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Chapter 0581 “All ready to go?” 5 Kristen was sitting on the floor, keeping Adalynn entertained while I . packed what I needed to go under cover. “Hope so.” I had multiple recording devices, trackers, smoke bombs, ammo, tactical gear, night vision options and much more. It all fit into my small to-go bag that was easily worn as a backpack. It has been convenient the last few times I’ve been in this situation and should be just as useful.

“Still not happy I'm not going.” Kristen glared at my gear like it was the enemy,

“T know but you are hurt and we can’t afford to wait. I want to make sure things are moving forward and do some of my own payback.” “T know. Just sucks. I wanted to be the one to pay her back.” Adalynn laughed as she rolled to the side. Kristen leaned over and started tickling her until Adalynn kicked her thigh, making Kristen yelp out in pain.

Leaning down, I picked up Adalynn to keep her from hurting Kristen more.

“Careful, little one. Momma is broken right now.” Adalynn laid her head on my shoulder.

“I’m okay...” Kristen had rolled to her back and was breathing heavily. Laying Adalynn down in her chest, Adalynn looked at Kristen and smiled, Giving

mommy big open mouth kisses to make it better. “Gross...” Kristen was smiling as she gave our daughter a kiss but dodged the slobber.

“She just loves you.” There was no hiding the humor in my voice as I * stepped over them both to get the suitcases.

“Pl take it without the drool.” Kristen laughed.

Since I had everything laid out in the bed, I was able to pack Kristen’s stuff and Adalynn’s in one bag and mine in another. The doorbell rang right as I finished zipping it up.

“I got it.” Rolling my eyes, Kristen tried to get up like she could answer it.

“I could have done it!” She yelled after me.

“Sure, you could have.” Opening the door, Colt was standing off to the side on the phone. He nodded at me before tossing me the keys and walked off to keep talking. Two SUVs were in front of my house. I could see Penny had gotten out and was leaning in the back doing something.

Walking back inside, I found Kristen managed to get herself standing up.

She had a crutch to help her walk.

“Ready?” I asked before grabbing Adalynn.

“Yeah, let’s get in the car and then you can put the bags in.” Kristen started limping to the SUV.

“I could carry you,”

“Save that sexy talk for the bedroom.” It was all I could do but roll my eyes at her. As soon as we were outside, I stepped around her and . made my way to get Adalynn buckled up. Kristen slapped away my hand as I tried to help her up so I just went inside and grabbed the bags.

Adalynn had her own tiny house traveling with us and Kristen wasn’t much better but I was able to get it all packed by the time Kristen got situated and was ready to go.

“I had some scouts run the drive and it appears to be clear. We got a couple hours drive so if you need to pee, you need to do it now.” Colt looked directly at Kristen.

“I got an empty bottle!” Kristen stuck her tongue out at Colt.

“Gross. Glad she is your problem.” Colt smirked before winking at her and walking back to his SUV.

Shutting the doors, I got behind the wheel and started the engine. “Last chance, forget anything?” “I think I’m good.” Adjusting the mirror, I saw Kristen smiling at our daughter. She was tickling her, making her little laugh warm my heart.

“Alright, here we go.” Colt put a walkie talkie on the dash so we could communicate as we drove.

The whole drive was a few hours drive.

He was located more into the mountain range, making the scenery much more appealing, It spoke to my wolf more as

we went through the winding roads.

Every now and then, I would recognize warriors that were positioned discreetly along the drive. The sun was high in the sky, making everything illuminate our way.

Most of the drive was easy as Adalynn and Kristen took naps.

After a few snacks, Adalynn was done being in her car seat. Thankfully, we were just a few minutes away from Jace’s pack.

There was a welcoming party was as pulled into the territory. The large 12 foot iron fence towered over us as we were welcomed. Women and children were smiling and waving but it was Jace and Echo standing at the steps to the massive castle that put a smile on

my face.

The memories of coming here growing up was something I'll always cherish.

“We are here.” I told Kristen. She was busy trying to calm a fussy baby.

“Good. She wants out, badly.” Pulling into a parking spot, I was able to turn the car off and get around to get Adalynn out. As soon as she was in my arms, she calmed down. Her eyes scanned the area but she didn’t get shy, instead, she was waving a people.

Kristen took a little more time inching her way out of the SUV. I had to hold my arm out for her but thankfully, Jace came over to help.

“Need any help?” “Yes, please.” I was a little surprised

Kristen took Jace’s help as he helped her out and handed her, her crutch.

“Thanks. That ride was a little long.” “I bet. Echo has a late lunch set up and I think you will find it relaxing.” Jace motioned for Kristen to go first before helping me with our bags.

“Thanks, man.” «1 should thank you. This is going to be fun.” Jace slapped on me in the back as we walked in.

“Is that Miss Adalynn? Come here sweet girl!” Echo came forward and to my surprise, Adalynn lunged into her arms.

“That’s a first.” Kristen laughed at my expense,

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Chapter 0582 I was stuck standing on the porch steps as Echo carried my child inside and she didn’t even cry out for me. Kristen was limping in behind her, loving every second of this and my heart was broken. “Damn.” “Rejected by a six month old baby.” Jace stood beside me and laughed.

“Kiss my ass.” Grumbling, I walked passed a very amused Jace and into his pack house. It was decorated in old stone with wooden floors that look to be original but parts were still an old brick. It was like a blast in the past the way they refinished the woodworking but it was elegant. If anything happened to this building, it would be history that couldn’t be replaced.

“I’ll put your bags down in your room.” Jace headed up the stairs.

Following him up, the girls went into another room. “I’ll come with you.” “Echo has a late lunch for everyone in the sunroom. We can head there after.” “It’s been ages since I’ve been here.” Even though Jace was closer to Colt, I still had great memories here. “I remember someone pushing me down the stairs.

“That feels like a life time ago.” Jace smirked as we reached the fourth floor.

“It really does. I think the last time I saw everyone before we all did our own things was like when we were ten.”

“Sounds about right. Lars will be here any minute.” Jace stood to the side so I could watch him unlock our room.

Pushing the door open, he had provided us with a suite. There was a livingroom with a separate kitchen and bathroom and two bedrooms. “I figured you guys

would be more comfortable in this room. Colt and Penny are directly across the hall in a similar room. The staff should have brought up cribs for the kiddos but if you guys need anything else, let me know.” “I’m sure everything will be just fine.” By the amount that Kristen wanted me to bring, we should have everything under the sun already.

Jace’s stomach started rumbling. “I’m going to head down, Come down when you’re ready.”

Dropping what was in my hands, I was ready to eat as well. “I’m ready. I’ll organize this later. It wouldn’t matter how I did it anyway, Kristen will change it.” Walking out, I shut the door and locked it.

“That’s the truth.” Jace nodded.

“I never did tell you I’m sorry I couldn’t make Echo’s luna ceremony.” It was before I even met Kristen and I was in training but I still felt bad. Dad had me do extra training that the others didn’t do because I needed to be the best.

“It’s all good. Your dad still came.” We were reaching the ground floor and the sounds of squeezing babies were hitting our ears. “Echo is wanting to accomplish a few things before I have | that to listen to.” &»

“Blessing and a curse.” I laughed There wasn’t anything like listening to your child laughing but the cries were rough at times.

“Someday.” “There you guys are! We are waiting and I am starving!” Echo smiled warmly at me but glared at Jace.

“Well, when you travel with your entire house, it needs to be put down.” I defended Jace. Sitting beside Kristen, Adalynn was bouncing in her lap. To my pleasure, Adalynn reached for me and sat perfectly still on me.

“On the menu is Elk steaks with potatoes and steamed veggies. Hope you enjoy!” Echo clapped her hands and the doors instantly opened. The staff brought plates of sizzling steaks out to us.

“Starting without us?” Lars’s voice echoed behind us.

“I didn’t think you were going to make it in time!” Jace stood up and shook his hand. I was going to follow but Lars waved us off.

“I think we made it just in time!” Emily smiled as she moved around. She was seated next to Penny and Lars sat next to Colt. Their babies were on a blanket next to the wall but out of the walkway.

“We have a high chair for Miss ~ Adalynn if she would like?” Echo asked me.

“sure. That would be great.” Right on cue, a staff member brought out a wooden highchair. After putting Adalynn in it, they buckled her in and

brought out a plate of cut bananas, carrots and pieces of finely chopped steak. Adalynn didn’t waste a second before picking up a steak, examining it and then ate it. After a few chews, she grabbed a handful and shoved the rest into her mouth.

The table busted up laughing. “That’s my girl.” I laughed along with them.

“This all looks amazing!” Penny smiled at Echo.

“I’m glad you like it. have arranged for the kids to take naps after lunch and someone will watch them or you are welcome to bring them but I have to show you guys around! I’ve been really working on preserving this castle and I want to show it off to someone who will enjoy the beauty.”

Echo beamed at Penny and Kristen “I appreciate the natural beauty.” Jace rolled his eyes.

“Okay.” Echo used a mockery tone but took a bite.

“There is whiskey and a fireplace for us to hang out after so we can discuss what we are doing moving forward.” Jace ignored Echo.

“That sounds like a room I want to visit.” Lars took a large bite and nodded at Jace.

“There is a large Elk head hanging on the wall.” Echo shook her head at Lars.

“It is a prize.” Jace smiled back at her.

I just tuned everyone out as I finished

eating. Listening to their bickering was fun for awhile but it got old. If I could live in the mountains, I would. It’s just a deep innate feeling to want to live in a forest.

“What are you thinking about?” Kristen interrupted my thoughts.

Responding back in the mind-link, “how much I love being in the forest.” I said.

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Chapter 0583 One by one, we filed into the lounge room. Jace had multiple massive dark brown leather couches that circled around a massive coffee table. The only opening had an equally large fireplace.

The stone that bordered the fire appeared to be original as well. A small fire was crackling but it was the wall to ceiling windows that caught my attention. The over look of the mountain side was breath taking. The tree tops were sparkling with a fresh layer of snow, untouched by human hands.

“Okay, from what I gathered, Ann and Anthony have been working with rogues. However, the blood that was found at Alec and Kristen's cabin was from a dead man.” Colt slapped down a

couple folders. It was physically painful to walk away from the window and back to the group discussion.

“How did she manage to make it out alive?” Lars asked.

“She was in the hot tub when she realized she wasn’t alone. She made her way to the bedroom and used the door to keep them from flanking her.

Eventually, she was forced to jump out the window.” Sitting down, I pushed away the pictures of our tainted cabin. “She’s lucky to be alive. Look at his rap sheet.” Colt pulled out one of the two dead man’s files.

Jace walked over with four whiskeys on the rocks. “It said that Anthony had registered him as dead. We can assume that everyone he listed is not dead but

his own personal army.” Taking one, I just leaned back and listened. If it was up to me, I would just storm the place or drop an Atom bomb on it. However, that would kill too many innocent lives. However, it is fun to think about.

“These are all specialized warriors.

Taking them out will be challenging.” Lars looked at the paper.

«Jce hasn't trained in over 6 months and took two out. I don’t want to underestimate them but they are also just men. We are just as trained.” Colt frowned.

“Kirsten isn’t a normal person either.

Your dad make sure of that. However, that is besides the point. What is our next move?” Lars asked.

Jace got a rather large smile on his face. “There is this bar that is between the packs. I have someone I use, and have scheduled a meeting with for tonight. Though, this is what Tam purposing.” © Jace handed us each a folder. We all took a moment to look it over. On the first page, it was a rough estimate of their pack’s layout but what was highlighted was their water system.

The next paper was their air conditioning system and access points from their pack house. Since we were once allies, we do have a unique acknowledgment of his floor plan.

«What is this man going to do for us tonight?” Lars asked. He didn’t look up at his folder as he asked the group.

«He has some supplies we are going to

need.” Jace looked around, making sure everyone was paying attention.

Once he had all eyes on him, he continued. “It’s not like we can poison everyone as they are all innocent but we can put leaks in the pipes, place mold and other things around their air conditioning so let’s say the state comes to inspect and they have to quarantine everything...” “That’s good.” Lars said.

Jace made eye contact with me. “Alec?” Everyone looked over at me. “That’s good and all but T’want blood. They tried to kill Kristen and making them live in a hotel isn’t going to cut it.” «I understand that but we need to play the long game here. There are some pack members that work in public

places from his pack. Rumor has it that Ann and their new direction is very unpopular. We need a few eyes on the inside so we will need to visit them and see who we can get on our side.” “So, what is the end game? Are we looking at eliminating his pack? Are we going to use give them a headache? What is our ultimate goal here?” Colt asked the group.

No one spoke for a moment. “That is really up to Alec. It was his family that got attacked. What do you want? It’s Kristen who she wronged. Yeah, Colt, you are in there but itis Kristen she targeted.” [was quiet for a long moment. All the times I saw Kristen bleed, all the time she has been bruised, hurt and emotionally struggling because of Ann

just flashed before my eyes. “This doesn’t end until Ann is dead. Kristen isn’t going to be a peace knowing Ann is out there. Until Ann is dead, I’m not done. Whatever that means for the pack and for Anthony... it is what it is.” “J agree. Ann needs to die and if that means to eliminate the pack... I guess Jace is going to get more land.” «It would be your land.” Jace looked shocked.

“I might keep a chunk for myself but we have more land than we know what to do with.” I didn’t want the land. I wanted Ann dead.

“We can finalize details after but are we in agreement?” Colt asked Lars and Jace.

They looked at each other before looking at us. “Count us in. I’ll go call Carson and Hank and fill them in.” Jace stood up and walked out of the room.

Colt and Lars started talking about different options on ways to get into the pack. Standing up, I went back to the window. This was a different kind of peace that I wanted some of. I’d defiantly be keeping a piece just for myself for vacation but I didn’t want to own all of this. My responsibility is to my pack. To Kristen. All my energy will be put into ending Ann’s life. If that means war against Anthony, then so be it. Kristen will never know fear again.

The door opened as Jace walked back in. “They are in. We should get ready to leave in a few hours. The fun is about to

start.”

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Chapter 0584 Kristen’s glare was Pounding into my back as I finished getting ready. I knew we were meeting Jace’s man but we would Probably be doing some activity tonight as we]]. My nicer pair of combat pants were a little tight on my ass but otherwise fit well. Kristen even Packed new boots for me So they were extra soft but more firm around the ankle than I like.

I was finishing tucking my shirt in when Kristen finally decided to talk.

“I’m walking better now.” “Kristen, you can’t go. We talked about this,” Turning around, I could feel the frustration through our bond.

“I’m sorry, love, Can you please just stay here, watch over Adalynn and pe

was +15 BONUS safe? Let me handle this and I will tell you all about it when we get back.” Kristen opened her mouth to argue when a knock sounded on the door. Her mouth snapped shut but it was her eyes that spoke volumes. As buckled my belt, I was able to walk over and open the door.

“Ready?” Colt was standing there in a similar outfit with a bag over his shoulder.

“Sure am.” “Fucking bullshit.” Kristen muttered.

Adalynn was sleeping in her own room and Kristen was stuck watching T.V by herself.

“Penny is setting up the video monitor and will come hang out. I think Echo and Emily will be here shortly as well.”

“Wonderful.” Kristen was in a pissy mood and nothing was going to change that. It might actually be better if she was by herself but who was I to suggest such a thing.

Grabbing my own bag, I leaned down and gave Kristen a kiss on the forehead since she refused to look up at me.

“Love you.” “If you loved me, you would take me along.” I just rolled my eyes as I walked past Colt. Colt just smirked at his sister.

“I’ll bring you back a cupcake to sweeten that sour mood.” “Fuck. You.” If there was something within throwing distance, she would have pelted Colt before he could make

it out of the room.

I blew her a kiss before I shut the door completely. “Way to piss her off more.” I said as we walked down the hall.

“Always a pleasure.” Colt laughed at his own little joke in his head. There are times I think I got used to their twin shit but they have the same laugh and it gets weird again.

We were quiet the rest of the way down the stairs. “Did you guys get your beauty rest?” Lars asked as we walked into the foyer.

“There is always time to annoy my twin.” Colt shifted the bag to his other hand.

“Let’s go before it gets too late.” Jace mirrored my eye roll and walked out

the front door.

“So moody.” Lars whispered to Colt.

“Why? Someone else isn’t the happiest either.” Jace and I shared a look as we took the front seats and the happy couple got in the back. “Kristen was pissy she couldn’t go.” “We aren’t mad, just focused. Not everything is fun and games.” Jace yelled as he pushed the gas.

“We are going to put mold in a guys air conditioner so he has to quarantine. It is quite literally a game.” Lars was completely unfazed by our focused attitude.

“It is winter. Although the air conditioner would be fun, he won't use

SW *19BoNUS it for awhile. We need something for the heater.” Colt and Lars went into their own conversation.

Jace and I just let it go and focused on the task at hand. I kept pulling out the binoculars I brought to check them and everything else. By the time we pulled into the city, the night sky was completely lit up with stars. The full moon was so bright that we probably wouldn’t even need our wolf eyes to see in the dark.

Soon enough, we were in a dangerous part of the town. We were the most dangerous people on this street but men lined the corners with hoods over their faces. By the smell of it, they had a wide range of drugs, ranging from basic marijuana to heroin.

Jace pulled up to this one more popular

house. Music was blasting and men were scattered along the yard. They didn’t even try to hide their dicks.

“Leave any guns here. We won’t need them.” Jace said.

Thankfully, Colt and Lars put on their game faces as we stepped out. I was never more thankful that Kristen wasn’t with me than I was right now.

Having to worry about her safety would keep me from doing what I needed to do.

Jace was one step ahead of me and the other guys were directly behind us.

“Ivan.” Jace nodded as we walked to the porch.

“Who are they?” It was then I realized he was a wolf but not near as strong as we were.

“With me.” Jace ignored his question

and kept walking up the stairs.

As soon as the door was open, my ear drums about burst from the music. To the left, I caught a glimpse of a girl doing a line of coke off the coffee table and some people making out by the fire place. The smell of alcohol, drugs, blood and sweat was making me want to gag but I kept it in.

The next room had a table with six men around a table with some chips and money. I didn’t get to see what game they were playing but the sheer amount of money was evident enough that it was serious.

At the back of the house, we walked down some stairs. The music quickly died down as we went under ground and down a narrow hallway. We were almost single file until the every end.

“He has been waiting.” Someone growled at Jace.

“So open the door, asshole.” There was a small growl but I saw some light as he listened. As soon as my eyes landed on the man behind the desk, I knew we were in the right place.

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Chapter 0585 “What kind of trash are you bring | around here, Jace?” The man was sitting back on his office chair with his fingers touched each other in front of him.

His hair was shaggy with dark circles under his eyes. The same green as my own. “The trash took itself out years ago but you would know something about that, wouldn’t you?” I said before Jace could say anything.

I could feel the confusion coming off Jace. “Um, Alec...” “Don’t worry. This piece of shit isn’t going to put a hit out on us.” Walking forward, he stood up and met me half way. Skipping the hand shake, he pulled me into a hug. There was so

many emotions running through me, Mostly surprise but shock and amusement was in there.

“Good to see you, boy.” “How did you meet Jace?” I asked as he let me go. He went back to his seat and I took one of the two that were in front of his desk.

“Can we have some clarification?” Jace asked a little more annoyed.

“Did work for his dad.” “Jace. This is my godfather and uncle, Maddox. He was dad’s best friend growing up. However, Maddox couldn’t keep out of trouble.” “I’m sorry about his passing. I didn’t hear about it until after the fact. you have been busy.” Maddox narrowed his

AV de Abd 4 eyes at me.

“I didn’t know your dad had a brother...” Jace said as he took a seat.

“I was almost ten years younger and like he said, the black sheep of the family. My parents cut me out of the family before I was even 18. However, | think I did well for myself. You should have seen their face when I was named godfather.” Maddox shrugged like it wasn’t a big deal. “Either way, I have built a life for myself here and a very lucrative one at that.» “It appears so.” | agreed.

“So, what is it that you need? Why am | seeing you under these circumstances?” Maddox looked between Jace and myself.

Wy TY BON “Fuck, he’s your family. You tell him.” Jace was clearly annoyed at this point.

“My mate is Kristen Jeffreys. Brian Jeffreys of Blue Fang Pack’s daughter.

This is her twin brother, Colt.” | nodded back at Colt. Maddox looked behind me and acknowledged someone So I assume Colt nodded.

“Growing up, she was abused by her step mother, Ann, Long story short, Ann was in his cells. Alpha Anthony staged a rogue attack and got Ann out.

He marked and mate her, making it impossible for us to get to her.

However, there has been multiple attempts on her life and now we want revenge.” “I read the report that Jace sent over.

That is basically the same thing he sent

&J 1580NUS but I see you are wanting to make their lives hell before you kill them.” Maddox pulled out a few pieces of Paper and started looking over them. | “Can you help us?” | just asked point blank. No reason to beat around the bush.

“Well...” Maddox sighed and set the Paper down. “I was going to say no because it was Petty and I don’t make it a habit to get involved in Alpha’s feuding but since you are family, I will help you out.” “You weren't going to help us? Then why the fuck did you ask me to come all the way down here?” Jace had changed from annoyance to anger.

“I haven’t met you in person yet. Just because you were recommended doesn’t mean I will accept your business. I wanted to gage your personality.” “Fucking bullshit.” Jace stood up so fast that his chair pushed back a few inches.

“I didn’t get where I am by working with everyone, Now, either sit down and settle down or leave.” Maddox calmly looked at Jace.

“He’s good.” Jace looked at me but nodded and sat down, “Great. Let's get down to business and since this has now turned personal, I am willing to add in my own stuff, We can attack tonight, I assume since he was once your allie that you know the layout of the pack?” Maddox looked at Jace, I

T.-C TEs “We do.” Colt answered for him. He stepped forward and handed him a vanilla envelop.

Maddox took it and shifted through it all. “Great. I will get with my team leader and they will get ready for an attack.” “I’m all for that but I do not want innocent lives to be lost. It isn’t the pack’s fault what happened. Actually, we believe Anthony either staged his first mate’s death or he did it himself to get rid of her to make way for Ann.

They had a lot of changes and most are not happy with it, We have intel that there is some Pack members we can probably persuade to be on our side,” “That’s good.” Maddox nodded, Reaching over to his phone, he hit the

intercom button. “Victor, bring in the blue folder.” After Maddox released the intercom, my curiosity got the best of me. “What is the blue folder?” Maddox looked at me and smiled. “It is how we get things done. We will follow most of what you have Proposed to me.

There will be an attack and we will have multiple insects that will give them a headache but the folder has the big tricks.” Just as he finished talking, there was a knock on the door. After a moment, it opened and a rather short guy walked in. He was muscular, sure, but he was short. Kristen was probably taller than he was.

Maddox took the folder from who I assumed was Victor and handed it

IE directly to me. When I opened it up, there was pages on different herbs, J plants and flowers. Each page told us what they did and how they affected the body.

“I don’t understand.” Jace said as he kept looking over my shoulder.

“Each plants does something different to the body. When mixed together, they do additional things. So, you mix Poison ivy with mushrooms to create a paste. When that paste is applied, they will break out into a rash and have intense hallucinations. It takes a day or two for it to develop into their system so if you put it on the door handles...» “Thats...” Jace started.

“That’s not even the best one. Come on, let’s get moving so we don’t waste

ATM df the night.” Maddox stood up and was way more excited for this. Something told me I was either going to have a great night or we made a terrible mistake. There was a reason he was cut off from the family.

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Chapter 0586 Maddox made us use his vehicles and since none of us could mind-link each other, we were left sitting in silence across from each other. Maddox was in front with the diagram of the pack and muttering to himself. He was planning out who was going where and I could only make out certain words like havoc and destruction, For a few hours, we just sat there, looking at each other and waited to see what our fate would look like. There Was no turning back. Jace had opened pandora’s box and there was no closing it. Colt had his hands covering his face so I couldn't read his expression. Jace had his head leaned back and looking at the ceiling, Lars glancing between Maddox and and

looking out of the window.

All too soon, the vehicles slowed down until they pulled off the main road and onto a dirt path in the forest. The moon was unusually bright, making our energy level soring high. After a few hundred feet, the vehicles stopped.

“Alright. Let’s get out and I’ll tell everyone their position.” Maddox had anew look in his eyes as he spoke before he got out.

“Here we go...” Lars whispered as the back door opened for us to get out. One by one, everyone filed out and waited quietly for their mission.

I watched as men were pulling out bags that were moving, metal cages that were hissing and even a wooden box of different glass jars, Multiple pairs of gloves were placed on top of the jars.

“Alright. You four are going to be going { with each group. They all have their own mission and your only goal is to make sure my men stay alive.” Maddox came up to us but didn’t look at us.

“We aren’t spilling innocent blood.” Lars looked hard at Maddox.

“That isn’t what this is about and it’s either their blood or mine. You came to me for help so here we are. Do we have a problem?” Maddox walked up to Lars and challenged him.

The alpha in Lars did not like it one bit.

“Alright. We are wanting to be smart about this and so far you haven't told us what you have planned. Trust is a two way street, Maddox.” I jumped in before Lars would do something we all would regret,

Maddox looked straight in Lars’s eyes that never blinked before he finally broke eye contact. “Colt, you will be with team B. They will be in charge of getting to the pack house and administering the herbs. Lars, you will be with team D. They will be making a trip to the sewers and focusing on the pipes. Jace, you will be with the warriors that are depositing different invasive insets, Finally, Alec, you will be with me and we will be causing general chaos as they can achieve their goals. Any questions?” When no one answered him, he took that as the answer was no. Raising his hand in the air, he twirled it as the different groups broke off. “See you all on the other side.” Jace shook his head and followed his group out, I followed Maddox as he took off into a

fast jog into the woods. Men were scattered around me but they were all expertly moving so quietly that I was seriously concerned. What kind of missions have they done before? Slowing down, Maddox got low as we approached the boarding wall. There was a six foot stone wall around the entire property with guards positioned every thirty feet. After a moment, Maddox nodded to one of his men.

I watched as he pulled out a weird looking gun. Pointing it at the first guard, he fired it. Hitting the man in the chest, a white powder erupted in his face. Before he even got a grunt out, his body fell to the ground.

“Kevin?” I heard another guard yell.

Three more times the gun went off and men fell. No sounds were made other than their bodies hitting the ground.

No alarms went off, I felt a nudge on my arm. Looking over, Maddox showed me a signal disrupter, making it impossible to use any electrical devices. Without waiting for me to even register fully what that meant, he got up as they made their way to the wall. One by one, everyone jumped over, landing softly.

Quickly and quietly they ran into Anthony's territory. A housing portion came up. As we marched down the streets, I saw Lars and his men stop and open the sewer entrance before jumping straight into the hole. We kept going until we came up to a rather dark part of the pack grounds.

Multiple cages were sat in the middle of the circle, The first one that got opened, a swarm of flies came out and went in every direction. There was hundreds of them, making the birds | get stirred up.

Cage after cage were opened with different insects being let loose.

Maddox then handed his men so many different things that I couldn't even make them all out. Just as he opened the last of the bag, there was a scream and a loud bang before the pack woke up.

"Shit, that was early. Okay, men, you know what to do. Alec, you better have our backs!" Maddox yelled before everyone jumped up and ran off into different directions, I wasn't even sure where to go. The men literally went everywhere. Some were kicking over the trash can,

punching out windows and literally trashing everything.

It only took a few seconds before their warriors came out from the houses to start protecting their pack. Thankfully, Maddox's men weren't killing them but more or less knocking them out.

The swarm of flies were causing so much distress that even Maddox's men were swatting them away. It wasn't until I heard an alpha's growl that I looked over and saw Anthony standing on the steps of the pack house.

A few men started walking towards him but I ended that quickly. "He is mine." My wolf said with glowing eyes,

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Chapter 0587 More of his warriors joined the fight, | making the entire peaceful night shift into utter chaos. Maddox was yelling out commands but my eyes were focused on Anthony.

His attention was shifted to Colt. Colt had his beta by the neck. His feet were off the ground but Colt's entire focus was on the beta and not Anthony.

"COLT!" I yelled as I took off running.

It was like slow motion as I sprinted towards Anthony. He had shifted into his wolf in mid air as he leaped down the stairs. Colt barely registered my voice, making him turn towards Anthony. His wolf just had landed on the ground when Colt shifted his

potion so the beta was no between Anthony and himself.

Anthony's wolf was in motion so there was no stopping him from wrapping his mouth around his beta's stomach before he fell on top of Colt. My own wolf came forward as blood went flying and we weren't sure who's it was.

Jumping into the air, my wolf flew towards Anthony. Tucking his head, his shoulder made contact with Anthony's ribs. The sickening snap of ribs were music to my hears as we tumbled over each other.

There wasn't any time to see if Colt was okay. My wolf managed to slid on his paws, in the ready position for another attack. Anthony's wolf struggled a little bit more.

"LET'S GO!" Maddox's voice barely

penetrated my focus, making my wolf angry. He wanted to finish this but that isn't what we came for. By this time, Anthony's wolf was back on his feet, teeth growling at me.

"RETREAT!" "RETREAT!" I heard across the valley.

Colt's wolf walked up beside me. I wanted to finish this but we didn't have enough men to go against his warriors. Together, we backed up until we turned and ran away from a growling Anthony. He knew he wasn't a match between Colt and I but we were no match for his entire army of men.

Jumping the wall was easy in our wolves. Colt raised his nose in the air and went off to the side of a tree. By the

time I saw him again, he was carrying two pairs of shorts in his mouth. As soon as we were back by the vehicles, we shifted back and were pulling up the shorts by the time everyone else arrived.

“GET IN!” Maddox was pissed but so was I.

Everyone piled in but no one said a word. Lars had a gash across his face otherwise he was fine. Jace seemed unhurt and Colt was covered in blood but was grabbing his own ribs.

“His beta?” I asked looking at Colt.

“Dead. He bit his whole side of him off.” Colt looked directly at me.

“Why the fuck did you engage? My instructions were clear!” Maddox turned and glared at us.

“Fuck you and your instructions!” I was pissed and my wolf was coming to the surface. “There wasn’t any. : instructions and did you actually believe that I wasn’t going to protect Colt? If there is an opportunity to kill Anthony or Ann, I am fucking taking it.” “That’s the problem with being an Alpha. You want the quick kill and don’t appreciate the art of battle anymore. All you did by killing his beta was anger him more so it will up his own attacks. You just screwed yourself by allowing him to know it was you that was behind this.” “Shit, he knew we were going to be behind this from the start.” I leaned back as my anger was dissolving. I was still pissed but not ready to rip his head off.

“He killed his own beta. I wasn’t going to do it. He jumped and I used him for a human shield. He killed his own beta.” Colt was equally pissed off as I was.

“Did anything go according to your plan?” Maddox's eyes met Colt’s and narrowed. “We accomplished everything we set out to do, other than you fucking alphas trying to measure dicks.” “Fuck off, Maddox. Now I remember why dad cut ties. You are a fucking cowboy and do what is best for you.

You didn’t include us in the decision and didn’t even tell us what we were going to be involved in!” “I DID ALL THIS FOR YOU!” Maddox yelled back. “You came to me for help!”

“We wanted to terrorize him, not start a war. You did too much and now he has every right to declare a war.” Jace | said through gritted teeth. “We wanted to sneak and do things without making our presence known. We wanted to stay in the shadows and now that is fucking gone.” “You went in knowing they would start defending their territory. They won’t be on our side anymore. You put insects in people’s homes and | destroyed their water system. Not a single pack member is going to talk to us.” Lars added.

“Just be patient. Let’s see how this plays out.” Maddox seemed unbothered by our attitude. “Don’t forget you came to me for help. Maybe you should have done your own research before contacting me.”

Maddox looked directly at me. “When you come crawling back, and you will, I may not be there to help anymore, Didn’t your dad teach you not to burn bridges?” “Did you forget what it means to work as a team and not as your men aren’t disposable? Did you forget that every life is worth something?” I challenged back. “Tonight put a bigger target on my family. On all of our families. You fucked each and every single one of us over. Tonight upped their game. We are responsible for thousands of people’s lives. You may not care if your men die but we do. After tonight, you put a hit on your own back. Don’t think for one second that Anthony won’t figure out who you are. You need to now sleep with one eye open. When Anthony retaliates, he destroys. You fucked

yourself over just as bad.” My wolf was calm and collected as I delivered each word, looking directly into his eyes. —

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Chapter 0588 “Come to my office in two days.” Maddox glared at me as we pulled into his home base. The sun was starting to rise, and the weight of what happened still pressed down on our shoulders.

“Yeah.” It was all I could say as we piled out of his vehicle and got into our own. Jace didn’t waste any time as he pulled out to head home.

“You guys need to put your betas on high alert for any attacks.” Jace said after about an hour of driving with complete silence.

“Did you do any research on this guy before you decided to use him?” Lars was pissed.

Jace looked back at him before he answered. "We have used him for odds and end stuff for years. At least my dad did. This was my first time using him." "Why did your dad cut ties with your uncle?" Lars didn't respond to Jace.

"He never really said what happened, just that he was a lose cannon that didn't have any regards to safety." I tried to rack my brains to figure out what happened or if dad had ever said anything but I came up blank.

Thankfully, we were pulling into the pack grounds. "I'm taking Emily and we are leaving. Alec, I'll be in touch." Lars said. He jumped out of the SUV before it fully came to a stop.

"Lars! Wait!" Jace jumped out and chased after Lars.

"Let me check on Penny and I'll come to your room." Colt said more calmly than I anticipated. We had more skin in the game than the rest so I wasn't worried about Colt jumping ship.

"Alec!" Kristen yelled my name as we walked through the front door.

"Upstairs." Kristen was taken aback by my voice. She was still on crutches.

After taking a few steps, I felt instantly terrible and turned back to carry her.

"What's wrong? What happened?" She asked as I took the crutches from her. I was very much aware of the crowd that was now watching us. It was so early in the morning that I was a little surprised by how many people were

awake already. "Why is Colt covered in blood?" "I'll tell you everything upstairs." I repeated before scooping Kristen up.

She grabbed her crutches from me and made it easier for me to walk up the stairs.

Kristen put her hand on my chest and started examining me. "Are you hurt?" "I'm fine." Physically anyway.

Emotionally, I was nervous and scared.

By the time we made it to the room, Colt and Penny were already standing at our door.

| "Where are the kids?" I asked as I set Kristen down and unlocked the door.

"Getting breakfast." Penny said

quietly. I knew she was always nervous or scared around me. I could smell it.

She was intimidated by me but it was never my problem to worry about. That was part of being an alpha. Plus, Kristen found that part sexy.

“Tell me what happened!” Kristen demanded as she limped into the room.

“It was a fucking shit show.” Colt shook his head. Since he was still covered in blood, he stayed standing.

“Did you ever know that my dad had a brother?” I started, looking only at Kristen.

“Oh, um... I guess I don’t know much about your family.” Kristen looked unsure and I felt a little pang of sadness.

“Dad had one brother that was disowned by the family. He was the black sheep and I’m not sure what all happened to get him disowned but he did. Jace had someone that his dad used for... off the book things and that is who is contacted. Turns out that person is my uncle.” Kristen was taking it all in but she was still confused. “What happened?” She repeated.

“He took things into his own hands.

We went to Anthony’s pack and were going to terrorize it. Just like we had talked about. Lars and some men messed up their sewer system. He released invasive flies or something.

Just caused utter chaos. Put something into the packhouse, stuff that I'm not even sure what it does.” I was still trying to process it.

“I mean, isn’t that what we wanted?” Kristen was so confused but her eyes went back to Colt. “Who’s blood is that?” “We told them not to kill innocent people. For the most part, he listened and would just knock them out.” Colt looked directly at Kristen. “His beta came out and I over powered him. I had him by the throat but then Anthony came out. He spotted me and charged.

Alec yelled at the last minute and I used his beta as a human shield. His jaws clamped around his waist right as Alec plowed into him to get him off of me. In the end, Anthony ripped a hole in his beta’s side, killing him.” “Colt and I were ready to fight Anthony and put an end to it but more warriors came out. We were outnumbered and had to retreat. Anthony has enough

cause to declare a war.” I finished for him.

“What happened to staying under the radar?” Kristen was getting angry.

“It snowballed and happened so fast.

When the alarm went off, instead of retreating like we wanted, Maddox kept going. It was like he wanted us to be seen or didn’t care the consequences of if we did get caught.” Colt shook his head. “You don’t kill a fucking beta and there not be repercussions. Anthony isn’t going to let this go. There is now a big target on our backs.” Kristen and Penny were silent for awhile as they absorbed it all. “When do we leave?” Kristen asked after a moment longer.

“We can’t just yet. Maddox wants to

meet in two days. We need to stay and make sure his pack is protected. After the meeting, then we will go home.

However, I do feel it would be safer for you to go home and stay home. We have the panic room. Fuck, your family can all go there.” I said as I looked at Colt.

“An attack here is imminent and they will be coming full force. We brought the fight here and now we have to help protect it.”

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Chapter 0589 “I can’t leave you.” Kristen was processing everything but with her leg, I wasn’t sure her staying was a good choice.

“We can’t put Adalynn in a situation that is unsafe either.” I went over to her and knelt down on the floor.

Grabbing her hand, I tried to plead with her. “I can’t do what I need to do if you and Adalynn aren’t safe. Please.

Go home and stay in the safe room until I figure this out.” I could feel how torn she was. She wanted to stand beside me but she needed to protect our daughter.

Neither one of us were going to leave our daughter's safety in another person’s arms so our options were

limited.

Finally, Kristen landed on anger. Even trying to rein it in, she was still angry.

Not directly at me but at the whole situation. "Fine." She pulled her hand from mine and pushed me away so she could stand up.

"Ice. Don't be that way." Colt started.

"It isn't his fault." Kristen froze with her feet on the ground and her hands on either side of the cushion. "I told you from the beginning that I am not someone that will be pushed aside when things get tough. Things are getting hairy so now [am forced to hide away while my mate is left fighting." Ignoring my hand, she pushed herself up and slowly walked to the bathroom before slamming the door.

Everyone was quiet as I stood back up.

We heard the toilet flush and the sink turn on but even after all that, she stayed in here. "Why don't you guys go pack and we will meet you down stairs." I said to Colt and Penny.

"Why doesn't she want to stay with Adalynn?" Penny asked quietly.

My head snapped to Penny. Her question pissed me off. "Excuse me?" I knew my wolf was showing. Penny started shaking and even took a step behind Colt.

Thankfully, Colt answered for me. SIE isn't about that. She was raised to be a warrior and she is being sidelined.

Kristen's instincts are to fight until death, not run away. That's why she get's hurt so often. She refused to back down from a fight, something our dad

shoved into her mind. Now, she had to go against everything she is and hide.

Yes, protecting her daughter is.

extremely important, which is why she is going to go but she is leaving her mate to defend himself. Her mate that she has already proven to protect." "Maybe it would be best if you guys left." I said, trying to hold in my anger.

"Penny, can you get packing? I need to talk to Alec and then I'll get the car situated." I could tell she didn't like being dismissed but whatever Colt said in their mind-link caused her to turn around and walk out the door. As soon as it was closed, Kristen stepped out of the bathroom. "Why are you still here? I thought you have shit to do?"

She wasn't using her crutches but slowly putting more pressure on her leg. "Ice, come on. Don't be angry." Colt walked over and sat on the bed.

Kristen had pulled out the suitcase and was working on tossing everything on the bed.

“puck off, Colt.” She didn’t even look at him.

«As soon as the meeting is over, we will be coming home. We will figure this out.”
“Why did you even do it? If you knew your uncle was bad news, why did you even go?” Kristen rounded at me.

« know that for the rest of your life, you will be looking over your shoulder waiting to see if Ann will be standing there. Every alpha event, she will be there. The threat of her sending an

attack has already caused you to get attacked twice now. I'm not living like this. Declaring war was imminent. It was just a matter of who was going to do it and how soon. I'll be damned if I am going to let you live in fear for the rest of your life. She is the only lose end and we are going to eliminate her.” «At what cost, Alec? How many men are going to die just so don’t ever see Ann anymore? This isn’t what I wanted....” «What did you want, Ice? What did you expect to happen?”
Colt grabbed her hand and forced her to look at him.

«I don’t know.” She shook her head.

“Declaring war with our packs is one thing but now Jace and Lar’s packs are in on this. They will be targets and now

he can attack anywhere of four different locations. Fuck, he might even attack Hank and Carson’s packs; just because they are allies of ours.” «We know. That is why we are going to play defense before we play offense.” Colt didn’t get too far. Kristen turned away from him and kept angrily throwing stuff into the suitcase.

“What happens if we get attacked at our pack while you are here? Have you thought of that?” Kristen asked without looking at us.

«please don’t make this harder than it has to be.” I tried to plead.

“I’m going to go get the car ready. You guys can fit into one SUV now and that will leave the other one for Alec and I to take home. We will be there in a few days.” Colt stood up and after Kristen didn’t reply, he walked out the door.

«please don’t be mad.” Grabbing her waist, I twirled her around to look at me. As much as she tried to push me away, I held on tighter.

«I told you from the beginning that I won't be sidelined!» Tears threatened to fall down her face but she pushed them back.

“It’s okay to cry.” I whispered to her.

«pm not sad! I'm that fucking pissed off that I want to cry. Do you know how long it has been since I’ve been this mad!»

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Chapter 0590 “Not long enough.” I couldn’t help but chuckle at her. “Are you done fighting yet?” “Never.” “Idon’t trust anyone to keep Adalynn safe. If I can’t be around, I want you to be in charge of her safety.” “You are so full of shit. Let me go!” She struggled a little bit more before she tried bringing up her good knee.

“Whoa!” I barely dodged her attack on my balls but she got her wish and was free. There was a knock on the door, making this conversation come to an end. Trying to hide my own anger, I walked over to answer the door.

“What?” I answered as I looked at Lars.

He barged in, steam was still coming from his ears. “This whole fucking mess!” “I”know.” Closing the door, I went over to the couch and sat down.

I' watched as Lars paced up and down the room, basically ignoring Kristen since he was in his own little world.

“Emily is scared shitless and I can’t blame her! She is already off to our pack.” “I thought you were going with her.” said more calmly than I felt.

“You know damn well I can’t leave as much as I want to.” Lars put his hands on his hips and glared at me.

“Why aren’t you pissed off?”

“Believe me, I am beyond pissed off and Jace will hear it.” I said but nodded towards Kristen. Lars followed my gaze and stiffened when he realized Kristen was in here.

“So gland you saw me. Nothing like being ignored and shoved to the side but all the men in my life.” Sierra flashed before her eyes, making Lars take a step back. It always amused me when men were scared of her wolf.

“You are leaving too?” He asked, a little more calmly.

“Apparently, because I guess saving your mate’s life before doesn’t get you anything. Apparently, growing up as a warrior means nothing once you are mated to a fucking alpha. Now, I am more useful hiding away in a panic room than standing beside the men |

have beaten one on one,” “Well, I see you have your hands full. I am going to wait in Jace’s office for you.” Lars gave Kristen a sideways glance before heading out. €» Kristen just rolled her eyes and shut her suitcase. She then started working on Adalynn’s stuff. “For someone that wants to get rid of me, you are doing absolutely nothing to help me pack.” “How long are you going to be mad at me?” I asked as I got up and helped pick a few things up. However, anything I touched, she ripped from my hands.

“Till we die but that might be sooner than later and I won’t be there to tell you TI’told you so as you take your last breath.” She looked up at me and

slapped me with some clothes of Adalynn with little buttons. Those fucking hurt. “I’m always mad at you: Why don’t you just leave me alone. Go do whatever you alphas need to do since I am no longer welcome to be part of it.” “Please?” I went to hold her again but there was another knock on the door.

This time, it opened and Colt stuck his head in.

“The car is ready. The babies are already in and just waiting on Ice and your stuff.” Kristen huffed and zipped it shut.

“Great. Why don’t you carry it all down stairs then. It will be quicker to get rid of me that way.” She glared at me as she limped past me.

Colt opened the door and walked in as

she tried to pass him. “Don’t you need these?” Colt grabbed her crutch and held it out to her. = Kristen stopped walking, looked directly at the crutch before looking back up at Colt. More calmly than I expected, she took the crutch and snapped it over her knee before tossing it to the side. After one last glare, she walked out of the room with a slightly less limp.

“Okay then.” Colt widened his eyes and | followed her out.

“Yup.” Was all I could say as we went slowly down the stairs. I wasn’t sure what she was going to do but I wasn’t about to miss the show. She was going rather

slowly but eventually, we made it down. Jace was talking to his warriors. Everything was in utter chaos

with people running around.

“Alec, Colt. There you are.” Jace nodded to his warrior and walked over to us. “Ready to leave?” He looked at Kristen and looked at the luggage.

Kristen didn’t answer but pulled her fist back and socked him right in the nose. Blood instantly splattered as he took a few steps back, holding his nose.

“What the actual fuck?” He glared at Kristen. I could see the anger fill his eyes. Dropping the luggage, I stood directly behind her.

“You deserved that and you know it.” I growled back at him. “If it wasn’t her it was going to be me.” “You are going to want to walk away.” Colt walked up beside me and then it

was a stand off.

“This is MY pack!” Jace spit.

“Let’s talk privately in your office.” Lars came out from around the corner and looked at Jace.

“Fine.” He glared at Kristen as he walked passed her.

“Come on.” I said and put my hand on her lower back.

“Don’t touch me!” She pulled away from me and glared. People didn’t know if they should laugh or be concerned but I wasn’t too worried about it. I was just happy she was working through these emotions and not pushing it down.

I put the luggage in the back as Colt said goodbye to his family. Kristen got in the back, ignoring Penny’s smile at

her. “Bye bye my loves.” I said as I tickled Adalynn. She was sitting directly beside Kristen. She giggled before yawning loudly.

“I love you.” I whispered to Kristen.

“Yeah. Get out.” She put her hand on my face and pushed me out of the SUV before slamming the door shut.

They drove off and I just stood there watching as my family drove away.

Right as they were about to be outside of the mind-link range, I got the faintest 'love you too' from Kristen.

Only then did I go back inside.