

The Triplet Warriors And Their Pup Mate Chapter 41 - Tips

~River's Point of View~

When we put out word to the supernatural world that we were taking out Blood Claw, I couldn't believe who all showed up. Turns out, Gunner had a LOT of enemies. There were even demons here that gave me the creeps and I normally didn't mind them.

The orders were strict, but clear. The Claw had the option to surrender, but at any sign of resistance or aggression, we could kill at will. We were not to kill she-wolves or pups unless they left us no choice. We thought some of them might try to fight.

My dad was the main mastermind of the plan, and it was a conquer and devour situation. We had witches, fae and vamps going right down and into the heart of the pack and shifters and demons coming in from the sides. There would be a few fae and vamps mixed in with them just in case.

The entirety of Blood Claw knew we were out here, they knew we were ready to strike at any moment. Any element of surprise was gone so we had to be stronger, we had to be smarter.

Quinn, the council demon, was busy working to lift the portal hold that Katya had over Blood Claw, not allowing anyone in or out. Dina, Ben and Katrina were backing him up. We had no idea how long we would have once lifted, and my fear was getting in and not being able to get back out somehow.

The witches and fae had all put protection spells over every Shadow and those here to help. It was a spell designed to keep another from putting another spell over us. They had also put a new portal of our own over the area, so no one could be cast out or teleported in. They were going to have to fight with whoever was there now.

My brothers and I all shifted, and waited for the all clear. We were in a group of twenty shifters going in the main entrance which was the most heavily guarded. We didn't anticipate having any of them surrender, we were ready to just kill.

We lined up along the perimeter to the main entrance and several vamps flew overhead, dropping bombs along the gate. After the initial explosions died down for a minute, we all ran in, full speed ahead.

We didn't know if they might have guns, or what but we had to be ready for anything. I immediately smelled blood and I knew we'd gotten at least a few of them with the explosions. All around their pack we were all invading at once, trying to take out as many as quickly as possible.

I ran to a guard who was down but reaching for his gun and I bit off his hand and tossed it aside. I took the gun in my mouth and threw it toward some bushes. I then went for his throat and ripped it out. Blood showered me, covering me like a warm bath.

My wolf went nuts at the taste, his first kill in probably six months. There was no time to think about it, as I began to hear gunfire. They likely didn't have any regular pack members around this gate, just disposable guards so I assumed anyone I saw was fair game. I looked up to see two shifted guards on top of Hunter, he'd bitten one on the back but he was struggling.

I ran to him and grabbed one of the wolves off him by the back of his neck and threw him beside me. The wolf looked stunned and I quickly ripped his throat out.

I turned back to Hunter to see that he'd ripped the head off the other one. We broke apart again and both were soon throwing body parts all over.

You good Sky, I mind-linked.

Yeah, I think we're good to move in further, he said.

I looked around to see only Shadows standing and we joined Chance and Raul who were moving further in the property, it didn't look like we had any casualties and there were at least three dozen mangled bodies in the grass.

A young demon Shadow crept into the yard with a large wagon and began picking up all the weapons.

There was a creepy silence that filled the air along with the smell of blood and the wood of the gate burning.

Back gate clear, front gate clear, sides please advise, Shane said over mind-link.

All I could think about was my Ellie, and I was desperate not to let it cloud my judgment and my reaction time.

I heard gunshots in the distance but nothing seemed too close. Where the hell was everyone else?

Shadows began lingering by some cabins but we didn't need to go in to figure out if anyone was in there. We could just stand outside and listen for heartbeats or check for scents. Being heavily trained by so many different creatures really gives us an advantage in battle. We know what to look for, with all our senses at once.

So far, they were all empty. We weren't here to plunder or look for things so there was no point in going in, especially when the houses might be b00by trapped in some way.

Once we confirmed them as empty, Raul lit them on fire. Gunner liked fire so much, we did too. We weren't leaving anything that he could potentially use against us.

I was stopped along with several others, waiting for an update from Shane when I felt the ground begin to move and the shake as if something was coming up! I jumped back, but unsure of where to even jump. A few yards ahead of me, the ground suddenly opened up and a massive wall of ice shot up from out of nowhere and flew up into the sky.

I was damn grateful all of us were at least on the same side and there wasn't a stray person stuck on their own.

I fumbled backwards and into Skyler who was also trying to get out of the way too.

Holy sh!t, it's a big a.ss igloo, Skyler said over mind-link.

I gaped up at this massive wall, it had to be a quarter mile high, but I couldn't even really see the top. I looked to either side and I couldn't tell where it even ended. Raul shot up into the air to investigate.

You think some demons could melt this sh!t, Skyler said.

And flood the whole place, I said.

I looked over to see a few shifters l!cking the wall and I cringed. I was thirsty too, but damn I wasn't going near it. Knowing our luck it was poisoned.

Seemingly, out of nowhere Godfrey fell out of the sky right in front of me. He stared at the wall of ice.

"It's all around the compound, stupid witch," he muttered.

It happened so quick I could barely register it, but Godfrey was so old and powerful, I knew what he was capable of and it was a sight to see. He began flying at the wall with all his strength, kicking it with his feet.

I couldn't tell but the ice looked like it was several feet thick and I thought he must be nuts. However, within about two minutes, he had kicked a large hole in the wall, big enough for us to move through.

"The witches and fae have their sights on Katya, but not Kai. If they can take her down we'll be in a better sp0t. Keep moving ahead," he said, just as he disappeared.

Raul came back for just a minute to say he was needed at the other gate, and vanished.

A couple of shifters apprehensively approached the hole and peeked through, but quickly backed away. My curiosity got the better of it and I went to look through.

As I got up to the opening, I smelled something awful and rancid. It smelled like ... sulfur? I peeked through just as the smell of death hit me like a wave and all I saw were piles of corpses!

Was this an illusion? Another realm or something? Damn it, why did Godfrey leave so quickly?

Not a one of us was willing to jump in there, it seemed like an obvious trap, but we also didn't much like staying here.

Hunter mind-linked to Shane for all of us to hear. *Stay put for now,* he linked back.

Great, all dressed up and nowhere to go. Most shifters laid down to rest, but my brothers and I began running around the perimeter behind us, to make sure we weren't attacked from behind.

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~Godfrey's Point of View~

As I left the side of the giant ice wall from the shifter's side, I noticed a mass grave on the other side, and it smelled horrific. Like old death, rotting death. Vampires knew that smell all too well, but it was still enough to make even me gag.

I landed back at headquarters and began yelling for updates.

"Four injured shifters, no casualties, some crazy sh!t is going on though, changing by the minute," Ash said.

"Crazy like what," I said, as it started to snow.

The temperature dropped about thirty degrees in just minutes.

This wouldn't really bother the shifters or vampires but demons and witches didn't like the cold at all.

"What are we doing about this bull sh!t," I yelled.

"I'm wondering if Kai is even here," Dina said.

"Where the hell else would he be," I asked, getting impatient.

I breathed for a moment and took stock. I realized I could no longer smell or sense Ellie close by.

"It's possible he could be doing this from somewhere else," she said.

"The humans are not going to venture into the mass grave, not knowing what is hiding in there or even where to go once they get in there. I'm confident it is an illusion but we need ... Gunner's mutt! He would know where to go. Are our portals still holding so no one can come or go, by magic" I demanded.

"Yes, of course," Dina said, not liking that I was questioning her.

“Then how the fvck did Ellie leave, I don’t smell her anymore,” I said, giving her a pissed off stare.

I just wanted to make my point, I didn’t wait around for a response. I immediately shot up into the sky and went to fetch the dog.

I got back to the front line within minutes and warned Tyson that if he tipped them off or betrayed me in any way, I’d have his head for dinner. If he cooperated, I might consider letting him join the Shadows, since apparently he was now interested in that. He’d have a hell of a lot to prove before Isaac would allow that but I could dangle it in front him as possible.

I stood with Tyson in front of the hole I’d made in the ice wall, and he eyed it with great shock, but also some admiration.

“Damn this is ... crazy as hell,” he said.

I waited impatiently as he stuck his head in the hole and began gagging. Just as I suspected ... all talk but no real stomach for war and the aftermath.

“Literally everyone is waiting for us to figure this out, we have to get through it, but please stop and smell the roses,” I said, rolling my eyes.

The triplets moved behind Tyson and began nipping at him, demanding he go on. Just then, the snow stopped and it turned to a cold rain. fvcking*g great! Now we’ll have shifters slipping and sliding over corpses.

I had learned from witches long ago that they could easily manipulate the weather according to their moods, so I wondered what this meant.

Tyson jumped through the ice wall, and two other shifters followed him in their animal form. I held up a hand, indicating everyone should wait. I flew up and over the wall and landed in the graveyard with them. It was truly a grotesque sight, even for me. There were rotted body parts, random pieces of bone and various weapons sticking out of the bodies. Did she just summon an ancient battlefield to put here? Whatever, I had to move on from this.

Dina suddenly appeared in front of me with Angel, and they were chanting. Before I knew it, all the bodies were gone, but the ice wall remained.

"I ... I blocked active teleportation and active mind-linking, but Angel was kind enough to remind me that those wouldn't apply to a portal, fixed or mobile, Gunner could have one," Dina said, eating crow.

"Find it," I snapped.

I whistled for everyone to come forward, full speed.

Within seconds there was heavy lightning and thunder, with sharp bolts hitting all around us. I began dashing quickly, trying not to stay in one spot too long. Ben the warlock appeared and after a couple minutes and a thorough soaking, the rain stopped but the sky remained cloudy.

"Enough bull sh!t Katya, FACE ME," I yelled.

~Ellie's Point of View~

I awoke with a start. I quickly glanced around and let out a hard breath since I was alone, thankfully. I relaxed for a second, looking around. But, then I jumped up out of bed, realizing I was not familiar with this room. Did he move me in my sleep?!

After we'd had dinner, Guner disappeared, leaving me with the maid but she wouldn't talk to me and kept busy so I left her alone. There was nothing I could do but cry myself to sleep.

I wasn't sure I was even at Blood Claw now though, everything looked so different. This house was cute, and actually had a cheerful vibe.

I immediately ran down downstairs, and didn't sense anyone. I threw the front door open and leered outside. Very nice yard, landscaped with cute flowers. Dead quiet, a little too quiet.

It seemed like we were in a warmer climate, the grass was greener, and there were flowers.

The house was a small white cottage, a couple bedrooms and a small kitchen. The whole ambience and design of the place didn't seem a thing like Gunner. There were also no other houses or buildings in sight. Either I was at a pack he'd conquered as a way to hide me ... or ... I just didn't know.

At Blood Claw, he basically lived in a mini-mansion. He had numerous servants and a massive game room where I often had to sit and watch them congratulate each other on being masters of video games.

Luna Emily had an entire wing of the house to herself, and no one was ever allowed to go over there. If I even stepped a foot in that direction I got an awful feeling and immediately ran away.

After about ten minutes I smelled another person, my heart raced. Should I hide? Should I confront them? I needed a weapon!

I tiptoed toward the kitchen, but I realized that's where the scent was coming from! I peeked around the corner and saw the maid pulling things out of the fridge. I sighed.

I tried to talk to the maid but she was like a robot or something, just moving around mindlessly. I snatched an apple from a basket on the counter and wandered around.

I plopped on a cute little couch in the living room and I had a sudden pain in my heart. What if the guys came to Blood Claw to save me, and I wasn't even there?!

I immediately wondered if I should play along with Gunner, maybe warm up to him, then maybe he would get chatty or talk to me.

The maid called, "breakfast is ready."

Was it just for me? Then it hit me ... he's not here. I'm such an i***t! I jumped to my feet and ran to the front door.

Why hadn't I tried to just leave when I first got up? I took off running once before, and yeah it was really hard but it worked out for the best. Just run away Ellie!

I opened the front door and turned to look if the maid would come to check the little noise but I didn't see anything come around the corner. I turned back around and thrust myself forward, ready to go ... when I was immediately knocked back, flat on my b.utt.

"Oh, lovely to see you up and ready for breakfast! She picked blueberries this morning, should make for good pancakes," Gunner said.

He gave me a huge smile and I scowled at him. He held out his hand to help me up and tapped my leg, I batted it away. I curled my knees to my face and ignored him. Within seconds he was behind me, lifting me up from under my arms and dragging me to the kitchen.

All through breakfast he kept trying to feed me, with him trying to get me in his lap at one point. I can't even count how many times I smacked at him. I kept moving my chair further away, and he'd get up and move it right back.

Once breakfast was over, he went outside and vanished around the side of the house. I ran to the window on that side and he was ... truly gone. My first thought was that he'd shifted and ran off, but there were no clothes in the yard. I moved as fast as my feet would take me. I went to the kitchen, and the maid was also gone.

I bolted out the back door, I had to get outside ... looking around, I didn't see a soul, not even the maid.

I decided to test the waters and just took off running. Nothing was happening, nobody was following me. I kept running, and I'd made it about half a mile I estimated. I wished I had brought some food or water, since I had no idea where I was going. I shrugged it off and just ran with all I had. I thought I heard a twig snap in the distance and turned my head to look back, just as I hit a wall and everything went dark.

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~Ellie's Point of View~

I had no clue how long I'd been out, but I woke up feeling like I'd gotten hit by a truck. Everything hurt and my neck was killing me. I guessed since my head was turned when I hit the wall. I stretched out and realized I was still outside, in the grass. I looked all around

and there was nothing, just an open field and woods.

Where was the wall??

I slowly got to my feet and reached out my hands, and sure enough there was a wall there that I couldn't see. What the heck?

"Going somewhere little girl," I heard a voice say.

I didn't recognize it, and I was terrified to turn around. Heck, it's pointless. I turned to face the man, and I didn't recognize him. But he was giving off the same vibe I got from Max back at the packhouse.

"Are you ... a fairy," I asked.

"Why yes I am! Maybe you're not as dumb as they say. Although there is such a fuss about you, surely there has to be more to it than a pretty face," he said.

I was initially furious, until I remembered I wanted everyone at Blood Claw to think I was stupid. Gunner was friendly with a fae? How could that be? He hated anyone that wasn't a werewolf.

"I'm Ellie, what's your name," I said, trying to be polite.

"I'm Kai, and as it would happen, your babysitter," he said, looking annoyed.

Kai! That was the missing Shadow Warrior. Holy smokes!! He was helping Gunner?! Did Godfrey know?!

He stepped closer to me and his face changed, becoming the one I recognized. How did he do that?? My mouth tried to drop at the sight, but I had to reign myself in.

I did everything possible to act casual, and keep a straight face. Just be the dumb pup he thinks you are, just keep the act. You can do this Ellie.

"Kai, that's different, where are you from? Do fairies all live together somewhere," I asked.

I hoped he didn't wonder how I knew he was a fae. I mentally kicked myself for giving that bit away.

He laughed at me, likely believing my ignorance.

"No, little girl, we live all over. I prefer to mingle with a bit of everyone and learn all I can about their ... abilities," he said, grinning.

Okay ... so ... now what?

“Where exactly were you trying to go just now,” he said, snapping things back to the here and now.

“I ... I wasn't sure. Just running,” I said, trying to look bashful.

“Well stop being stupid and get back in the house. Don't try to run again,” he said and just like that, he disappeared.

I let out a hard breath and stalked back to the house.

A couple of hours later, Gunner returned for lunch and he seemed on edge. He was being extremely polite though, he held my chair out, kissed my hand. If he wasn't such a madman I might be a bit taken with him. After all, he was gorgeous.

I hated that I even remotely had those thoughts, and I wondered if he somehow put them in my head. My body was still repulsed by him, and wanted no part of him.

“Had a bad day,” I inquired.

“Things are ... well, it's nothing for my Luna to worry about. What's this nonsense that you tried to run away, am I not giving you everything you could want, promising you the world isn't enough,” he said, with a harsh stare.

“I ... I just wanted to see what else there was ... this, this place isn't on Blood Claw lands is it? I miss the maids I used to spend time with, can I see them,” I asked.

“No, they have been reassigned,” he said, dismissively.

“What about your training? Can I watch that,” I asked.

I really just wanted to know where the hell everyone was at. I mean Gunner travelled with ten people at all times. They would hang on his every word, wait for his every command.

“It's just you and me baby girl,” he said, eating his steak.

I wanted to scoff at that. Gunner needed constant admiration, he needed the minions around him to tell him he was the top dog. I needed to get someone else out here, someone who might talk, maybe know something. I wasn't

getting anywhere with him and it would only be a matter of time before he was ready to mate.

“Well ... what am I the Luna of then exactly, where is the pack,” I persisted.

He slammed his fist down on the table, making me jump so high my entire b.utt left the chair. He immediately got in my face and held it, tightly.

“You listen to me, little girl. I don’t know what you got into while you were gone, but whatever friends you made, whoever these a.ssh0les are that marked you, forget it! You are MINE, and you will never go back there. I will throw you off a cliff before I give you up!! Do you understand me,” he yelled so loud that his breath was hitting my face in waves.

The aura and power that radiated off him was so strong, so intense that my mind wanted me to turn my head and bare my neck to him. I fought with myself with everything I had.

“Yes ... yes Alpha,” I croaked out.

My entire life as I knew it, had been Gunner and Tyson deciding for me, forcing their life on me. My life had been in fear of them, but I always remained hopeful. I got my taste of freedom and now ... now I just felt utterly hopeless and defeated.

It suddenly dawned on me why he was so mad ... I was already marked, claimed. I could never truly be his, be his rightful Luna if he couldn’t mark me. Would that stop him from trying to mate with me though? Our heir wouldn’t be the rightful Alpha if I wasn’t Luna.

That must be why he isn’t taking me back to the pack!

He quickly let go of my face and stormed out. I lept to my feet and watched him, when he got to the yard Kai met him and they both disappeared.

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~River’s Point of View~

Thankfully, the warlock had been able to get rid of the corpses, it all was just an illusion. A smelly one though, and I still felt my nose burning.

It had been hours that we had been wandering the Blood Claw grounds, and there was nothing. Either everyone was underground or they had all left. I couldn't understand why they would have left the gates guarded just to desert the pack. It made no sense. They had to all be here.

We were all just kind of lazing around, waiting for something. It was easily another hour before we got our wish. Maybe they thought we'd let our guards down. Who knows. Out of nowhere, a mist began to form around the area, easily three dozen cloud-like mists.

Be ready for anything, everyone on guard, Shane yelled over mind-link.

When the mists cleared, we were surrounded by easily a dozen pure white wolves and the rest were brown with white boots, and they were growling fiercely.

I thought Blood Claw warriors were all black, brown and gray, who the fk is this, Hunter asked over mind-link.

Pure white wolves were actually quite uncommon, especially in this part of the world.

Out of nowhere, Isaac jumped into the middle of the area and shifted back to his human form. What the hell was he doing? He suddenly jumped top of a picnic table and growled at the wolves. This was not at all very intimidating from a human, I thought.

“White Star! Back down! Godfrey, get some witches here now, this is Ellie's pack!! They don't know what they're doing,” he screamed.

Ellie's pack?! What?! How is that possible?

Out of nowhere one of them jumped to attack Isaac and he was suddenly lifted in the air by Godfrey.

“Please don't k!!! them, they're all under a spell,” Isaac yelled.

The wolves began attacking, and we didn't have a choice but to defend ourselves. I immediately had a wolf nip at my tail, but Hunter was right there to attack him.

“Rock! Rock it's me, it's Isaac,” I heard.

I looked back at Isaac, n.aked and h.ugging an ancient vampire about five feet over the wolf who was nipping at them.

Rock? This was Ellie's father?? sh!t!

We have to subdue them somehow, I yelled out to everyone frantically.

There was no way I was going to let someone k!ll her family, and have her lose them all over again.

Several witches and a few demons appeared on rooftops and the strong stench of magic filled the air.

Out of nowhere a large green creature fell into the yard, he was about eight feet tall and had literal fire in his eyes. His face was dripping some type of goo and his immense hands started swapping at the White Star pack. I howled, happy to see my friend. It ... was ... Felix!!

About time! Where the hell has he been hiding, I yelled over mind-link.

The pack bowed their heads and began to submit, knowing full well they couldn't do sh!t against a demon.

Suddenly all of the White Star wolves froze in place. A giant metal cage appeared and all of them were instantly inside it.

I left go of a hard breath I didn't know I was holding and quickly took inventory. Three had been k!lled and at least six were badly injured. Didn't look like we had any injuries on our end.

Isaac was lowered down and back on his feet. "Get healers, now! Hurry!"

Now that Godfrey was free, he floated up to Felix, and oddly enough ... Godfrey k!ssed him ... on the l!ps.

Whoa, what the flying fk, Sklyer said, trying to laugh but being too weirded out.

Godfrey stroked his face and we all gaped at the scene. Suddenly, Felix was gone and Godfrey fell back to the grass.

“Gunner kept them as warriors and likely made them forget who they were, now he’s throwing them at us as expendable. Felix says Kai is not here, but Katya is, he is taking some Shadows to search for her ... but, the bad news is that Gunner and Ellie aren’t here either,” Godfrey said.

My heart sank and I felt Hawk growling. *Mate, find mate*, he fussed at me.

Yeah, what the fk do you think I’m trying to do, I yelled back at him.

About a dozen more of our shifters and creatures came into the area, looking around.

“Typical COWARD! Letting others die for you and do your dirty work! Where are YOUR warriors you prick,” Godfrey continued.

My brothers and I ran to each other, and howled.

Godfrey was still yelling off into the sky and I blocked him out.

What the hell are we going to do, Skyler asked.

*We k!!! that witch b*h, and hope like hell Godfrey can find Ellie with their bl00d bond like he did for me*, I said.

With that, I heard it, growls and snarls. But they weren’t ... wolves? Before I could even register anything else, I saw seemingly dead men walking out of the woods. There were ... hundreds of them. fvck ... me.

Godfrey grinned, looking excited and I was afraid I would faint. I looked at Skyler and he was practically salivating, this was like a damn video game, and he’d been playing them his whole life. I looked for Hunter and he was already running toward one. I looked back at Godfrey and he had his sword drawn and was cutting off their legs.

A giant fire appeared out of nowhere and the demons began flying in, picking up the dead and dropping them in the fire.

Blacks, go guard your mate’s pack, stick to the cell that’s an order, Isaac said over mind-link since he’d shifted back.

Hunter and Skyler growled, wanting to rip off some heads but I was relieved, I didn’t need this sh!t. I considered myself a bada.ss warrior but I wasn’t down for getting attacked by zombies.

We all quickly ran to the cell and my eyes went to the one who Isaac had called Rock. His wolf was pure white, so I was guessing she got the brown and white boots from her mother's side. He was seething and jumping around, trying to figure out how to get past the silver bars.

I noticed he kept his eyes on a man in the grass, that had been one of his family. He'd taken a bad gash to his side and had shifted back. One of the witches was helping him but he wasn't being too cooperative. Was this... Ellie's brother?

Tyson said she had a brother!

I ran over to Tyson, still in his human form. He'd been trying to locate the door to the underground tunnel but it was likely hidden with magic. He looked into my eyes and actually held my face.

"You should tell them to let the demons and sh!t handle these guys, it's just a stalling tactic to tire you all out," he said.

I nodded, and relayed the message and immediately wanted to know if he'd known about the White Star pack. I couldn't help myself, and I shifted back.

I went right for his throat and wrapped my hands around it.

"You piece of sh!t! Did you know!"

"Know ... what," he said, trying to get my hands off his throat.

"That this was Ellie's pack, her family is in that cage, and they have no clue who they even are," I said, seething.

"What, what the fvck, are you for real, Ellie's pack," he said, confused.

His eyes roamed all over.

I registered genuine confusion in his voice, something shifters were good at sensing. It's a lot easier for us to know if someone is being truthful and as an interrogator, I'd had a lot of experience.

There was still intense fighting going on around me, but the shifters were falling back to surround the cell. I let go but stayed in his face.

He looked like he was running through a million different thoughts at once, and I thought his head might just blow up.

“Dad took over a lot of other packs, like a lot. When he would, he would show up with a ton of new people, and say they all vowed allegiance to him, it scared the sh!t out of everyone, and made our regular pack even more intimidated each time ... that so many would just submit to him rather than fight him. Like, he was so powerful no one dared fight him, that’s what we all assumed,” he said, trying to catch his breath.

I turned to look at the pile of burning corpses, it smelled f*g rotten and awful. It was burning my nose and throat terribly.

“Where the hell is everyone else then, where are the underground bunkers,” I demanded.

“Well fvck man, I’m trying that’s what I’ve been doing for hours! There’s like three of them, they’re connected by tunnels,” he said as if I should just have known that.

“Let’s go, move it a.ssh0le, take me to where you think they are, even if it’s not the entry hatch just even standing over it,” I said.

I quickly mind-linked everyone, and they designated some wolves to stay behind with the caged wolves while the witches tried to break the spell. Skyler offered to stay with them.

“sh!t, the entrance to the main one was right here, I’m sure of it,” Tyson said, after we’d been walking for about ten minutes.

“I’ve been around and around here half the f*g day but it’s like missing now, I mean it was a big iron door in the ground, you can’t just grow grass over it,” he m0aned.

I was still in my human form and I mind-linked for Angel to come help. She looked around for a minute and shook her head.

“This sh!t just gets better and better doesn’t it,” she said, rolling up her sleeves.

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~Hunter's Point of View~

We'd been watching Angel for a few minutes, unsure of what she was even doing when I smelled more wolves. The very second I smelled them, we were under full attack. Angel immediately levitated herself high above us, being in no position to fight against wolves.

For what seemed like an eternity, I was fighting off teeth and claws non-stop with everything I had. Our vampires appeared to help but there were just so damn many of them.

This had to have not only been all of Gunner's warriors, but other packs he'd taken over as well. They were just literally ... hundreds.

We'd kill a dozen and a dozen more would come out of the tree line. I glimpsed a sea of bodies, fur, and blood. My wolf was already tired and I estimated that I'd killed at least twenty wolves myself.

I'd also taken a nasty bite to my back leg and I could tell River was favoring his front leg but it had been awhile since I was clear enough to look for him.

"YES," I heard a woman yell.

I recognized the voice as Angel's and looked past a claw just barely swiping my eye to see an entirely different landscape in front of me. shit, this must have been what was actually there. In my distraction, I felt a canine scrape my face and as I went to claw at the wolf he was suddenly gone.

I blinked and saw Tyson holding him by the throat, and ripping it out. I didn't have time to process that anymore because Felix was back and everyone stopped to gape at him. Behind him, the entirety of the White Claw pack ran in.

"They're cured! They're on our side now," Angel yelled, in triumph.

Thank fvck, I need a minute to breathe. The pack immediately began attacking Gunner's wolves as Felix simply picked them up and tossed them behind him like they were grapes. The sight made me laugh.

Dude, you're fvckingd pretty bad, Skyler said.

I looked up at Dusk ... he was a bloody mess too and I didn't know if any of it was his or not.

I moved to a less crowded area, since the fighting was still bad and I felt it. Blinding pain crept in as my adrenaline wore off. fvck! It felt like my leg was barely holding on, it must look awful.

Raul appeared in front of me and I knew Sykler must have gotten ahold of him somehow.

"Drink," he said, slicing his hand open.

Buck growled at him and I forced myself to shift, which was incredibly painful and it took several minutes. By the time I had shifted, Raul's hand had healed and he cut it again, looking at me with irritation. But he had to know damn well that a wolf in their natural form wouldn't take vampire blood.

I reached for his hand and began to suck, damn this was weird and awkward. Skyler had run off but came back with River, who started to shift.

Who needed a doctor when you had a vampire to heal you, I thought. I pulled away and Raul moved to feed River as well. I didn't like that he would forever be able to track me, but I had to tuck that away for now. I had to be healthy and find Ellie, that was all that mattered.

By the time I gathered myself and looked around, a new cage was standing with about a hundred pissed off wolves in it.

"Onward," I heard someone yell and turned to see Felix, Tyson and Godfrey barreling into a hatch in the ground, the two creatures being naked in their human forms.

What a weird sight.

I tried to stand with Raul's help and was shocked that I could already put weight on my leg. It ached pretty bad but nothing like it had been.

I felt something weird and looked down to see Raul licking the blood off my leg. My gut reaction was to kick him off but I couldn't bring myself to do it. Hadn't he gotten enough blood killing our enemies?

At that moment, a massive earthquake began to rock the ground and I held my breath waiting for a comet or lava or some crazy sh!t to happen.

It seemed like every single Shadow in the sky was suddenly transcending down, ready for bl00d. Several more fae and witches went into the hatch that Godfrey had gone down. I looked to my side and saw River shifted back, so I quickly did the same.

Raul stayed close to help River and I since we were still healing, but the wolves just kept coming. After what seemed like an eternity, I noticed that at the cage housing the wolves was getting bigger and now there were hardly any left to fight.

The earthquake finally started to subside and I breathed a sigh of relief. This had been the longest fvcking*g day, I used up so much energy quickly shifting back and forth, I wasn't sure how much I had left in me. But I knew Ellie was counting on us.

Felix shot out of the hatch and immediately took back his demon form. He'd been holding a woman by the throat and now had her gripped between his h.uge fingers. She was squirming and muttering something in another language.

Godfrey shot out of the ground right after him.

"Come out, come out Kai. Face me like a man or I rip your b***h in half," he said with a sharp edge to his voice.

You could tell he was living for this sh!t. He had never joined us in battle before, he was completely covered in bl00d and I don't even know what. But, we all were.

Godfrey looked around, grabbed a grenade off his belt and dropped it in the hatch.

"Oops, sorry about that," he laughed.

Chance was suddenly at my side and he had a h.uge smile on his face. It was kind of creepy looking in his tiger form. He also looked pretty rough and bl00dy.

*Sorry bro I was at the other gate fvcking*g sh!t up, we got ambushed, more than once I've been tied up all fvcking*g day. Then I had to check on my lady ... you guys all right,* he asked, over mind-link.

Nothing we couldn't handle, River said.