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Chapter 0601 “I’m saying it's a possibility.” Oliver didn’t seemed phased by Alec’s annoyance. Instead, he kept going on dressing my wounds. He didn’t even ask as he went around and covered my chest. “Take off your shirts and put them on top of her now. It will help protect against the wind.” Alec and Colt instantly listened. Oliver put their shirts around me and even tucked them under me gently. It greatly helped enough that my body stopped shaking.

«Those burn marks will make fora great tattoo.” I said looking up at Alec.

Alec shook his head and turned his head away from me. He found that

comment a little funny but I had a dark sense of humor. “Ice, if you got tattooed everything you were hurt, there wouldn’t be any skin left.” Colt bickered back.

“It would show that you can’t take me out. What? I’ve been beaten, drowned, stabbed, shot and now burned and I'm still here.” “The strongest person I know.” Colt said.

«guck.” Oliver muttered and shook his head. He backed away from me.

“Are we almost there?” Alec asked the pilot.

«wo minutes out.” He responded instantly.

“Maybe we should build our own hospitals.” Colt muttered as they watched the hospital under us.

Oliver shifted to see as the helicopter { descended. “Good. There looks to be a burn unit ready for us.” I think he muttered it more to himself than to us but it was nice to know they were ready for us anyway. As soon as the helicopter touched down, voices were yelling instructions and people where everywhere.

“Alec?” 1 asked in the mind-link. I had to close my eyes since the wind was snapping my hair in my face.

«I'm here, love. Let them treat you. I'm not leaving you.” Everything happened so fast. An LV.

was put in and I was instantly given pain medicine. The gauze was gently pulled off and they started cleaning the wounds. I could hear some of the

nurses talk about how good they were healing and how my wolf was doing a great job. Sa Something cold was placed in the wounds and I even heard the word tissue grafting. The pain medicine was making everything sound far away and it was a struggle to stay awake.

“Don’t fight it. Just sleep for now.” Alec said in my mind. I didn’t need being told twice and I stopped fighting it. Blackness took over and the pain was gone.

[wasn’t sure how long I was asleep but as I started coming around, I could hear Alec speaking with someone.

“Alec?” I said in the mind-link.

«you're awake?” I could feel the relief spread through him.

“What's happening? Am I okay?” “Everything is fine. They will take the bandages off here soon. Your wolf has done an amazing job healing you. My wolf has been pushing more energy towards you and the hospital gave me some I.V.s to keep my energy up so I can keep healing you. They believe you will be completely healed in a few days.” “That’s awesome. So, I am going to live.” I tried to open my eyes but there was something wrapped around it.

“Oh yeah, you have many more years with me.” Something touched my fingers but didn’t try holding my hand.

The tingles were nice and welcoming feeling.

«when do we leave to get Adalynn back?”

“Hopefully tomorrow. I send scouts down there to figure out where exactly they are staying. When we take you home tonight, we will have a meeting about how it is all going to happen.” “T just want her back.” “Me too.” I could feel Alec’s hand on my head from the pressure but I missed the sparks.

“Is she awake?” I heard Colt’s voice from across the room.

“She is.” «How is she feeling?” Colt asked.

«1,like a million bucks.” I told Alec. My mouth was covered and only my nose was exposed so it wasn’t like I could answer for myself.

“She said she feels good.” Alec replied for me.

“Fucking liar.” I muttered. = “That’s good.” Colt muttered as the door opened.

“We are here to undress the wounds and see how they look. Is it only if we start?” I heard a female voice ask sweetly.

“yeah. She is awake and ready to talk again.” Alec muttered as he took his hand off my head.

“Alright. Miss Kristen, we are going to be unwrapping your body now. I'll start with your head and work our way down. That way you can tell us if you are in any pain.” “Let's get this over with.” I told Alec in

the mind-link.

“She said okay.” Alec responded.

“We really need to work on you talking for me.” I tried to make my tone displeasing but Alec just snorted.

My head started moving front and back a few times as they unwrapped it all.

“you will probably need a few hair cut.” She said as the light from the room got brighter.

«can we turn the lights off?” IT asked Alec.

“Is it possible to turn the lights off? She is a little sensitive right now.” Alec asked.

«oh! Of course.” The nurse flipped the lights off before returning back to me.

“Ass! Tam not sensitive!” The nurses started working again until I felt the last of the wrap leave my face.

“Can you open your eyes?” Taking a deep breath, I opened my eyes. After focusing, I landed on Alec and smiled. “How bad do I look?” “Here is a mirror.” The nurse held it up for me to look. She was right, I did need a hair cut but overall, it wasn’t bad. It looked like I got burnt bad in the sun but otherwise pretty good. “There shouldn’t be any scaring on your face.” “you look beautiful as always.” Alec muttered.

«Let's see how bad my body is.” I said, nodding for her to continue. I was 99% sure I was going to be getting some
I tattoos.

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Chapter 0602 I My youthful skin was now relaxed with I scars, indentions and imperfections. As each layer of wrapping came off, new horrors were being exposed. The pattern of the chains was very clear with each link. Red, angry, and irritated skin was now my look.

“Everything is still inflamed. Once the swelling goes down, it won't be as red.” The nurse tried to ease my mind.

Looking up, Alec was staring at my body.

Colt had his head in his hands as he sat on the couch. “Okay.” Was all I could get out.

“The blisters are all scabbing over and should be completely healed this evening.

I'm going to send you home with some cold compresses but an ice bath wouldn't be a bad idea.” Looking up at Alec, I was scared to even ask. “Do we even have a home to go home

DENT) His eyes instantly went up to mine before I softening. Alec opened his mouth a few times and closed it, giving me my answer.

I “You guys can come over to our place.” I" Colt offered as he stood up.

f “I appreciate the offer but the packhouse still has Alec's old room we can stay in.” The nurse was down to my legs at this point.

“Do you need me to stay, sis?” Colt asked.

“No. I'm okay.” Tearing my eyes off my legs, I looked up at him.

“You're not okay.” “Well, no but I'm not going to fall apart either. You can go do what you need to do.” I gave him a small smile.

He raised his hand like he was going to touch me but decided against it. “Love you.”

I “Love you too.” I said quietly as he I turned to leave. After giving me one last look, he walked out of the room. “What i I did he need to go do?” I asked Alec.

“He is going to call Jasper and get an I update and figure out what Jace and Lars I are doing. We took over the pack so now we have to divide the land and the people init.” “Is this the first time there has been a war with no fighting and no one died?” Alec snorted at my comment. “Don’t know I would call it a war. Anthony ran like a fucking coward and abandoned his pack. Poor way to get a victory but I’ll take it.” “I’m all done here. I am going to leave you uncovered. I’ll check back in a few hours to see how you are healing and to make sure there isn’t any infection.

Burns can be a bitch.” She smiled at me but did put a hosptial gown over my body so I was covered up at least. When my

"modest went away, I wasn’t sure but too I many people have seen me naked to care I at my burnt nudity at this moment. I A phone in Alec pocket rang. Using his distracted mind, I slowly got up to look at I my body in the mirror. The ribs weren’t I as sore as I figured they would be but my shoulders did hurt like a bitch. They will probably never be the same after this. My wrist was yellow and green but it felt better.

Taking my gown off, I just stared at myself. My hair was singed but I still somehow had my eyebrows and eyelashes. There wasn’t a single part of my body that wasn’t red, inflamed or puffy in some way.

Seeing a hair tie on the counter, I was able to get my hair into a somewhat messy bun, but it did little to improve my looks. “Everything will go back the way it was.” Alec said as he walked up behind I me.

“No itwon’t.” I traced the chain pattern) across my chest and down my arms and "stomach. “The chains left in indentation in I my skin. I won’t need to tattoo anything, I these will stand out.” I «your body is like a canvas. It shows all the pain you been through but you are still here. These are all superficial. It doesn’t matter to me what your skin looks like. It’s what is in your heart that matters.” Alec didn’t dare touch me to I didn’t get extra germs but his eyes drilled holes into me.

“I’m not the super model body sexy looking girl anymore.” ‘Honey, you were never the super model type.” Alec rolled his eyes. “You had muscle in places they don’t. You have curves they don’t and those breast....” Alec let out a whistle.

“On the bright side, I got a boob lift from the skin grafting.” I tried to smile through it but I knew I wasn’t fooling

him. He could feel the sorrow and pain I was feeling from looking at my skin.

However, he also knew I was feeling it and not running away from it. - “You never needed a boob lift.” (Turning around, I was able to see the slats of the chair I was in. Where the wood was burning the fabric into my flesh. “Yeah...” “What are you most worried about?” Alec asked.

“Oliver said I may not have feeling in my body anymore.” I said quietly without looking at him. “What if I can’t feel you anymore?” “Love. There isn’t anything that will keep you from not feeling me.” I felt the desire run through him. He stepped forward and placed his hand on my lower back. One of the least affected areas. The sparks that ran through my body was just as intense.

There were some parts that were lighter

but it was still there. All the way to my toes.

I “It’s lighter in some areas but I can still feel it.” \ I “Just imagine what it will feel like when (you are healed.” “I need to heal quickly so we can go get our daughter.” I couldn’t stop the one tear that fell down my face. The saltiness of it burning the raw flesh under it.

“We will. We will get her back and kill those bastards, ending this completely.” Alec’s eyes turned black as I felt a surge of power coming from him.

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! Chapter 0603 “Your skin is looking much better.” Alec whispered in my ear.

By the time we made it home, we both had passed out in bed. With his arms gently placed around me, I was able to sleep comfortably and safely. I had just started waking up when he started moving his hand down my arm and around my back. Where the scarring was the worst, I was only able to feel a light version of the sparks but they were still there.

“Am I healed?” Opening my eyes, I started looking at my skin. Everything looks days old. There wasn’t any open wounds and everything was either scabbed over or scarring. My tissue was still red and angry but not as puffy as it was.

“Enough that we can focus on where they are at and get her back.” Alec kissed my head before I felt the bed shift from him) getting out.

“I should be good to shower ther:*-twas ' talking more out loud to myself than to Alec but he still turned around and I nodded.

“Yeah, you should be good. I am going to call Colt and get moving.” As he walked out of the bedroom, I was left to get myself showered. My shoulders were sore but not as bad. The determination from both of our wolves really did me good. However, my wolf was completely spent. She was passed out. This was the first time that I have ever felt her energy be so low. It will probably take a few days to get back to where it needs to be, Alec’s too, I’m sure.

I wanted to take a hot shower but figured the cooler water would be better as to not irritated the redness more. However, I would have to agree with Alec. My skin was looking much better. It was nice to be

able to shampoo my uneven hair and my) body I Since it was cooler water, it was a short I shower. It was only when I started I brushing my hair that I realized how I uneven it was. There was some sadness I but my eyes landed on a pair of scissors and my brain turned off. Before I knew what I was doing, the scissors were evening out my hair. Chunks of hair fell in the sink.

“What ar-” Alec walked in to the bathroom but stopped when he realized what I was doing.

“It was uneven so I was trying to fix it.” By the time I was done, it was at my shoulders. Never in my life had I ever had it this short but it wasn’t terrible. It was by no means an even haircut but it was much better than it was.

“I think you got it pretty good. Here, let me get some in the back.” Alec took the scissors from me and did a few snips

I before setting them done. “Ready to get) dressed?” “I am. Did you get ahold of Colt? What's the plan?” Walking to our closet, I put on I some loser joggers since my skin was still tender.

I “I did. We are going to head over there while he makes a few calls. He did sent a scout down there and they should have arrived about an hour ago.” “I don’t like waiting and being this far away. Can’t we go down there and do our own scouting or just be there? I need to know we are close to her. Maybe when something comes in, we will be able to move quicker.” “I don’t disagree but I don’t want to

accidentally be seen and scare them away. That could make it even harder to find them or impossible.” After pulling on a sweater, I pulled my hair in a braid. “Okay, let's go.” It wasn't

exactly defeat I was feeling but I just) wanted my baby back in my arms i Alec followed me out of the closet and to the car. “Do you want breakfast?” “I'm not hungry.” I said as we got into his truck. Our vehicles were starting to be limited.

“You can't neglect yourself. Adalynn needs a healthy mother for when we get her back.” “Did you eat breakfast?” I pushed. Alec started the engine and pulled out of the garage.

“That's different. I am a man.” “Full of shit is what you are.” Folding my arms, I was partially annoyed.

“Here.” Alec nudged me and handed me a chocolate muffin. There was a bottle of water in my cup holder. When that got there, I wasn't sure.

I “Smooth.” I would have refused it but it } was chocolate so who was I to not eat breakfast. Still, wondering if Adalynn was I getting fed properly or just treated correctly left me to just nibble on the I muffin.

Alec didn't answer me but focused on driving. The roads had been cleared for the most part but I was over the cold, snowy season. I wanted the sun.

By the time we made it to Alec's pack, I had finished the top of my muffin. Alec seemed pleased with that and didn't argue with me when I left the rest on the center consol.

“How are you feeling?” Colt got my attention as we went up the stairs.

“Like a million bucks.” I said, instantly remembering that I said that in the hospital but Alec didn't relay that message correctly. I was going to say something but decided it wasn't worth it.

“You do look better. Still a little funky) and people can tell us apart now though.” Colt rested his arm around my shoulders I and guided me inside.

“They could always tell us apart.” Rolling I my eyes, I had to hold back from I flinching as he squeezed my shoulder.

“Shit! Sorry!” Colt must have seen the little bit my face moved.

“It’s okay. Still sore but it does look better.” Colt opened his office and let us in. Penny was at her desk, working away. She barely looked up before she went back to what she was doing. “Cold, I want to go to Florida and wait for any news. I can’t sit here and do nothing.” I said firmly. He wasn’t going to argue with me or I was prepared to pull the burning victim card.

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Chapter 64 “Okay.” Colt sat down in his chair-He I just shrugged and started working on his computer.

I was so caught off guard that I wasn’t sure what to say. I figured he would have argued that I needed to heal more or it’s too dangerous or something. Alec moved over to a chair and sat down, leaving me to stand by the door, looking lost.

“Okay?” I repeated as I moved to sit beside Alec.

“Yeah. That has been the plan since we found out they were going to the beach. It was more of making sure you lived as for timing.” Colt didn’t even look at me as he kept typing away.

“Done!” Penny slammed down her fist before she stood up.

“Got it?” Colt asked, looking up at her

and holding out his hand.

“I do. It took some... convincing but it’s done.” Penny looked a little devilish-but I who was I to comment on looks right now.

Colt took the paper and looked it over before handing it out to Alec. “Thanks, hun.” Colt smiled at Penny.

“What is it?” Standing up, I walked over to look over Alec’s shoulder but he pulled me down into his lap instead.

“This is how we are going to get to Florida undetected. We will be taken to this location. There, we will hide out and wait for information on where Adalynn is being held.” Alec pointed at each address and traced his finger on the map.

“So when do we leave?” My eyes locked with Alec. “Tonight. We need to move in the dark.” I knew he was right but my heart didn’t

want to listen. "What am I suppose to do } all day?" "You are going to come with me." Periy I sounded way too cheerful as she bounced over to me.

{My body reacted on it's own and leaned away from her. "Doing... what?" Penny rolled her eyes. "You can whip off that grimace off your face. We are going to slather you in cream. It is a herbal remedy for burns." "I think I am looking pretty good..." Not that it didn't sound like fun... I didn't want to be away from the information as it came in.

"You look like a puffy tomato with bug bites." Penny folded her arms over her chest.

"Damn, Penny." I was both proud and I annoyed with her sarcastic remark.

"Come on. You can act like I hurt your

\ feelings as I cover your entire body with) cream." Penny nudged my arm and walked to the door. "Come on, tomato." "I'll mind-link you if anything comes I up." Alec promised. He slapped my thigh I before nudging me to get up.

\ "Did you know about this?" Alec didn't even try to hide his guilt.

"Sure did. You wouldn't have came if I told you. I love you so go get better." Standing up with my arms folded over my arms, I just looked at him. "You realize she is going to touch every inch of my skin. Touch me in places that you haven't in days." "Gross." Colt fake vomited.

Alec frowned at me. "She is going to wear gloves. Don't be so dramatic." "Fine but when I like it, you have only yourself to blame." Stomping away, I could hear Alec snort.

\ "That's the spirit!" Penny smiled at me) asl passed her.

I kept walking even after I heard the office door shut. "It won't be so bad." \ "Penny, would you want to leave if it was {your kids that were kidnapped?" "No but I wouldn't have gotten out of bed. You are stronger than you think." Penny led me to the hospital room in the packhouse. "In here?" "Yeah. Get naked and lay down on the table." Penny walked over to the table. Putting on gloves, she looked at me and snapped them like you see in the movies.

"Really?" "Yes ma'am." All I could do was stare at the stained ceiling tiles.

Penny started at my feet. The cream was cold on my skin, making me twitch every

I" time she put some on.

I "You do look better." I "My wolf is asleep and probably will for another day or two." "Well, it might take a couple days so let I your wolf sleep. I have a feeling you will need all her energy in the end." Penny sounded like she knew something I didn't.

"What do you know?" I didn't have to look down at her since she was working on my stomach.

"Just that Colt said it would be you and him verse Anthony and Ann. I know Ann isn't a fighter but I do need to ask something." "What?" "When the time comes... help Colt kill Anthony." "What do you mean?"

"I mean that Colt intends to challenge) Anthony if it comes to it. He isn't going to I let Anthony get away. \ I Don't let Colt challenge Anthony. Just kill Ann and it will be two against one. You [can fight Anthony right?" "Colt intends to challenge Anthony?" I wasn't shocked but yet... was. "Yeah.

Adalynn might be your child but she is his blood. You know better than anyone that you don't mess with your blood. Colt is handling it personally." "What about Alec?" "The plan is Alec will get Adalynn away.

If Anthony manages to have backup, which we don't believe he will, but if he does than Alec will be the best option to keep her safe. Everyone knows that Ann is yours. Alec wanted to be the one to till Anthony but Adalynn won't go to Colt like she would Alec. Colt promised to kill Anthony by any means necessary."

"Does Alec know he plans on challenging) him?" By this time, I was completely covered in the front.

a I Sit up for me." Listening to Penny, I sat up so she could get my back.

I "Well?") "No.. well, not to my knowledge." Penny sighed. "Stand up." Doing what she asked, I tried to not mess up any of the cream. "Colt doesn't want to let Alec down and Alec is putting a lot of trust in Colt to handle it."

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! Chapter 0605 f "So, that's the plan? Alec somehow I separate Adalynn from Ann and Anthony and run?" I { "Asfar as I'm aware." I "At least she will be safe in

anything happens to us.” “Colt wrote a Will. If he dies, Alec will take over the pack with my assistance.” “WHAT?” I turned and looked down at her.

She was working on my ass so I almost knocked her down.

“What?” “Colt wants Alec to take over the pack? What about you?” Penny pushed me back around. “Kristen, I'm not an Alpha. I can't make those kind of decision. Besides, he will only be handling things until the boys are old

[enough to take over. I want to focus on) my projects and raising the boys. Not the stress of running a pack. Of course, I'll still do day to day stuff but what do I know about training a warrior?” I It made sense. “Why do you mean boys?” “Well, Colt doesn't want to tell the kids what order they were birthed into. He said that drove a wedge between you guys growing up and since we have two boys, he thinks it will be worse. He wants to train both boys to be alphas and see which one is better or just give it to both of them.” “What about Eliana?” “He said she can be part of it but I don't want to raise her like that if she doesn't want to. You were forced into it and I want her to have a choice.” Penny sighed like she was exhausted from this conversation. They must have had multiple conversations about this.

I “Everything will work out the way it is \ suppose to.” I told Penny that but it is I something I kept repeating to myself.

f Why this needed to happen, I wasn't sure but the Moon Goddess must have a I reason.

I “I'm sure it will.” Penny put a little more cream on before she stood up. “All done.

Now you just need to stand there for an I hour or so and then we will rinse you I off.” I “Rinse me off... how?” My eyes went to the chemical shower head in the corner.

Nothing about this was good.

“Unless you want to walk to my shower, you are using that.” “Why didn't we just do this in your room?” Dropping my arms, I just looked around for something to do... or to sit.

“In cases you reacted badly to this, I could rinse you off easily and there is epi in here.” Penny sat down after washing

I her hands and opened a bag of chips.

I) “I really hate you right now.” “The alternative is if you died, I'll take your anger.” Penny gave me a whatever shrugged and popped a chip into her i mouth.

“Who is all going with us?” “No one.” Penny looked me dead in the eye. “You will literally be on your own.

Once you get down there, all you have is Alec, Colt and the scout, whoever that is.” “We leave tonight?” Penny ate another chip and nodded.

“Yup. You will be on the plane tonight.” “Okay, so we are taking a plane.” “A small one and it will be dropping you off about an hour from where you are staying. You will get into a car and travel to that location where you will hide. Not once stepping out until you are told to do

I so by the scout. Can't risk you being) seen.” I “Have they found Anthony yet?” “As far as I'm aware... no.” Penny finally I gave me some sympathy. “Ann wanted to I take Adalynn away from you and raise her as her own. Don't forget Vivian is with them... or should be. Vivian knows Adalynn and they will treat her right. If you find any comfort in that, believe Adalynn isn't being abused.” Nodding a few times, I tried to make Penny's words give me comfort. It did a little but until she was in my arms, there wasn't any calming my heart.

We fell silent as I let my mind work. Alec was showing me more faith by allowing me to handle Ann and I guess Vivian on my own. Though, he might be taking out Vivian just so he could kill someone too.

After all the grief he gave me about being safe and not taking risk, he was literally allowing me to get into a fight. He knew I

I needed this and I wasn't going to listen) regardless so might as well give in.

There was enough question in that I thought process that made me know I was going to need to have that conversation with him. All I knew was...

even with Adalynn... Alec wouldn't be far from me. If push came to shove, he better chose her life over mine.

“Okay! It's time to rinse you!” Penny stood up so quickly that I was caught off guard. My thoughts made me space out and the hour passed so quickly that I didn't even realize it.

“Do I look any better?” Penny walked to the shower and turned it on. “We shall see.” “There is only one temperature... isn’t there?” “Yeah and unfortunately that is cold.” Penny motioned for me to go in.

I Fuck me... Okay, it was all or nothing.

) Taking a deep breath, I just jumped in.

I The razer sharp jets of water shooting out I was literal ice as it hit my body. “FUCK!” ! yelled. Jumping from foot to foot, I let I Penny get in there and whip it all off.

I “OKAY!” Penny shut the water off and immediately handed me a towel.

“Fuck..fuck...fuck...” “Are you okay?” Alec asked in the mind- link.

“No! I'm fucking not okay! Fucking cold ass shower!” He didn’t respond but I felt the amusement from him. “Damn, that worked great!” Penny grabbed my arm and twisted me.

Following her gaze, I looked down at my skin. Most of the inflammation had gone and the redness was a darker pink shade.

The scarring was almost complete but

I even that improved. “What was that) shit?” I “No idea. Something the doc told me to I use.” Penny handed me my clothes.

I “Come on. Get dresses and let’s get you ' packed to leave.” I “About time.”

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' Chapter 0606 I “Don’t pack too much, just a small-to-go I bag.” Alec barely walked two feet into the I bedroom before he got snippy with me.

{ “Iam literally packing what Colt and f Penny laid out for me to pack. Why they didn’t just put it into the bag, I don’t know.” It was rather frustrating being question for doing what I was told to do.

Alec didn’t answer but grabbed my arm and turned me to look at him.

He took his time as he looked over my body and even pulled my shirt up to look at me. "I'm amazed at how well that worked." "Me too. My wolf is still sleeping, is yours?" Alec let me go and picked up his own bag.

"Yeah. Should be awake tomorrow. They put all their energy into healing you before this."

I Adding the last pair of pants, I zipped up my bag but Alec took it before I could pick I it up. "Thanks. Is supper ready?" I "It is, lets head down. Colt has a full meal I for us and then it will be time to leave." {Since Alec's hands were so massive, he carried both bags in one hand and held my hand in his other. My hands were one of the areas that I had a faint tingly feeling so I put my arm against his to feel the full tingly affect.

People were mingling around the pack like it was just an average day. At one point, a random door opened and I about jumped out of my skin. A flash back of Ann coming out and punching me in the face forced me to constantly be on edge here.

"Still?" Colt's voice came up behind us.

My mouth opened a few times before I shut it and just shrugged. Thankfully, the guys didn't press it and we just walked

I into the dinning room. The smell of) steak, rice and peppers not only assaulted I my nose, but made my mouth water. I I didn't even have to get a plate. There was one already on the table where Penny was I sitting. My steak was much smaller than I Coltand Alec's but I didn't mind.

"There you are!" Penny smiled before taking a bit. "Sorry I didn't wait for you." "I think you seen enough of me today.

You didn't need to wait." "You are really a lucky man, Alec." Penny smirked at Alec.

Both Alec and I shared a very confused look. "What is going on with you? This isn't the Penny I know." Alec helped me cut my steak without even asking. I assumed he thought my hands wouldn't be able to hold the knife and fork. "Nothing is wrong." "Yeah, okay and I'm not covered in burns

I from head to my toes." The sarcasm was \ thick but she didn't respond. Instead, I Colt changed the subject.

(I “My money is on her being pregnant.” I Alec said in the mind-link.

{ “Oooh, I didn’t even think of that.” My ' eyes went over to her face. Really studying her features and how she seemed to be a little more glowing.

However, there was some bags under her eyes.

After a few bites, I was done eating.

Setting my fork down, I couldn’t help but watch as the kids ran around the room and their mother’s or father’s chasing them around to keep them contained.

There was both happiness and sadness.

“Earth to Kristen!” Colt snapped his fingers in front of my face.

Swatting at his hands, I gave him a disapproving look. “What do you want?”

I “Time to go.” “perfect!” 1 was up before I pushed away I from the table, making it lift up a little.

“Shit, sorry!” Colt and Alec tried to grab the drinks but I it was too late, the water ran down the table. “It’s okay. I’ll clean it up, you guys get going.” Penny gave Colt a quick kiss f as the staff came over with rags.

“Love you.” I heard Colt say as I practically ran out of the room.

I didn’t hear what Penny or anyone else said for that matter. My only focus was to get on the plane.

“Kristen, hold up.” Alec grabbed my arm and pulled me to a stop.

“Why? We need to get on the plane.” “T know but I can fell your anxiety. You need to come down.” “How am I suppose to do that?” Folding

I my arms over my chest, Colt walked into ! the lobby.

I “Everything good?” Colt looked between § US.

I I “Fine.” Rolling my eyes, I walked out of I the packhouse and down the stairs. Since I didn’t hear Alec and Colt whispering, I assumed Alec just shook his head. Right f as I got up to the car, the lights blinked, letting me know that it was unlocked.

“It is an hour drive to the plane and then we will be in the air for three maybe four hours.” Colt said after he slid into his seat. Alec took the passenger seat.

“There will be a pillow and blanket on the plane for you if you want to sleep.” Colt looked at me in the rear view mirror as he pulled out.

“I don’t think I will be sleeping anytime soon.” “You need to be rested. We could need to

I move at any moment and if you are } sluggish... you will be useless.” Colt’s voice got more annoying the more he I used logic against me.

\ “It’s not that I don’t want to sleep, I don’t think I can.” “Here you go.” Alec lifted his arm back for me to take something out of his hand. I There was three red gummies staring up at me.

“What are those?” “Melatonin.” “You want to drug me?” “It is quick acting and doesn’t linger. You will be fine.” Alec dropped them in my lap since I didn’t take them right away.

“Are you taking them?” I asked, looking at them like they were evil.

“Sure am. Go on, take them.”

I «If this is a trick, I will kill you.” Eyeing \ both of them, I put them in my mouth and chewed before swallowing.

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! Chapter 0607 By the time I focused on anything, we I were still in a car driving. However, this I was a leather seat. “Have we not got to the plane yet?” I “Ice, we are in Florida.” My jaw dropped as I looked around. It was completely black so it wasn’t like I could see anything to distinguish where we were. Sitting up, my head was still groggy and tired. “I’m still tired.” “J figured. Go back to sleep and rest.” Alec looked back at me and smiled.

“You planned this.” Betrayal spread through me but he just felt humor at my expense.

“Just sleep, love.” Alec said in the mind- link.

“Kiss my ass.” I tried to fight it but I couldn’t. My eyes closed and darkness , took over again.

By the time I was able to fully open then, my wolf was doing a dance in my head.

She apparently got her energy back and } was ready to go. The smell of salt water and what I assumed was seagulls making I a huge racket.

“Morning.” Alec walked into the room with a towel around his waist.

“Any updates?” I asked instantly as I jumped out of bed.

“No. They haven’t been located. Colt has breakfast in the kitchen for you. Don’t look out the windows or anything.” “Obviously.” Annoyed already, I got out of bed and made my way to the kitchen.

“There is sleeping beauty.” Colt teased.

“I’m never taking those gummies again.” “You needed to sleep. Alec said you tossed and turned all night the other

, night and sleep will let you and your wolf } heal.” Colt put a plate in front of me and I piled on the eggs and sausage.

f “I’m not that hungry.” \ I “You’ve lost weight. You need to eat more.” Colt frowned as he drank his coffee.

“I’ll eat when I get my daughter back.” After a few bites, Alec came out of the bedroom.

“Smells good.” “Here, then finish it.” Shoving the plate in front of him, I got up and just started pacing. “So what? We just look at these walls until we get a phone call? It’s been days already with nothing. It could be more days.” “I know it’s hard but we will get through this,” Colt sighed.

“We don’t even know if we are in the right place.” I continued,

I “yes we do.” Alec said between bites.

My head whipped over to his. “Excuse 4 I me?” “There was surveillance evidence of them I eating together. Some with Adalynn and (some without. They are here, we just need to find out where.” He didn’t even look at me as he spoke. “When were you going to tell me that?” I screamed. Anger ran through my veins.

Alec kept sending over calming emotions but I would push them out. “We just got it a few hours ago.” Colt rolled his eyes at me and pointed to the fax machine.

Walking over, my hands shook as I picked up the pieces of paper with pictures printed on them. There was my baby girl.

A few different picture of her eating and one of her even smiling.

“She’s alive and is okay. Can you please eat something now?” Alec asked. “You have to still take care of yourself.”

“After I eat, I want to fight.” “No.” Colt shook his head. 4 I My jaw fell again. “WHAT? Why?” “First off, this isn’t our house to mess up.

Second, you can spare and do different techniques but no actual fighting.” «Third, I have a stick up my ass and can’t see my sister needs to get some aggression out.” «gave it for Ann.” Colt went over to the coffee pot and filled up his glass.

After a few more bites, I was done eating.

Sitting down on the couch, I tired to find a good show to watch but it was futile.

The guys were talking back and forth about mundane things, the fax machine was showing a green light and I couldn't focus.

They knew the name of the restaurants. It seems they bounced around more than anything but Colt and Alec were trying to

I pin point it down. There was a massive I map on the dinning room table. The restaurants had no pattern to them. Some i I weren't even close to the others.

Everything just seemed random. Most I people would pick restaurants within I walking distance from their location if I they were hiding out. Even with my IQ, I couldn’t see a pattern. For all knew, they put every single restaurant ina hat and picked one. That is just when they go eat in a restaurant that even has cameras.

How many hole in the wall dinners have they been too. Those didn’t have cameras or at least any that I knew of. They could have a picnic on the beach.

“Hey! What about grocery stores?” Alec and Colt looked over at me. “What?” “J was just thinking. They probably aren’t eating out every meal and even if they were, they still need toilet paper and house hold supplies. They have to get that from somewhere.”

I «That's a great idea...” Colt pointed his I finger at me and shook it as his mind I went to his phone. “These are grocery i I stores, convenience stores and basically I anywhere else they could stop to grab I those items.” I “Kristen, do you see any kind of pattern now?” Alec asked as Colt kept putting blue dots along the streets.

“you can add bars as another color.

Anthony drank like a race horse.” “Good call.” Colt grabbed an orange marker and did the same.

“This is a populated area. My guess is he wants to be in the middle of things if he is going to those kinds of restaurants. He would be too vain to be in a condo so look for beach houses...” Colt’s head snapped up and looked at me as I said that.

“Mom’s beach house.” “Mom didn’t have beach house?” Not

I that I remembered anyway.

\ “shit, I don’t remember if she owned it or { I just stayed there. I forgot what dad told I me but I swear there was a place they would stay when they came here.”

Tattooed Luna

Chapter 0608 “There wasn’t anything in the Will-about an address. Just that they would come I visit here.” I “Carson.” Colt snapped his fingers. “I bet dad told Carson about it.” I was skeptical but we didn’t have anything to lose. Colt was already on the phone, looking up at his contacts before I even had a chance to offer my opinion.

“Hey, I need a minute of your time, do you have a second?” Colt placed the phone on speaker phone and set it down. “Of course. How is things working out with Anthony?” “I have you on speaker phone with Alec and Kristen. We took over his pack but he kidnapped Kristen and Adalynn. He left her in a burning out and took Adalynn to Florida. We are here, trying to find them but we aren’t have any luck. Do you

remember when dad and mom would come down here? Do you remember where they would stay?” I There was a long pregnant pause on the other end. I was almost ready to speak up ! to make sure the connection didn’t drop before he started talking. “Well, shit.

Why didn't you call me?" "It all happened so quickly." Colt sounded more tired than anything.

"Well, that was a live time ago. Let me think." Carson blew out some air. "You said Kristen was okay?" Colt looked up at me. "Yeah, I made it out alive." I didn't elaborate and he didn't ask.

"I don't remember exactly where but I do remember your dad telling me there was this alcoholic ice pop truck parked directly in front of it. His house was literally on the sand and this truck would be parked there. It drove your dad nuts

, because there would always be a huge crowd. They could never go swimming in peace." "I can't g****e that. We would need to walk up and down the shore to find one." "I'm sorry I can't be more help. I really wish I knew but I will keep thinking. Do you need warriors or anything?" Colt shook his head like Carson could see him. "We don't. Jace and Lars might. You could call them and see how they are doing. Tjust left them to deal with the mess." "Alright. I'll call them." "Thanks." Colt said and picked his phone up. He pressed end as I looked back at the nap.

"Those trucks will be stations are more popular areas but again, that was twenty years ago." My fingers tapped away on the map as I thought. We could g****e

, what was popular then but it wouldn't give up specific areas. "We need to go to a bar and ask an older bartender what they : I remember or just find a truck and ask them." I "We can't but I can have someone do I that." Colt took his phone and started I texting a book. "Done." "Great. Now we sit and wait." There I wasn't any looking outside or even sitting I on the beach. I think it might have been better if I was able to go for a walk or something. "I'm not made for surveillance." "The alternative is letting you go out and if Ann or Anthony get a glimpse of you, they will leave and we will never see Adalynn again. The risk isn't worth it." Colt didn't even look at me as he messed around on his phone.

"Come play with me." Alec said from the livingroom.

Turning around, I saw him shuffling a deck of cards. "You want to play a game?" "I'm sorry, I was under the impression I you didn't like staring at the walls." Alec gave me a look. "You in, Colt?" "Yeah, I'll play." Colt didn't look up as he kept typing and walked to the livingroom.

"Well, shit. Fine." Giving in, I jus walked over and sat down on the floor. The coffee table was a massive square, making it perfect for cards. "What are we playing?" "Well, we aren't playing strip poker." Colt put his phone down and glared at me.

“I’ve never played strip poker!” I was appalled by his accusation. My eyes glanced over at Alec and he seemed amused.

“That’s not what Emmy told me.” “Emmy is a fucking liar!” I yelled at Colt.

Looking at Alec, I tried to plead to him.

“It isn’t true! I never did that!” “Why are you so defensive? Seems like you are over denying.” Alec was trying to hide a smile.

\ I “You both suck.” Realizing what they I were doing. “Just deal me. What are we playing?” “Just regular Mississippi Stub.” Alec started dealing out cards to us.

After each of us had two cards, he put the deck to the side. Taking a look, I had a set of 9s. “I guess we don’t have anything to bet.” Colt said looking around.

“I think I saw a couple cartons of cigarettes in the bathroom.” Alec muttered.

“That would work.” Colt said and got up to go get them.

“I didn’t think you would have it in you to play strip poker.” Alec whispered.

My eyes met his and narrowed. “Are you telling me you have played strip poker?” “I never said that.” Alec whispered-as Colt came back into the room with three cartons of cigarettes.

“We each can have a pack.” Tossing me one, I pulled one out.

“One to play and then go up from there.” “Sounds good to me.” Alec lifted his lip at me. I had to look away. That face always made my panty’s wet and I couldn’t do that in front of Colt. Alec knew that too, fucking asshole.

We each put one in the middle of the table before Colt raised it by one. Alec folded and I matched him. “Okay.” Alec said before flipping one card over. It was a four of hearts.

Colt raised another cigarette. Not wanting to be out done, I mated him. Alec nodded and flipped another one. I got

, another nine. Colt put another one in and I added two instead of one.

I “Lady raised you, do you match or-fold?” Alec said in his dealer voice.

Colt studied me before adding another one. Alec flipped the last card over and it was a ten. Colt put two more cigarettes in and I matched him.

“Alright, flip them over.” Alec said.

Colt went first and he had a set of fours in his hand. “Beat that!” “Okay.” I said, simply and showed him my nines before grabbing the pile and pulling them over to me.

Tattooed Luna

Chapter 0609 It’s been three fucking long ass fucking days! By this time, Colt and Alec had to go back in for more packs of cigarettes but at I this point, I had the entire box in my I possession.

“JACKPOT!” Colt yelled. I was being forced to eat more eggs when Colt yelled.

It startled me so much that the eggs went flying.

“The hell, Colt?” “He found them.” Colt held out his phone for me to see a new message that just came through. Adalynn and Ann were sitting with Anthony on a balcony restaurant. Ann was feeding Adalynn some bacon with a smile on her face and Anthony was reading the paper.

My emotions for caught in my throat as tears filled my eyes. Taking Colt’s phone, I had to enlarge the picture of Adalynn.

She looked happy and healthy. No bruises or scratched were on her face.

“Where are they?” Alec asked, interrupting my self spiral. He put his hand on my lower back and tilted the J phone so he could see her.

I “That picture was taken just a few minutes ago. Currently, they are at a restaurant call... what does my phone say?” Colt asked.

Not wanting to give him back his phone, I scrolled up. “Brille’s Cafe.” “He is going to follow them back to their house so we will know where they are staying. We need to be ready to go tonight to get Adalynn back.” Colt ripped his phone out of my hands as I jumped up from my chair in excitement.

“Fuck yeah! About time!” Turning, I made a bee line straight to my bedroom but stopped half way and froze

I There was no reason to change now Maybe I should lay my clothes out? Why would I do that? I only have one style of clothes. Bathroom, I should go to the bathroom.

I Taking a few steps there, I stop/ped again. I just went before I sat down to eat my eggs. Eggs! Maybe I should eat to get my strength up! Turning back around, I took three steps towards my eggs but they were all on the ground. Nope, not eating. Maybe I shou...

“Kristen!” Colt yelled, snapping me out of my thoughts.

“What?” “Come sit down. We have hours before we are going to get to leave.” Alec walked over to me and put his hands on my shoulders from behind. Pushing me, gently, he guided me to the couch.

“Relax. We need you to be focused. I can’t let you go half cocked to kill Ann. If you can’t gather yourself, you are staying

here.” Alec knelt down in front of me. “The hell { if you will!” I yelled.

“Then get it together.” This tone was so calm and quiet. Why did he have to be the . level headed one.

“Was there any sign of Vivian?” I asked quietly.

“Not yet.” Colt said as he sat down beside me. “Here, you can watch my phone for updates as they come in.” Colt laid his phone down on the coffee table and turned the phone on high. Alec got up and went back to the kitchen as I stared at the phone. Colt grabbed the remote and turned the T.V.

“How are you so relaxed right now?” I asked him.

“You are crazy enough for the both of us.

We can’t all fall apart, someone has to stay strong.” Colt pulled me back against

the couch “Yeah, well, you guys did this to me. I 4 was perfectly happy ignoring my emotions.” Alec sat down beside me. “Eat.” Pushing I a chocolate muffin in my hands.

Colt settled on the show Friends. It was the episode that Ross was playing the bagpipes for Monica.

Normally, I would have laughed but not so much today. “You hate this show.” “But you like you.” Colt ignored me and kept watching.

“I don’t need a babysitter.” Grumpily, I took a bite of muffin.

“You are literally throwing a fit because I am making you sit down and eat. I even gave you a show to keep you entertained.

How is that not acting like a child that needs a babysitter?” Colt looked at me like I was stupid

“Again, your fault for making me have emotions. I had to start somewhere and so does kids.” Rolling my ‘eyes, I just looked away from him and rested my head against the back of the couch.

After about an hour, the phone started I ringing. “What's happening?” My feet kicked as I tired to sit up.

“Give me a chance to look.” Colt sighed.

“Looks like they are on the move. This pictures is of them shopping.” “She looks happy.” I almost wished she was throwing a temper tantrum just to make their lives hell but I didn’t want Ann to hit her the way she did me.

“She looks cared for.” Alec correct. “No one is truly happy in their presence.” After another thirty minutes with no update, I sat back and tried to get back into watching Friends. Every single commercial, I kept looking down at the phone, hoping it would start lighting up

but nope, just a black screen My head rested against Alec’s shoulder 4 after another hour of nothing. My eyes started to fall. Even with trying hard to I stay awake, I couldn’t do it. However, just as I got comfortable, the phone starting I going off again. A huge wave of adrenaline surged through me but Colt beat me to the phone.

“They are at the beach.” He showed the the picture.

“That’s the house.” I said as another pictures came through.

“There is the truck, just like Carson said.” Alec pointed out from the corner of the picture.

“ - mm le rra- »n Damn. That’s crazy.

“I am going to make supper. You stay here and relax. You were just about asleep. Hold my phone but relax. We still have hours before we can leave.” Colt

I pushed me back against Alec like he was tucking me in.

Just as he was about to walk away; I had something to say. “No blanket?” I I Colt looked at me and I stuck my lip out.

All he did was flip me the bird and walked away. “Just try to sleep.” Alec shook his head at me.

“We get to hold our baby girl tonight.” I whispered as I stared at the picture.

Tattooed Luna

Chapter 0610 I Pants? Check. Shirt? Check. Hair pulled I back? Check. Underwear? Check.

I My hands ran over my body to make sure I was fully dressed. “What are you doing?” Alec scared the crap out of me when he walked into the bedroom. My back was turned and I was silently panicking.

“Making sure I had everything.” He didn’t need to know I had a mild freakout that I forgot my bra.

“Yeah, okay. Ready to go?” “Yeeesss.” Giving my room one last look, I nodded at Alec.

Alec held out his arm for me to slip under it. “Don’t forget to collect yourself and do what needs to be done.” Alec stopped me and looked around for Colt before getting eye level with me. “If you need to shut off

your feelings in order to get our daughter back and not die, do it. I mean it, I can’t have you dying on me. If it comes to it, you need to make decisions with your head and not your heart. Kill Ann and I then get out. Colt will handle Anthony.

I Get Adalynn from me and I’ll go back to help Colt. Kill Ann and make it to our meeting place. Do you understand?” Alec didn’t know of my conversation with Penny and honestly, I wasn’t going to leave my brother if he was losing. That was a promise I couldn’t give but this was exactly the situation that Alec wanted me to avoid. Get myself to safety and he would handle it. There was a sinking feeling

that I was going to find myself in that situation and the only question is what my choice will be.

“I understand.” It wasn’t a promise and I did understand what he wanted me to do.

Alec searched my eyes for a moment longer before satisfied with my answer.

EE it ho Td “You guys ready? We need to leave.” Colt walked up behind Alec.

I “We are. Is the car here?” I asked;- stepping around Alec. I felt bad for not fully telling me what my plans could be I but he would stop me and that couldn’t I happen. It almost felt like I was keeping it from him.

“It is.” Colt nodded and walked in front of me out of the house. Cool salt water air hit me in the face for the first time since we came down here. Even in Florida, it was still chilly.

Alec and Colt got in the front and I slipped in the back. “Remember, when we get there, you are to take the front and I’ll take the back.” Colt said as he pulled out.

“Maximum shock factor.” That was my idea. I wanted to kick in the front door and show them I was alive and ready to kill them. We didn’t want to lure them out in case they did something to

I Adalynn.

“That’s right. I’ll be at the back door to stop them from running out the baek.” Colt said.

\ I “Are you sure you don’t want to take the i front?” Alec looked at Colt. This was really the only thing we argued about.

Alec felt like Colt and I should take the front door because it was our fight but Colt disagreed. Since they wronged Alec more, it should be him. In the end, Alec relented and he was taking the front.

“I’m sure. You need to get Adalynn and get out. Kill Vivian if needed.” “There hasn’t been any proof she is even here.” I reminded them. “Though, it is very possible. We didn’t have enough men to really scout the whole area.

“We will do what we do best. Work together as a team and follow the plan.

Don't deter from the plan." Colt looked in the rear view mirror at me. A shot of guilt

shot through me.

Alec narrowed his eyes at me. "Of course.

Stick to the plan." I repeated.

We fell into a silence since we were I pulling up to our drop off point. The ' house in question was down the beach, making is easy to sneak up to it. Still, it wasn't extremely close so if a fight broke out on the beach, we would be spotted and the police would be called. Keeping the fight in the house was the only way to truly get Adalynn and get out. We didn't have connections in Florida.

"Radio silent." Colt muttered as they slipped out of the car, quietly. Their entire demeanors changed before they even shut the doors. However, my body froze. Alec's words echoed in my mind and I knew what I needed to do. Closing my eyes, I pushed everything a deep inside as I possible could. I couldn't trust my heart to not make mistakes when my head is arguing. For Adalynn's safety, I

needed to do this and do it correctly My door opened as my eyes opened, however, Sierra had forced her way forward. She was going to make sure we I got our daughter back. The glow of my I eyes illuminated Colt's confusion before I acceptance.

Finally, he stepped back and allowed me to get out. The sun was officially retired for the night, making it perfect for us.

Less people will be around to witness what is about to happen.

Slowly, we made our way. My adrenaline pumped through my veins, making me aware just how close to Adalynn I was getting. Even though I made excellent progress on my emotions and I currently had them pushed down, anger managed to work it's way up. Filling every inch of my body until I started vibrating in it.

There it was. The house that my parents came to. The house Adalynn is being held.

Blue faded paint was chipping around the

edges. The shrubs needed a good trim but it looked like the roof was fairly knew. A shadow passed over the closed window, making my eyes dart to it. Anthony. They were home and ready to get the surprise of their life.

I “This is it.” I said Alec in the mind-link.

“Let’s get our daughter back.”