


## Triplet alphas gifted luna 140

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### 3 - 29 Dry Run

The bar was almost ready to open. Quinn had finished hiring and training personnel. The parking lot expanded. Supplies ordered and delivered. The building itself was ready to go. It was time to do a dry run with friends and family before opening night the following week. Then they'd be able to work out any kinks before the official opening to the general public. 1

On Friday, the staff invited friends and families to be the customers for the evening. Thea invited Allegra and Bellamy, Delta team, Garret and Alpha Knight, anyone from her pack that was old enough and wanted to go, and Alpha Stoll, Ledger, and Ford. Xavier came because he took his job seriously. He would go everywhere Thea went.

Thea, Lizzy, Misty, Cassidy, Tessa, and Alessia dressed up. They all went shopping together to find something to wear, Thea's treat. 1

Thea was happy to see her bar all decorated and running like a real establishment, full of people. Everyone looked amazing. People were already dancing on the dancefloor, sitting at tables, eating delicious food, and drinking the mixologist's fancy drinks.

Quinn gave Thea one of his disarming smiles as he came up to her, looking dashing in his freshly pressed buttondown and dress pants. His sunkissed brown hair was perfectly in place, and his pretty hazel eyes sparkled under his long, dark

eyelashes. Thea reached out for a hug.

"I understand congratulations are in order," Quinn said before releasing her.

"Thank you. We're very happy," Thea said. The triplets took the cue. Conri hugged her from behind, his hands on her stomach. Alaric grabbed one of her hands, and Kai kissed his mark as he took her other hand. "I'm so happy with what you've done, Quinn. The ambiance is just what I envisioned."

Davie came up to them, looking casual and relaxed in jeans and a button-down. "This is amazing," Davie said.

"I can't wait to open for real and see wolves finding their mates," Thea said.

They walked around, and Thea saw Garret and Alpha Knight. She went to them.

"Look who finally agreed to join the living," Thea said. She pulled Xavier in front of her. Since becoming her body man, he cut his shaggy light brown hair into a tight crew cut to look more professional, like he belonged beside her. He picked out clothes that would reflect well on her. He looked different.

Garret didn't hesitate to hug his brother. Thea smiled and rubbed Xavier's back.

"What made you change your mind?" Alpha Knight said.

"Luna Thea needed help," Xavier said softly.

"I'm supposed to have someone with me at all times to make sure I take it easy and don't strain," Thea said.

"She freaked out a little when she found out she's pregnant with four pups," Alaric said. "Xavier calmed her down and offered to be her body man." 1

Alpha Knight looked surprised.

"It's calmed us all down," Kai said.

"We're grateful to him," Conri said.

Xavier had blossomed with a purpose. His self-loathing was all but forgotten as he focused on helping Thea. He even embraced being a vampire to see what abilities would be helpful. He talked with Alessia about the research she had been doing on vampires, but it seemed like most of the information they had access to was wrong. He would just have to experiment.

"Congratulations to you all," Alpha Knight said.

Garret released Xavier, and Alpha Knight took his place.

"I'm proud of you, son," Alpha Knight said.

Thea felt Xavier's emotions go haywire. He didn't expect his father to say that, much less be happy to see him. He had been keeping his distance to let Xavier come to terms with himself without having to see the father that put him to death for his crimes.

"We have Thea for now," Alaric said to Xavier. "Take some time with your family."

Xavier nodded.

"Dance with us," Alaric said to Thea. She smiled, and he led

them onto the dance floor. Alaric held her from behind and Kai from the front. Conri cut in and held her from behind, resting his lips on his mark. Kai moved, so he and Alaric both held her from the front. They both rested their faces against their marks. Thea was wearing a short, strapless dress that showed off her marks and gave them easy access. 1

Lizzy brought Tessa, Cassidy, Alessia, and Misty out to the dance floor. They danced as a group for a while.

"Alright, time to get you hydrated and fed," Alaric said.

They found a table and sat around it. A server came and took their orders. Thea saw Alpha Ledger walk in.

"I'll go get him," Alaric said, reading her mind. "You sit and hydrate."

Thea thought she would chafe at the overprotectiveness, but she found she liked it while pregnant with four. She knew everything would be okay, but she had to take it easy.

Alaric walked up to Alpha Ledger and brought him over to their table.

"Lupercalia," Alpha Ledger said. "I love the name of the bar." 4

"I'm so glad you made it," Thea said. "Please, join us."

Kai made introductions. A server brought their food and drinks and took Alpha Ledger's order. When Alpha Stoll and Alpha Ford walked in, Alaric made his way over and brought them to their table as well. Alpha Ford cleverly maneuvered, so Alpha Stoll had to sit by Alpha Ledger. Thea smiled at

him. Thea watched the pair try to keep their distance, but their legs eventually touched under the table. She felt the sparks they were feeling.

They ate, drank, talked, and laughed.

"I need to make some rounds," Thea said after a while.

"I'm going to hit the bathroom," Alpha Ledger said. He stood up with Thea, and they both left the group.

Thea checked in with Quinn. They went to the back, and he showed her how smoothly everything was running. She thanked each staff member and congratulated the chef and mixologist on a job well done.

Thea felt it when Alpha Stoll found Alpha Ledger alone, their matebond pull sending out pulses of energy. Nervous excitement, hope, desire, need. She felt it when Alpha Stoll gave in and kissed Alpha Ledger, their bond growing stronger the longer they were intimate. 1

She was smiling on her way back to the table, and she ran into Allegra.

"Sorry," Thea said. "I wasn't paying attention to where I was going."

"No worries. I wanted to catch you. So this is the bar that you're opening?" Allegra said.

"Quinn is running it—I don't think you've met him yet," Thea said, looking around for him. She didn't see him. "But, yes, this is my bar. Are you having a good time?"

"Yes. It's lovely," Allegra said. "What made you want to open

a bar?"

Thea explained the whole story. "There are people here tonight that I want to see get together. I feel like it's taken forever to get this place up and running, and I'm so excited it's actually happening."

"I spoke with a lot of the new pack members, old ones too," Allegra said. "Watching you, interacting with you, seeing how you interact with others—I've seen enough."

"Enough what?" Thea said.

"We witches have a different goddess than yours," Allegra said. "Hecate. Some wolves assume she's evil, but she's not. Witches, like werewolves, have the freedom to choose what they do with their powers. You have chosen to help the oppressed. Others have chosen to be oppressors. To have the power of an Alpha and use it to abuse wolves who can't fight back and who would love them and serve them by choice if given the freedom—that's evil. Your moon goddess is not evil. There are witches like those evil Alphas. But there are more good than bad."

Thea nodded.

"I know you know about the massacres back east. What you may not know is that it's not just werewolf packs that are being desolated. Witch covens have disappeared too. We believe something evil is growing, and the good people will have to join forces to fight it." [3](#)

"I can't tell you how big a relief it is to hear you say that," Thea said. "I've given a similar pitch a lot lately."

Allegra smiled. "When your father invited Bellamy and me to come out here, my coven wanted me to take the opportunity to see if I could find covens out here to join the fight. If nothing else, at least warn them something is coming. I also came out here for my own purposes. I wanted to see if New Dawn was among the good."

Thea's eyebrows lifted.

"Hecate and Selene are often friends, working together," Allegra said. "Some lores say they're sisters. I remembered you from your visit as a child. I knew you had extra magic in you then. I hoped you wouldn't be tempted to go dark with the power you possessed. I am so glad to see that you're a force for good. Seeing what you've done with your gift is refreshing. When it seems like darkness is winning, I see you and what you're building here, and I have hope. Your goddess, Selene, gifted the right wolf."

"Thank you," Thea said.

"We have a lot to discuss."

"We have a lot of work to do," Thea said. "I believe we have a better chance together." 3

"I agree."

"Should we get started tomorrow?" Thea said. 1

"Please," Allegra said.

"Alright," Thea said, smiling. "Enjoy the night."

Thea went back to the table and told the triplets over mind

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link what Allegra said. They continued socializing until Alpha Ulric mind linked them.

"The summit has been called for tomorrow evening," Alpha Ulric said over mind link. "Everyone meet in the oath room right now."



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