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"We're more than willing to endure it so you can practice," Kurt said.

Everyone nodded in agreement.

"I'm always willing too," Conri said.

"Me too," Alaric and Kai said together.

Thea nodded. "Just promise me you'll tell me if you need a break, if you want to stop, or if it's too much."

"We will, Luna," all of Delta team said in mind link.

"What about how it all affects you? You seem tired," Liam said.

"I am tired, but I think it's because I had to concentrate to feel out what was going on and figure out how to replicate it. Now that I know, with practice, it should get easier. I'm just mentally exhausted right now."

"Feeling the people in pain took a lot out of you," Conri said.

"That's true," Thea said. "But they had been feeling that for a long time. Their anguish had built up. It was potent. I don't think it will be that bad when I'm making people experience it."

"Maybe when the witch comes to visit, you can ask her if there's a way to block feeling the bad stuff," Liam said.

"That's a good idea," Thea said. "If we're in a situation where I need to make people feel pain, it would be pointless if it took me out too."

Everyone nodded.

"Maybe I can build up a tolerance," Thea said.

"I like the blocking idea better," Alaric said.



"Me too," everyone said.

Thea smiled. They talked for a while longer while they finished eating.

The mood on the car ride back to New Dawn was excited, content, fulfilled. The Delta team men felt accomplished, happy, satisfied.

Thea was happy she was fulfilling their expectations. She had been so worried that she would disappoint them because she had no gift. She felt a little less like they were wasting their lives because of her.

Alaric had his arm around her in the car. He squeezed her and kissed her cheek. She knew he could hear her thoughts.

"I love that you care about everyone," Alaric said over mind link to her, Kai, and Conri. "I love that you think about making their lives better. I love that you worried you couldn't do anything to make their sacrifice worth it."

"Thank you," Thea thought.

"You being you fulfills these men," Conri said over mind link. He kissed her other cheek.

"They are honored to be a part of what you're doing," Kai piped in.

"I'm beginning to understand that," Thea thought. "I can feel their excitement. Now that I finally have a gift and they're helping me use it—it's like this is what they've been preparing for most of their lives. I'm relieved."

When they arrived back at New Dawn, someone had hung the bull elk skull and antlers in the pack house dining hall. The taxidermist had finally finished working on it. The plaque underneath it had the date of their mating ceremony inscribed, March 28th, along with their names. Alpha Alaric, Alpha Conri, and Alpha Kaiser Valko for their magnificent Luna Thea.



The triplets and Thea stood in front of it for a bit, admiring the taxidermist's work and remembering the night of the mating ceremony.

"That was a special night," Thea said.

The triplets all kissed their marks on her.

"I'll never forget seeing my mark growing on you," Alaric said. "It was such a shock that it was white."

Conri and Kai nodded.

They thanked the taxidermist and complimented his fine work.

Thea made the rounds before she went down to the dungeon to visit Xavier. She brought him fresh blood, but he still wouldn't eat.

At pack dinner, Delta team stopped her.

"You're already trending on the news," Channing said. He read from an article on his phone. "Day of miracles: Coma ward miraculously wakes up. Paralyzed patient regains feeling in his body. Outlook good. Patients say an angel visited them."

"Do you think the people who were after me before will see that and rethink whether I'm gifted?" Thea said.

"Doubtful. They may think someone else is gifted," Hunter said.

Thea nodded. She hoped they didn't see the article at all. She didn't regret helping those people, but she didn't want that witch coming back for her.