling of footsteps behind me. As much as I wanted to be alone, I knew that wasn't going to happen just yet.

"Alec filled in." Carson didn't try to touch or even closer.

"I'm getting on that helicopter." It was more of a dare to argue kind of tone.

"Take Alec with you. You need family right now. Hank and I will finish all this. Just give the bank stuff and I'll see everything is completed." .

Well, that solved that issue. Pulling out my phone, I sent Carson the nof my contact with my password to him before putting my phone away again. "I sent it." .

"My daughter swallowed fluid when she was born. After a short stay, she was released and she was incredibly healthy after that." Turning around, I looked at Carson. I wasn't sure what I wanted to say. After opening and closing my mouth a few times, Carson just nodded in understanding.

"All the humans are loaded up." A warrior cup and stood between Carson and I. He looked between us like he knew he interrupted something.

"Good. Get the train moving. I want a team left here. Collect all the evidence and then flatten this place. I want it to be complete ashes before we leave here." I said, firmly. He nodded and walked off. .

"I didn't find anything but I did find where they were mixing it all. I have pictures of it all." Carson muttered.

"Thank you." I said, quickly before I chickened out of saying it.

Carson looked into my eyes and knew what I was talking about. "Brian would be proud of you. I know I am." .

I couldn't respond but nodded.

Carson put his hand on my shoulder for a second, squeezed and let go again. We stood in silence and watched as Hank finalized his count and got on the train. After blaring the horn, he took off slowly. .

Alec walked up to me. Carson nodded at Alec and walked away to get things going inside. "Helicopter will be here within the hour." "You're coming with me." I stated. Alec raised an eye brow in response.