

The Triplet Warriors And Their Pup Mate Chapter 20 - Tips

~Ellie's Point of View~

Once I woke up everyone was pretty quiet, nobody wanted to tell me anything. What else is new, I thought. I was really getting to my breaking point with all the secrets.

The guys said they needed a bit of time to talk to each other and I should watch TV. I looked at them like they all had two heads.

Okay, Ellie ... pick and choose your battles here. Either I have a fit and show my childish side or I just let them do what they are going anyhow. I sighed.

By the time I had this whole internal dialogue they'd all already gone off to Ash's office and anyhow, basically ignoring me.

I was half asleep on the couch sometime later when I heard Daisy and Sunny come in. Before I could even ask where they had been all the guys filed out, with Ash in tow, looking rushed.

"Mom, we are taking Ellie with us tonight, she can't stay here anymore," River said.

I looked at Daisy and she opened her mouth to argue but then sat down in confusion.

"What happened, what's going on," I demanded.

Skyler instantly rushed to my side and took my hands, "we'll talk about it once we get to our place, okay honey?"

Our place.

Hmm, I LOVED the sound of that! Suddenly all my anger, all my frustration melted away and I lept to my feet with a huge stupid smile plastered on my face. They ... were taking me home with them. Nothing else mattered in this moment, this ... was everything I had been waiting for and it was exactly what I desired.

I grinned, "okay, let me go pack!"

I sure wasn't going to wait around for anyone to change their mind or be talked out of it. I pushed by Sunny and River and bounded for the stairs. Everyone immediately started whispering and I found myself settling on the stairs, listening in.

"Are you all out of your minds? You know you can't take her-"

"Mom, we don't have a choice, dad will explain but for now we're keeping this under wraps, we'll deal with Godfrey once we know whether or not Katrina can help us," Hunter said.

"Boys, you don't know what it's been like, Ellie is so fragile, she's so... easily confused. She doesn't know ... so much about the world. She still needs time.

She has horrible nightmares, did you know that? Some nights Sunny and I take turns sleeping with her, but that's not even always enough. Gunner used to... touch her, find any excuse to touch her. He also demeaned her all the time. He would attempt to say things in a way like he was encouraging her to do better or to learn things correctly, but he was very emotionally abusive to her. And that's just Gunner, Tyson was no better.

She has told me some of the things they and others would say and since it was all she knew, she didn't even understand how bad it was, how ugly they were to her. Gunner used to make her watch them all train, watch the violence of it all.

She's seen prisoners tortured, heads ripped off. They thought it would toughen her up I guess or deter her from trying to leave," Daisy said.

I was disappointed she was telling them all this, but I supposed if I was going to live with them, they deserved to know. All three brothers started growling and Daisy tried to calm them.

"Shh, she'll hear you," Sunny said.

"I will take ... his f*g head off," Skyler said, seething. I heard that plain as day.

My heart fluttered at the visual I suddenly had in my head. I loved that they wanted to defend me. No one ever showed any interest in me before other than Tyson and the Alpha. I didn't consider Tyson's advances as flattering though, since he repulsed me. Tyson would also never fight his own father. They both fought about me often and Tyson always backed down. Gunner

had such a presence about him that literally even his own son, the next in line couldn't go against him.

I snapped back to reality and realized I needed to hurry so I finally ran up the stairs to my room.

Once I came back downstairs, the guys were all staring at me, with pity in their eyes and I hated it. I tried so hard to be strong, to push my old life out of my head. I didn't want to have to constantly dwell on it in the present.

"All ready," I said, with a huge smile.

River stepped forward and took my two bags. When our hands briefly touched I felt a spark, making me shudder. I quickly looked into his eyes and I knew he felt it too. He smiled but kept moving, as if he didn't want to draw attention to it.

Daisy gave me a hug and a bag with fruits, veggies and cookies. She was a wonderful mom, I felt very lucky to have her in my life.

"Bye mom, thanks for everything," Hunter said, hugging her.

"Be safe guys, take care of her," she said, with a worried face.

I could hardly stand it, I wanted to know what was going on. What weren't they telling me?

We got outside and I gaped at their truck, it was huge! I had no clue how I was going to get into it. Before I could even hold another thought, Skyler lifted me up and sat me in the back seat, and I could swear he sniffed my hair. Maybe I just wanted him to sniff it...

The guys all got in and after a minute of awkward silence I said, "can someone please tell me something now?"

Not that I was complaining about going home with them, it had been my dream since meeting them all. But, there were three of them, and only one of me, and I felt I needed to be assertive.

Hunter was driving and he sighed.

"Sweetie, I ... we don't know how to tell you this but we have a spy in Blood Claw who is saying Tyson shifted last night. So, it is pretty obvious your wolf is

somehow suppressed, they likely wanted to keep you from shifting until Tyson did. That way, no one else could even try to lay a claim on you.”

I gasped at that and felt the tears coming. Could I really be surprised though? This was Gunner after all. There was nothing he didn't do that wasn't completely self-serving.

“They kept me from having my wolf? I should probably have had it a year ago! How could they be SO ... cruel?”

I started sobbing, and since Skyler was sitting next to me, he immediately wrapped his arms around me, and held me to his chest. He was so warm, and being in his arms was the greatest feeling in the world.

“If Tyson has his wolf, then he needs his Luna to become Alpha,” I said, tears streaming down my face as I peeked out from Skyler's arms.

They all nodded and murmured in agreement and I realized they all already knew this.

“What else, what did Katrina say she could do for me,” I pressed.

Hunter and River shot each other a look and Skyler turned his head into my hair, making my stomach flip. What was he doing?

His nose rubbed my neck and it felt, soooo good. His hands were firmly around me, gently rubbing my back. I felt like I was exactly where I belonged, it was perfect, he was perfect.

“Hmmm,” escaped my mouth and I didn't even realize I had made a noise.

Skyler abruptly sat up and shifted away from me, giving me a smile that made me quiver all over. I didn't want him to stop, why did he stop?

“Skyler why did-”

Hunter cut me off, “Ellie it's kind of complicated but we're working on it.”

I felt myself getting angry, getting more impatient. I sat up straight and gathered myself.

“Now you all listen to me, I've been very good, I've been VERY patient. Everyone is always whispering, talking so I can't hear. I've HAD IT! Tell me,

right now!! Stop treating me like I'm some dumb pup who can't handle reality. How can you expect me to stay in the dark forever? Now you all tell me what is going on this minute!"

I never raised my voice, and I actually surprised myself, but I didn't want them to sense that. It needed to be said! I was past all the manners and polite crap.

River turned around in his seat, "Ellie, ba- Uhm, honey, we're just trying to-"

"Do what's best for me, right? Yeah yeah yeah. That's what Daisy always says, I'm DONE. You all tell me right now!"

No one said anything. They were probably mind-linking. I crossed my arms over my chest and had a streak of boldness. I kicked the back of River's seat as hard as I could. They wanted to treat me like a dumb child, I would show them I could be a brat!

"The longer you make me wait, you're just making me feel like you're coming up with a lie, so knock it off!"

I fell back against the seat and huffed. It was still silent for a few minutes.

The sun was setting but I could make out a small cabin in a clearing, it was so cute. A visual washed over me that I would be living in that little house with these three hunks and I licked my lips.

Would I ... sleep with one of them? Would I have my own room?

"We'll tell you, let's just get inside first," Hunter said.

The truck came to a stop and I went to open my door, but Skyler grabbed my arm.

"River will help you down, Ellie."

Just then, the door opened and River held his arms out for me, and I grinned. A girl could get used to this! For a perfect second, all my anger just disappeared. I was just in the moment, and that moment was me dropping into two perfect arms, and against a hard chest that I wanted nothing more than to scratch up with my nails and-

I cut off my daydream the moment he set me down and I gathered myself. I gaped up at River and he gave me a perfect smile.

I never knew how tall I was, so one night Meadow had measured me, and I was 5'2! The triplets were easily more than a foot and a half taller than me, and I loved how petite they made me feel.

River held out his arm, indicating he wanted me to walk ahead of him. I did so but Hunter was in front of me and I stared at his perfect b.utt, which seemed made for the jeans he was in.

We all filed into the quaint house, and it was adorable. Very basic compared to Daisy and Ash's house, and not nearly as colorful but it suited the triplets. The kitchen seemed small, but I could make it work. Less to clean, I thought.

How long was I going to live here? I remembered them saying they lived at the packhouse. Did they get this place just to stay in with me? I was flinging questions at myself so quickly I forgot I was still supposed to be mad.

I saw the couch and decided to make myself at home. I was going to do everything to shed my innocent little girl personality. I was over it. Through some type of miracle from the goddess I was living with three hot warriors, alone! If that wasn't grown-up, I didn't know what was!

"So ... now what," I asked.