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Chapter 0551 “Why am I so nervous for this?” | asked. We were driving to Colt’s pack.

“This whole situation is weird. I understand why he would take a mate minutes after he loses one but to have a luna ceremony this quickly?” Alec mirrored my unease about this.

“I haven’t even had a luna ceremony.” “That’s right. We should get on that.” Alec put his hand on my thigh. “I like this dress.” Penny gave me a wrap dress that was flowy to my mid-thigh. The whole thing was slightly frustrating to figure out. The term wrap was quite literal as

had to put it on like a robe and wrap it around me to tie it. However, what Alec didn’t know, I put a little something fun under it.

“What’s the point? It’s been so long and so much has happened that it would just feel somewhat like a waste of money.” “I don’t think so. You deserve one.” Alec pulled up to the helicopter pad at 7:37am. Not even Colt was here yet.

Since it was just the four of us going, I didn’t have to worry about anyone else being late.

“I’m surprised we are here first.” “Me too. How’s the ankle?” Alec looked down at my heels. My ankle was still a little bruised but it felt normal.

“Ready to dance circles around you.” Leaning over, I grabbed his tie and pulled him towards me. The kiss I placed on his lips was to make sure he knew what we was going to get tonight.

Colt pulled up beside us as I finally let him go. “Didn’t get enough last night?” Alec straighten up his shirt as I started to get out.

Stepping out of the car, I leaned down at him. “I’ll never get enough but since I can still walk today, I think you still have work to do.” Alec narrowed his eyes at me.

Laughing, I shut the door and headed towards the helicopter. “Hey!” Penny waved as they met us walking to the helicopter.

“That dress looks amazing on you!” “Thankyou! I'm not sure it's a winter dress but it does fit well.” “I'm sorry, all I got was it would be indoor and these functions are always so warm.” Colt opened the door for Penny to get in and then helped me climb in. After Alec got in, he got in and shut the door.

We all put our headsets on and buckled up.

“If you don’t mind, Colt is writing an article for the local paper about the bar.

Would you mind if I asked you some questions since you are co-owner?” Penny pulled out a pen and paper from her purse.

Her eyes looked hopeful so I didn’t feel

like I could turn her down. “well, technically Colt is the soul owner.” Alec leaned back and put his arm around me. His thumb was rubbing iny arm, trying to keep my nerves at bay.

We only had about an hour long flight so this would help pass the time.

However, I was never one for interviews.

“T’know but please?” Penny begged.

“Sure.” Penny let out a little squeak of excitement. “Perfect! Okay, first questions. It takes different skills to be able to open and manage a business.

How has owning this bar challenged you?” “I didn’t realize growing up meant

dying inside so I figured I might as well drink and have a good time at it.” Alec actually snorted in laughter, Colt choked on the water he was drinking and Penny gave me a very disapproving look.

“Kristen!” “Fine, let's see. Owning the bar and challenging me...” I had to think about this one. It really hasn’t been that challenging. “I guess learning to balance other obligations and the bar’s obligations.” “I think the most challenging thing for you was to teach your facial expression to use their inside voices.” Colt retorted.

“Oh yeah! I like that answer better.” Nodding quickly, Penny sighed deeply and Alec actually laughed.

“How would you say you learn the best?” Penny ignored us and kept going.

“The fucking hard way.” “I’m just going to make up answers for you.” Penny glared at me and put her pen and paper away.

“That might be best. Ice doesn’t exactly have the personality we would put in front of the cameras anyway.” Colt shook his head at me and pulled Penny next to him to comfort her.

“I am a fucking delight and it’s all you fuckers that need to gain a sense of humor.” Crossing my arms, Alec was actually enjoying this.

“I honestly don’t know why I even asked. You haven’t given a straight answer in years during an interview.”

Penny looked at her watch and looked out the window.

“You are the public perfect personalit- You are the type of person we would put in front of the camera to answer question the correct way and I am the person behind the scenes making all the decision. That is slightly inappropriate and has a loose mouth.” I tried to make her feel better.

“You’re not wrong.” Colt started fidgeting.

“Why are you restless?” I asked him.

Colt looked defensive. “What do you think I am restless?” “you keep moving. This whole thing is making you nervous too, huh?”

“Tjust don’t like it.” Penny looked up at Colt. “It just happened so fast.” She put her hand nn his leg. “I think it wouldn’t be so nerve racking if we would have went to a funeral or there would have been at least a month between her death and another luna ceremony. I know it’s not unheard of but damn.” “She was such a sweet lady too.” I said as the helicopter started dropping. “I hate this part.” Alec pulled me close as I tried to sit still. Each time it dropped, my stomach would go into my throat.

“It’s not that bad.” Colt looked at me amused.

My claws were literally digging into Alec, “We are literally falling out of the sky.”

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Chapter 0552 Only when the helicopter touched down did I breath again. “Geez, Ice.

Someone might actually think you are capable of having emotions.” Colt poked fun at me as he opened the door.

Penny went first and then Alec. As I was about to leave, Alec held out his hands for me. He basically picked me up and gently put me down. I wasn’t sure at first why but when my feet hit the ground, they sank in. My ankle that was starting to heal bent a little, sending a shooting pain up my leg.

“Damn.” “Forgot how to walk in heels?” Colt asked as he laughed.

Alec was still holding me up and I was

struggling. “Penny is only standing because she isn’t wearing heels. You’re shoes are sinking into the ground.” Glaring at him, Alec picked me to carry me to the car that was waiting.

Alec let me get in first before he climbed in. There were two bench seats facing each other so when Colt came in, my foot accidentally got in the way and made him trip. “Shit!” “Oh, sorry. Maybe if you weren’t wearing clown shoes you could walk better.” “Is this how you two are going to behave today?” Penny looked at us like she was trying to scold us. Alec was thoroughly enjoying our bickering and Colt and I acted like we had no idea what she was talking about.

“I haven’t seen my twin in ages. I just

love him.” She narrowed her eyes at me. “You saw him last night. Nice try.” “That was for business. I don’t get to see him for pleasure.” “Full of shit. Both of you!” Penny rolled her eyes at me.

My mouth dropped open as I looked at Colt. “Did she just cuss at me?” Colt put his arm over her and tried to make her smile. “Come on. We are just having some fun.” The car came to a stop in front of

some sort of event center. Since we haven’t been there before, Colt and I stopped bickering and got out of the car. There was multiple people filing in so we started walking too.

Alec put his hand on my lower back as we walked in front of Colt and Penny.

There was men in suites holding the door open for people. Soft piano music was playing as we walked in. White and red flowers filled the main room with spandex table coverings. Before fulling walking in, there was a table with our names for us to find our assigned seating.

“Table one?” Colt said as he found our names. He showed me the card to make sure I saw the same thing he did.

“Yeah...” As we walked in, the round tables had enough room for eight people so there would be at least four other people that were sitting with us. The closer we got, I was able to see that Jace and Lars were also at table one with their mates.

“Hey!” I said with a smile as we approached. h “Good to see you guys!” Jace stood up and so did his mate, Echo.

Lars and Emily weren't far behind. As soon as we gave everyone hugs and said hello, we sat down. For some reason, my legs kept bouncing to the point that Alec put his hand on them to keep them still. Colt was sitting on my other side so Penny could sit next to Echo. They had formed a good friendship recently.

“What an occasion, huh?” Jace started as a waiter came around.

“Can I get anyone anything to drink?” “I think just waters would be fine.”

Colt answered as he looked around for anyone to say anything else.

“Right away, Alpha Colt.” He bowed and retreated.

“This is defiantly quite the set up in such a short time.” Emily said quietly.

“He needs an heir, I guess.” Echo whispered.

“Kristen, I am so excited for the party this weekend!” Emily changed the subject as the waiter came back around.

“Me too! We will have so much fun!” Leaning forward, I took a sip from the water before sitting it down.

“We are suppose to get some more snow so it will really go well with the decorations.” Penny joined in.

“Look who it is!” Lars smiled and { looked behind Alec.

“Am I last to the party?” Carson had a smile on his face as he walked up with Molly. Hank and Skyler were right behind him.

“Still waiting on Aston and Kathryn.” Jace said as the guys stood up to shake his hand.

“Has anyone met his new luna?” Hank asked.

“We haven’t.” Jace said and looked around.

“Nope.” Colt said. “We weren’t told anything.” “Us either. This should be interesting.” Carson sighed as he looked around. It

looked like the whole pack was here.

“Look who it is.” Jace whispered. We all turned to see Aston, Kathryn and Anthony walking up the aisle.

“Thank you all for coming on such short notice.” Anthony said as he shook everyone’s hand.

“I’m sorry for your loss but excited to meet your new luna.” I said politely.

“Thank you. It has defiantly been a whirlwind of emotions.” Anthony didn’t appear to be very broken hearted. His face said he was sad but his eyes held something else.

“You sure did put something together quickly. These are beautiful flowers.” Emily said to Anthony as I started

looking around at the other guest.

Many were whispering quietly and others sitting quietly. However, no one was smiling. The entire mood was...

tension. People were sitting on the edge of their seats, and just looking rather anxious.

The conversation with Anthony drifted into the background as I looked at the staff and just everyone. Someone was getting yelled at in the kitchen. I | couldn’t hear it all but I caught words like perfect and lazy.

“If you excuse me, I think it is time to start.” Alec nudged me so I would focus and sit down. The lights dimmed and everyone stood for the new luna to walk down the aisle.

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Chapter 0553 ‘The room stood up but the only person smiling was Anthony. Whoever it was, they were taking their sweet time.

Since I was a whole head shorter than the boys, I wasn’t able to see her until she was next to us.

Alec and Colt both tensed up as she came into view for them. Alec even reached around and put his arm around me, holding me extremely tightly against him. I was about to ask him why when I finally saw her.

Ann was walking down the aisle in a white dress. Her hair was neatly pulled back into a classic bun with huge diamond earrings. Her eyes never left Anthony as she walked past us.

My body was frozen. I was aware of

people looking at me but I couldn't focus. How the hell was Ann here? Colt told me she died! She was burned.

When everyone sat down, Alec had to pull me down so I wasn’t the only person standing.

I was like my body wasn’t my own. My breathing got heavy, my chest started to hurt and the room was spinning.

“Kristen, breathe.” Alec whispered in my ear. He all but put me on his lap.

His hands weren’t up and down my arm and he pushed calming emotions into me.

Closing my eyes, I tried to focus on my breathing. As hard as it was, I was able to halfway control it. Alec kept whispering in my ear. Since my head fell on his shoulder, it was easy to make it look like we were just hugging.

a colle conban “Colt?” I heard the anger in Alec's voice as he whispered.

“I don’t know.” It sounded like Colt had just as much restraint in his voice as Alec did.

Finally, I felt like I was breath. Leaning back, I looked over at Colt. He was looking at me, almost waiting for something. "You said she was dead." Colt didn't answer but his wolf flashed in his eyes. Penny was doing everything in her power to keep Colt calm. As I looked around, Jace and Lars were looking just as angry. Their mates were looking at me with so much sympathy that it made me choke up.

Everyone started clapping, making me look up. The ceremony was over and they were standing there, holding hands. Ann was sporting a new mark on her neck that felt like daggers to my heart.

"I would like to thank everyone for coming today. It was short notice but we felt like it was the right time. I would like to take this time to clear the air. Carol, rest her soul, was my chosen mate. After all these years, I was able to finally take my fated mate and how it was fated. At the untimely death of Carol, I would run into my fated mate. I know this is sudden for some people but I think you will find Luna Ann to be a warm and welcoming person. There will be a meal and a dance after! Please enjoy yourself!" There was a small clapping as they walked down the aisle. Ann looked right at me and smiled as they passed.

As soon as they were out of ear shot, the questions started. "Is that who I think it was?" Lars leaned forward and looked at Colt.

"Colt!" Alec grumbled.

"I don't fucking know! I saw her body.

The face was not recognizable but it was the right cell." My mind was racing. "Didn't Anthony walk around your pack at one point?" I asked in a whisper.

"y-yeah?" Colt didn't seem that sure.

"What if he found the cells and put a woman in there and snuck Ann out.

What if the rogues were his so he could get Ann?" I tried piecing together different options.

"No. That would mean Anthony is a traitor." Jace shook his head.

"We will no longer be allies with him." Alec was fucking pissed. "I am officially cutting ties." "Me too." Colt agreed quickly. "I'm sorry, Ice. I didn't even question if it was Ann. The body was in pieces." I was numb. I wasn't sure what to feel or

what to think. “It is your turn to get food.” A waiter came up to us and announced for us to get food.

Slowly, everyone stood up. Grabbing Alec’s hand, I held on for my dear life.

“See, I am emotionally needy.” I said sarcastically in our mind-link.

He looked down at me and rolled his eyes but he pulled me against him as we waited in line. He had to let go so he could hand me a plate. Instead of

waiting for me to get food, Alec just put a little of everything on my plate.

When we were finished, he took both plates and walked behind me as I made our way back to our table. “Try and eat.” Alec muttered. We were the only ones here at the moment.

“How long do we have to stay?” I asked. He looked at me. “I’m going to have to push all these feelings away to be able to handle this.” I wanted to warn him. I didn’t want to just do it and make it seem like I am not addressing my feelings.

“Put on a brave face so she doesn’t know she got to you but do not push them away. We will address them later in private but be strong now.” Alec leaned down and kissed my forehead.

“I love you. We will figure this out.” He

whispered as Jace and Emily sat down. “We will stand with you.” Jace whispered as he looked around to make sure he wasn’t being overheard.

“Thank you.” Alec pulled his arm out from around me to shake Jace’s hand.

“I know Lars will follow and by the looks of Carson and Hank, we might be united.” “I’m not sure about Aston.” Alec said and nodded over. We looked over to see Aston and Anthony shake hands.

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Chapter 0554 As the music started up, people were moving the tables around so the dance floor could be larger than the little square that was open. This causes us to move to one of the standing tables against the wall. Which, I was perfectly fine with. Alec had pushed me against the wall and I was more or less sandwiched between all the alphas.

Every Luna had followed my lead and kept their backs to the wall. However, standing was really starting to hurt my ankle.

“Is there a side room we can slip into for a private meeting?” Jace leaned over and asked Colt.

“Please check.” Lars gave Emily a nod before he walked quickly and elegantly

out of the main room. Emily sighed but her back straightened as she watched him leave. “He will be okay.” I whispered to her.

Emily looked at me and gave me a small smile. “I know. After hearing what Ann did to you, I just am really uncomfortable.” “Me too.” I said as Alec looked back at me. His eyes looked down at my ankle before he turned around. He was quietly talking to Colt but they weren’t taking their eyes off Ann.

Emily reached out and tapped Alec on the shoulder. As soon as he made eye contact with him, she motioned him to come closer. “Lars found a room. He wants us to go to him. Go out the doors and to the left. Just a ways down”

Alec nodded and leaned back to Colt.

After the message got passed around, we started filing out. Alec wrapped his arm around my waist and then gently took Emily by the arm. We went before Colt and Penny. Jace and Echo were the last.

Emily was guiding us down the hall.

She was moving so fast that I almost had to run. Still, Alec didn’t let her go until he passed her off to Lars.

I briefly caught the, ‘thank you’ Lars said before Alec pushed me in the room. Moving to the center, Alec pulled up a chair and forced me to sit down.

As everyone gathered around, he bent down and started examining it. I haven’t looked at it yet so when I saw the swelling, I was a little concerned.

“Did she re-break it?” Colt asked.

“Think so. It must not have been fully | healed and when you rolled it, it made it flare up.” Carefully, Alec took off my heels before he stood up.

“I want to leave.” I said firmly as I looked up at Colt and Alec.

“We will be. Very soon.” Colt’s wolf flashed before his eyes.

“What the fuck?” Alec growled at Colt.

It was enough that all the Luna’s backed away. Carson and Hank stepped in.

“Whoa!” Carson looked between them.

“I don’t know man! Her body was in pieces! Don’t forget who I am. I’m just as upset as you. Do you honestly think I would lie about that!” Colt puffed up as

he was pissed off from Alec’s aggression.

“Alec.” I said, softly. Reaching out, I took his hand in mine. “You know as well as I do that Colt wouldn’t do that.” I said in the mind-link. I have sent going to call him out.

“What is happening?” Jace asked.

Alec and Colt just looked at each other.

So, I answered the question. “Ann was in Colt’s cells. After dad... when Colt took over, he put her in the cells and she was suppose to spend the last of her days there. When we had that rogue attack, they got into the cells. A female body was torn up and we assumed it was Ann. It was the right cell. They burned her and everything.

Now, Ann shows up here. Anthony had to of gotten her out and put another woman there. He has to be behind all this.” “This got messy.” Lars shook his head.

“We good?” Carson asked as he slapped Alec on the chest.

“Fine.” Alec shook Carson off and walked away. He put his hand on top of his head and took a moment to himself.

“How did you break your ankle?” Hank asked.

I opened my mouth to speak but Colt beat me to it. “Her jeep was attacked. It appeared to be rogues but Ice swears it wasn’t and now I’m inclined to agree.” “She almost fucking died!” Alec

growled. “I’m going to kill them.” Sighing, I got up and limped over to | him. Wrapping my arms around him, I felt him start to relax. “But I didn’t die.

We will figure this out the same way we did before.” It took a few more minutes but he finally calmed down and we walked back over to the group. They were watching us the whole time so it felt like they invaded our privacy a little.

Before I could sit down, the door opened.

“There you guys are!” Anthony walked in, with Ann on his arm.

“A family reunion.” She smirked.

Colt walked around to stand on the other side of me and Emily moved all the other Luna’s to the back. It was

literally Carson, Hank, Jace, Lars, Colt, Alec and me against him. “You have some explaining to do.” I said - __ instantly. No way in hell was I going to be silenced.

“You haven't figured it out yet? I thought you were a genius or something.” Anthony laughed as Aston and Kathryn walked in the room. He stood beside Anthony but Kathryn looked worried.

“T just want to hear how you betrayed us from your own lips.” My wolf was making her appearance now.

“Let’s cut to the chase, we are mates and marked. There isn’t anything you can do to her.... Or me.” “We are officially cutting ties with you.” Alec said with impressive restraint.

“Me too.” Colt said.

“Actually, we all are cutting ties. What a disgrace.” Hank shook his head.

“We assumed so. However, we don’t need your alliance anyways.” Anthony shrugged.

Penny walked up to Colt. “We are leaving.” “I don’t want you bring down my party. We were going to kick you out anyways. However, you will be hearing from us soon.” Ann looked me up and down before she turned her back to us and walked out.

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Chapter 0555 None of us moved for a moment.

Trying to wrap our heads around what just happened. He wasn't even trying to hide the fact he intentionally stabbed all of us in the back. He literally brought us here to say fuck you and watch out.

"We need to have a meeting." Carson said instantly.

"Come to my house. We have the space and I don't want Kristen traveling." Alec looked down at me. His emotions were everywhere but he held it together.

"Alright. We will meet you there." Hank nodded.

Colt reached down and grabbed my

shoes and Alec picked me up. "I can walk." Raising my eyebrow at him, he just rolled his eyes at me and kept going. However, I was happy for the ride.

All of us headed out as quickly as we could, before anything could happen.

Colt must have mind-link ahead, because the helicopter was already started and ready to go.

Colt ran ahead and got Penny inside before he helped me get inside. After Alec climbed in next to me, Colt got in and shut the door. "Go!" He commanded.

As much as I hated flying, I looked down at the center, just in time to see Anthony and Ann walk out. Since they were looking up, I reached over and flipped them the bird before the

helicopter dipped and flew off.

"What are you doing?" Penny asked ; confused.

"Anthony and Ann were watching us." Sitting back, my head rested against Alec.

"So you...flipped them off?" Penny giggled but neither boy looked amused.

I couldn't find a good position to put my ankle so I eventually draped it across Alec's lap. "That looks painful." Penny was looking closely at it.

"P11 put some ice on it and elevate it." "you will wear your boot tomorrow." Alec didn't even look at me.

"How are you not as upset as they

are?” Penny asked me.

Colt’s head snapped to me. The way his eyes narrowed made me feel a little uneasy. “You better not have. We talked about this.” “I did what I needed to do so I didn’t have a full blown panic attack!” I couldn’t help but to yell.

“please tell me you are going to work through them?” Colt pinched the bridge of his nose.

“with Alec now leave me alone.” Crossing my arms, I looked away from him.

It was awhile before anyone spoke after that. We all listened to the sounds of the helicopter flying through the air.

“Ice... I'm sorry.” Colt leaned forward

and looked at me.

“Okay.” I still didn’t want to look at him. If I let those feelings in, I wasn’t sure what was going to happen. Either way, I wasn’t going to find outina helicopter.

“I’m serious.” Colt reached out and pushed my leg. “Look at me.” I looked at him but didn’t speak.

Instead I just raised an eyebrow at him, waiting for him to talk. Still, just looking into Colt’s eyes, I could see how sorry he was and how much he wanted me to be okay. It was maddening but as hard as I pushed from him, he pushed back. After awhile, I gave in. “ Fine.” “Thank you.” Colt said and leaned back.

“you literally didn’t say anything.” penny was looking between us with her mouth open. = “]’m with Penny.” Alec grumbled.

“He just wants me to work through my feelings and be okay. He said we would figure this out and she wasn’t going to get tome.” «and that I loved her.” Colt added. We both looked out the window. I could see Alec and Penny share a look of confusion.

After what seemed like hours, the helicopter finally started to dramatically land. Holding into Alec’s arm, I just buried my face. “I'm never riding this again.” It was all I could do to not throw myself out of the plane as it landed.

“Drive carefully. We are going to change and head your way.” Colt said and stuck his hand out to Alec. — Without hesitation, Alec shook his hand. “Sounds good.” As

I went to walk to the car, Alec came up behind me and picked me up. “My savor.” I whispered in his ear.

“I’ll always be here to save you.” He whispered back as he placed me in my seat.

As he walked quickly back to his side, I just had this feeling that the past was going to happen again. “Things are going to get bad, aren’t they?” I asked as he got in.

Alec started the car and drove off before he answered. “Depends what she is up to.”

Without waiting for him, I reached over and grabbed his hand from the steering wheel. It surprised him a little but he was also happy that I did it. “I assume she is going to want the money.” “Your dad had an iron clad will. What ground would she have?” Alec was driving incredibly fast for as snow packed as the roads were. Still, I wanted to get home. Out here, I felt exposed and vulnerable.

“We might just find out.” The rest of the drive was silent as Alec focused on the road. Thankfully, we didn’t have that much more to go before we pulled into the garage. “I’ll come get you.” Alec said as he turned off the engine.

My hand was already on the door.

There wasn’t any point of arguing, especially since my ankle was really fat. Alec opened the door and pulled me out before picking me up.

“I could get used to this.” I teased as my finger traced his chin.

“Woman....” Alec playfully glared at me as he opened the door.

Vivian was surprised to see us. “Home so early?” She looked at her watch in confusion. Adalynn had woken up from her afternoon nap and was eating a snack.

“We are but if you don’t mind, we need you to stay around. We have multiple people coming over for a meeting. We will be down stairs so you guys can stay here.” Alec said as he walked me to the bedroom.

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Chapter 0556 After changing into sweats, Alec carried me down stairs. The basement was like another living area. With three couches circling around the 85 inch television, there was a completely separate office area. Since we planned

ahead, that office is completely soundproof and doubles as a panic room. Since it has multiple couches that pull out into beds, it was ideal for all of the alphas to come together and have a private meeting.

Alec placed me on one of the couches and moved the ottoman over for me to keep my foot raised. Just as he was putting some ice on it, the door bell rang. "I'll be right back." The anger was still stewing inside him but I just felt numb.

As soon as I was left alone, I closed my eyes and tried to focus on my own feelings. The shock has faded and all that was left was anger, confusion and a sense of doom. Whatever she had planned was not going to be good.

As you slowly take the lid off something, I tried to do that to my feelings. They were currently pushed down and sealed so trying to slowly open the container was difficult. The visual of the lid finally opening was like opening Pandora's Box. They all came back in full force. The sudden rush of emotion left me panicked to the point that I shut that lid so tight.

"Hey, Ice." Colt said as he came down the stairs. I tried to hide my heavy breathing but it was difficult.

"Where is Penny?" I asked as I only

saw Colt walk around the corner.

"She wanted to stay home with the kids." He sat down next me to. "Treally am sorry. I honestly thought she was dead." "That isn't the worrisome part. The fact that Anthony got into your cells and staged her death. Just for the dramatic affect of walking down the aisle for the luna ceremony." Colt looked down and nodded as I just laid out my only concern. It wasn't his fault and even if he had known that wasn't her, the outcome wouldn't have changed. "What could she want?" "My guess is the money." I said as Carson, Hank and Alec all walked into the room.

"T don't see how. The will kept Ann

from getting anything." Carson just stood off to the side with his arms folded. Hank sat on the adjacent couch, just shaking his head.

"How did you open your shop?" Hank asked me.

"Dad loaned me the money and I paid him back. I didn't make a profit until it was completely paid off." I looked over at Colt. "She can't say that was her money. Even if it was, I still paid it all back." 'Yeah but dad took that money and put it

back into your account. He would add little at a time so you would never notice. She might be able to say that she is owed something since she didn't see the money." Colt looked over at Alec.

My heart sank at that. As soon as I

went to push that down, I stopped myself. I couldn't lose my shop but I couldn't afford to add that to the box.

"We won't let her take it." Carson said, softly, like he was trying to sound like a father figure.

More footsteps sounded around the corner until Jace and Lars walked in.

Alec walked over and shut the door, sealing off the soundproofing. Colt stood up to shake their hands.

"Sit by me?" I asked Alec in the mind-link. He didn't answer nor was he surprised. However, he was happy.

Putting his hand on my thigh, I slipped my arm around his to anchor myself as we had this discussion.

"Now that we are all here." Colt started. His eyes landed on my hand on Alec's arm, he sat down next to Hank.

Carson stayed standing and Jace and Lars all took a seat. "What the fuck just happened?" in "Does anyone else think he had something to do with Molly's death?" asked the room. & It was as if no one else had thought about that, everyone stiffened up and looked around. "Surely, not..." Lars looked sick.

"He figured out where my cells were, staged a rogue attack and planted someone else there. It was all too perfectly planned out. The timing would suggest he could have had something to do with it. Otherwise, why spring her out?" Colt worked through what I said out loud.

"This is the way I see it." Carson looked at Colt with complete

seriousness. "Either you Rerian war and fight it out or you wait and see what happens. We already cut ties. I'll submit all the paperwork but unless you want to go back to war, we will just have to wait and see what happens." If Alec wasn't holding into me, he would have probably flipped his shit.

“He attacked Kristen. She almost died.” @ “You boys have the reasons and we will back it up but unless you want to go back to war, what choice do you have?” Carson kept looking between Colt and Alec.

“Stage your own attacks.” Jace said quietly from the back of the room. We all turned to look at him. “Am I the only one under the impression you

have a couple people in your packs that have knowledge of some shady people?” 5 “You want us to let Gunther loose to terrorize Anthony?” Alec looked over at Colt in shock.

“Or Zac. Either one or both. What do you have to lose?” Jace sat back and looked at them. He knew he was right but neither Alec or Colt thought about that possibility.

“That really isn’t a terrible idea. Send someone with them that you trust and organize hell for them. If nothing else, it will be entertaining to watch him get attacked.” Lars seemed way too excited for this.

I was feeling petty enough that I was on board with it. “Does anyone know the layout of Anthony’s pack?” A

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Chapter 0557 Alec looked back at me. “You're for this idea?” “Gunther or Zac know people. Like Lars said, send someone with him but Gunther needs to prove himself to you, right?” I asked, looking at Colt. “What better assignment than to organize an attack on Anthony. If we had their layout, we can give them more information.” “I'll have a conversation with him. I'll start there and see what his thoughts are.” Colt agreed reluctantly.

“What's the hesitations?” Carson folded his arms.

“Last time I did that, it did nothing for me. Zac only made my life harder. It

was only when I put a tracker under his tongue did we actually get somewhere.” Colt leaned back. He obviously didn’t like the idea.

“Who knows, maybe this time will be different.” Hank stood up and looked around. “We should all get our troops ready for a moments notice but it is your guy’s call.” His eyes looked between Colt and myself.

"I don't want a war. We will have a discussion with Gunther and let everyone know. Otherwise, we will see how this plays out." I said firmly.

Colt looked at me and leaned forward.

"Are you sure? After all the abuse she put you through?" Giving Colt a sad smile, our hands were tied. "He has already marked her and claimed her. I wouldn't be surprised if

she was his fated mate that she rejected for dad. Either way, Anthony is right. Above all, fated mates cannot be kept from the other. Since we cut ties, we just need to be on guard for anything." "We can't just ignore this either." Jace said a little more fired up. "This paints you as weak." Colt stood up and looked at him. "I agree but we have to be smart about this. Anthony knows what my pack looks like. He knows how we operate and what moves I would make. For anything to work, we need to do something unexpected. As much as I want to kill him, it was Kristen who has suffered the most." Jace ran his fingers through his hair.

"Whatever you decide." He shook his

head but stuck his hand out Colt took it without hesitation. "Thank you, man." Lars stood up and stuck out his hand.

"We will be back for the ball. Give us an update then if we haven't heard from you in the mean time." Alec stood up to shake everyone's hand as they walked out. At the sudden loss of touch, I could feel the emotions trying to break free of the box. Trying to hide it, I smiled and shook their hands as they walked out.

However, I wasn't surprised Colt sat down and looked at me. "What do you really think?" "Send someone with Gunther. See what he thinks. I'm not against giving them hell. Even if it is rogue attack

after rogue attack. Get creative but I want to give her as much hell as she gave me." All the anger and years with of frustration and humiliation boiled out of me. My eyes were glowing but not in rage. In anticipation I could finally repay the life lessons she tough me.

"We will find a way to give her hell." Colt promised as he stood up and marched out to the door and stopped.

Turning, he looked at us, "Come to my office tomorrow morning and we will talk with Gunther." Without waiting a response, he walked out.

«Close the door.” I told Alec after a few minutes.

Alec got my mood as he closed the door. He didn’t say anything as he looked at me in the eyes. The look of a

dominate male, coming up on his female pray sent nothing but pleasure to my core. Clawing up to me, his lips firmly planted against mine.

There wasn’t any passion here but raw hot sexual tension. The bag of ice fell to the floor as we each stripped out of our clothes. Pushing him back, I got to my knees as Alec pulled off my shirt.

My hands went to his belt but Alec shoved me back. I fell against the couch in surprise but looking back at Alec, he had a very primal look in his eyes. Without breathing eye contact, he used one hand to unbuckle his belt.

My eyes went to his belt as he whipped it off him and wrapped around his hands. I couldn’t help but bite my lower lip in anticipation.

He reached down and grabbed behind my knees and ripped me down towards him. Grabbing my bra, he completely ripped it off, slicing my skin a little bit it only fueled his need.

Feeling a little seductive, my hands moved on their own. Squeezing my own tit, my other hand reached down to play with myself. That gave Alec pause as he watched my movements.

I was just getting into it when I felt his hand wrapped around my neck.

Grabbing a fist full of hair, he pulled me up to the point I had to stop touching myself and use my hands for support.

I wasn’t even aware of what is going on as he picked me up and pulled me to the ground. Forcing me on my

stomach, he pulled my hair, making me look up.

“This is my body to touch.” He growled. My eyes rolled back into my head as his teeth left bit marks from my neck to the newly found spot on my side.

My body reacted on its own and arched, pushing my ass into him. As wet as I was, I wasn’t prepared for his fingers to start pounding me.

“Fuck me!” I growled back. I needed to feel him.

I wasn't prepared for his fingers to leave me and his dick to replace them.

still, he never let go of my hair. With his other hand on my hip, Alec jack hammered into me like he never had before.

pulling out of my pussy, he rammed it into my ass. My scream was caught in my throat as pleasure filled me:

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Chapter 0558 "Pretty sure I lived up to your standards and the fact you can't walk today is proof of that." Alec whispered in my ear as he walked around me. After he finished last night in the panic room, we spent the evening with Adalynn before he picked up where he left off. Staying true to his word, he made sure I was suffering today. Still, I couldn't help the sarcastic remarks that were surely going to be biting me in the ass later.

"It has nothing to do with the fact that I am back in my boot and since I only had one leg to begin with, you get half credit." I had just finished putting my makeup on so as I applied my lipstick, I

got the pleasure of watching his body freeze, turn and narrow his eyes. Being as sexy as I could, licking my freshly red lips, I just batted my eyes at him.

Alec gave me a look that said, challenge accepted as he nodded his head. "Okay." The black business leggings went to my ankle, making it good to pair with an actual boot. It was the same height of the medical boot so my hips didn't suffer. I had on off the shoulder red blouse. Standing up, I grabbed my leather black jacket and flicked my girl as I turned to walk away from him.

I made it a few steps before he hand wrapped in my hair and pull me firmly against him. His other hand wrapped around me, slipped under my pants

and found my clit. "What was that?" He growled.

I had to reach back and hold onto him for support as he massaged away.

Making my legs go limp, my lips were tinglingly and I couldn't form a word.

Only after my orgasm hit, did he let up on me.

Alec made sure I was standing before he let me go and walked away, feeling rather proud of himself. "Fuck..." I said under my breath.

“What was that?” Alec stuck his head out from the closet.

“I’m thirsty!” I yelled back as I held my head high as I walked out of our bedroom.

I could hear his laughter as I walked into Adalynn’s room. She was just

starting to stir, Her little eyes looked up at me, still full of sleep. “Good morning, sweet girl.” Leaning over the crib, I just rested my head on the rails.

My finger gently rubbed her cheek as she struggled to wake up.

I felt Alec’s presence behind us but he stayed at the door, just watching us.

Finally, Adalynn grabbed her lovey and sat up. Grabbing her, she immediately put her head on my shoulder. Moving to the rocking chair, I sat down with her and enjoyed some snuggles. I knew it was going to be short lived so I was going to take it all in.

Alec sneezed and Adalynn leaned up.

“Shh..” I tried to put her head back down but she looked over at her dad.

“Da da.” Adalynn cried.

“Did she just say dada?” Alec asked as he took her from me, “Yeah...” Sighing, I was both happy and broken hearted. It wasn’t a surprise she said dada first but I had held out hope.

Making our way to the kitchen, I started to pull out a pan to making some scrambled eggs and sausage. “Do you want to be a big sister?” Alec cooed as he sat her down.

“Can’t get me pregnant if you ram it in my ass.” Breaking some eggs, I got it all situated as Alec walked up behind me. “Still not satisfied?” “I think it’s more of your desire to get me pregnant again.” We heard the door open as he leaned down and

my TV BUNUS kissed my neck.

“This room is cursed.” Alec sighed as he walked around and sat down on a stool.

The eggs started cooking as Vivian walked in. “It’s a cold one out today!” “If we could move south, I would love to.” Putting some eggs on a plate, I blew on them to cool them off.

However, I caught Alec's eyes and couldn't help but smirk as he watched me.

"Wouldn't that be nice!" Vivian laughed as she came around. "You two need to get going or you will be late.

There is suppose to be another storm and I don't want you caught in it." "Another snow storm? At this rate, the

wy TY BUNS snow will cover our house!" Looking at the windows, there was already a layer of snow at the bottom, "Have a good day." Alec said to Adalynn and kissed her forehead.

"Dada!" She cried and reached out to him. Her little hands squeezed, trying to get another hug.

My heart swelled in how much I loved watching Alec be a dad to our little girl.

As much as it hurt she wanted him more than me, I felt so much love. It was moments like this that made it okay for me to have another one.

"Alright, super dad. Let's go." Not waiting for Alec to let our daughter go, I turned and went into the garage. I made it a foot inside the door when two strong arms wrapped around me. "You

J +15 BONUS will always be my first girl," "Look who is turning into quite the softy." Laughing, he almost made me trip. However, he kept his arms around me until I was safely in my seat.

Alec walked around and got into the truck and started the engine. Since it was going to get worse, he decided this was the safest option. "I'm not soft." Reaching over, I grabbed his dick.

"Feel's soft to me." "Going to fix that?" Alec asked as he pulled out and got on the road.

"Maybe on our way home if you are extra nice to me today." The truck slid a little, making me grab the door.

"When is my jeep going to be fixed?"

"Next week or so. There really wasn't that much damage. Mostly body work." Alec reached over and grabbed my thigh.

“The armor really would have saved us.” I was looking out of the window when his finger wrapped under my chin and pulled my face towards him. “I felt you trying to feel those emotions you pushed down.”

Tattooed Luna

Chapter 0559 «It’s like... if I push them down, I can’t open that box again. If I did, I would get overwhelmed and I don’t think I could handle that.” “How about tonight. We will lock ourselves in the panic room and you need to let all those emotions out.

Together, we will work through them.

You can yell, hit, cry or whatever you want until you work through them. I’ll be beside you the whole time.” I hated everything about that plan.

Nothing sounded like something I wanted to experience. “I think they are okay in the box.” “Kristen. This is happening. I’ll be with you. You can lean on me and I won’t think less of you. I won’t even tell

anyone about it. It stays between us.

Not even Colt will know.” That was a different kind of emotion.

Not telling Colt? I told him everything.

By doing this, it was like I officially stepped out of Colt’s embrace and put my complete trust in Alec.

It was that realization that shocked me more than anything. If I truly opened up and did this... there wasn’t anything left in my soul that Alec hadn’t touched. Only Colt has seen that side of me and even then, it was only what I allowed him too.

“you’re afraid.” Alec said. It was more of a statement than a question.

“1...” Panic started to rise as I thought about giving that part to him. I loved him with everything in me but the idea of doing something like that scared the

shit out of me. I would rather face Darin again than do that.

“Hey!” Alec slammed on the breaks and forced me to look at him.

“Breath!” “I’m.... okay...” As on reflex, I went to shove that feeling down.

“DON’T!” Alec growled. My eyes landed on his. If I had any air in my lungs, it would have been sucked out.

The love and concern was so strong that I was caught off guard. “Feel it.

Feel how scared you are of it. Feel how vulnerable it makes you. Allow those feelings to relax as you accept them.

Accept them and let them simmer down.” I tried to do as he said. Closing my

eyes, I focused on the anxiety that it caused. I kept repeating that I could do it. I have tackled every other obstacle in my path and now I was going to tackle this. Putting on a brave face was something I was good at. Feeling emotions was something I failed at.

“There you go. That’s my girl.” Alec said softly as he pulled me towards him. He kissed me gently on the lips.

His forehead rested against mine as he let me breathe. Only once it was back to a shallow, calm breathing, did he speak again. “Give me this last part that you have been holding out on. It’s time.” part of me was surprised he noticed but the other part wasn’t. He was extremely observant and I barely got away with anything. “I’ll try.” I said

finally.

“It’s a date.” Alec pulled away and put down on the gas. Still, his hand never left my thigh as I clutched on to it.

A date is usually something I looked forward too. This was not. Never thought I would dread a date before but here we were. As the trees flew by us, it almost seemed.... well, I wasn’t sure what the right word was. Now that Ann was alive, I didn’t want to go to Colt’s pack. She wasn’t there but it felt tainted somehow.

As we pulled up to the gates, the guard nodded at us and let us in. “I don’t want to be here. Now I know she is out, it just seems... weird. I know that’s not logical but...” “I get it.” Alec nodded as he looked out the window. He was pulling into the

parking space that had been mine since I could drive. “Like the dark cloud is back, hanging over the pack.” “Exactly.” There wasn’t any pushing this off. Alec came around and opened my door for me. Smirking, I tried to take off the red lipstick on his lips but they were still stained a little.

“Is it there there?” Alec asked. As soon as I was out of the car, he looked in the side mirror.

“Just marking my territory.” Shrugging, I didn’t really care if he had it there or not.

“Little jealous are we?” Alec looked at me and smirked.

“Not jealous, territorial.” Rolling my eyes, I tried to stomp away but Alec easily caught up to me “Careful. I don’t think you can afford to break your other ankle.” He said as he grabbed my elbow to help me up the stairs.

“Since I have feeling in my legs, I think I am okay.” Alec narrowed his eyes at me. “You did that on purpose.” Looking back at the car, he thought I set up the emotions so he didn’t tease me on the way here.

“That’s not true. That was not planned but it is nice when things work out in my favor.” Smiling, I opened the front door.

“Ice!” Colt was coming down the stairs.

“Hey!” I said, smiling.

EY TT Te “I take it the drive was okay?” He came up to me and gave me a hug { “Nothing special. Just more white bullshit.” “That is true. Let’s get this meeting over with so you guys can head home and not get caught in it.” Colt held his hand out to Alec.

Alec took it but as soon as Colt turned and walked back to his office, he grabbed me and kept me close to him.

“Now who is territorial.” I said in the mind-link.

“I don’t try to hide it though. You are mine.” “I don’t hide it! I just express myself differently.” “Well, express yourself on the way home. That is a language you are good

at.” Alec smirked as we walked into the office.

Gunther was already sitting and waiting for us. As we walked past Colt, he shut and locked the door.

Tattooed Luna

Chapter 0560 As we walked in, Gunther looked very on edge. He was sitting on one of the arm chairs but he quickly stood up and seemed very defensive. "What is going on? Why am I here?" "Relax, you aren't in trouble." Colt said as he walked around his desk and sat down. Alec moved me to the other arm chair and sat me down, However, he stayed standing right behind me with his arms folded.

"I don't like this." Gunther's hair was literally on edge as he looked between us. "In my experience, it's never good to be required to speak to the person in charge." "Gunther, please relax. We just wanted to talk." I said, taking the lead. Maybe

Sw *1580NUS if a female spoke to him, he wouldn't be as jittery, His eyes looked at me and narrowed.

"About what?" "When you were working under Darin... or Rip for that matter, you met alot of... interesting people." Gunther's eyes looked over at Colt and then at Alec before coming back to me.

"Sp?" "You're talking to me. Not to them." I said firmly. I could feel the pettiness and desire for revenge fill in me.

"Not sure that is better." Gunther muttered as he gripped the back of the chair. Both Colt and Alec found this amusing.

Ignoring the comment completely, I kept going. "What do you know of my father's mate, Ann?" I decided to do this a little differently.

"Not much. Just that he dumped her and Colt took over. She is in the cells or something?" "Yes and no. Ann was our step mother.

Every chance she got, she would emotionally and physically abuse me. I can't tell you how many times I bled because of her. I hate her with every fiber of my being. I would rather face Darin again than see her face, if that tells you anything."

"Damn." Gunther rubbed the back of his head. "What does this have to do with me?" "I have a job for you." "Do I have a choice?" Gunther looked at the ceiling.

"you always have a choice but I think you are going to want to hear me out." "I'm listening." Gunther folded his arms and looked at me.

“Alpha Anthony used his alliance with us to scout out this territory. The rogue attacks we had were staged so he could get into our cells and get Ann out. He has now mated and marked Ann.

Making her his luna.

Now, we can't touch her without declaring war.” Gunther's eyes narrowed as he took it all in. “I see.” «The attack on this pack and the attack on me... we believe he ordered them...

for her.” I looked at him dead in the face, “I want to repay the favor without

declaring war. War means death of our warriors and I want to terrorize them. I want them to suffer and I want to repay Ann back for all the shit she put me through.” I knew my wolf was showing herself.

By the look Gunther was giving me, he was a little taken aback. “Shit.” “This is where you come in. I want you to reach out to people. Organize every single little thing that would annoy them. I want you to be the fucking cockroach that they can't get rid of. You would have free rein and endless funds at your disposal.”

“Why not organize this yourself? You want me to ask rogues or anyone else to put their lives at risk for your personal vendetta?” Gunther looked shocked.

“First off, rogues live off borrowed time. I'll pay whoever survives but I honestly don't give a shit about their lives. They chose that. As far as organizing it myself, I don't want my name attached to it. I want to be able to deny any involvement, the same way he did to the attack on me. The attack that almost costed me my life. An eye for an eye. Isn't that the rogue way of life? I'm surprised you even give a shit about their lives.

You didn't when you tried to get them to attack us?” He knew I had him there. I could see his wheels working. “You want me to do terrorize another alpha? I could do whatever I wanted. What if I got caught?” “That's the beauty of being a cock

roach, you end up finding your way out of sticky situations.” “You saved Zac multiple times.” “That was more because he was Penny's biological father but if we can save you too, we will.” Shrugging, I sat back in my chair.

“The rumors are true, you are far worse to deal with than Colt.” Gunther frowned as he looked at me.

“What do you say? Are you going to rise to the occasion or are you too scared? Just think of how much fun you will have by doing this. All those things you wanted to

do to Colt or Rip. You will be able to do to Anthony.” I waited a beat before continuing. “Of course, you can say no and return to your room. Return to your domesticated life with Kara. Stare at the same four walls

with no career, no income to pull of, live in a pack that despises your very existence or would you like to prove \ yourself? I don’t care what you want to do but I can look at myself in the mirror at night.” “Can I talk to Kara?” “No. This is a one time offer. Either take it or leave it. Are you my guy for the job or do I need to find different arrangements?” Gunther looked at me for a moment before taking a few steps towards the door but coming back. He ran his hands through his hair then looked at me before shaking his head and walking back to the door. He was struggling hard.

“Going once...” I said. His body stopped and looked at me. He was torn

and wasn’t sure what to do. “Going twice...” Gunther opened his mouth a few times but then closed them again.

“Goi-" “WAIT!” He yelled.