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Jayden \2

Asher has been checking the time on his phone every few minutes since Emma called to say she was coming home. I'm not sure if this will be a quick visit or if she is officially moving back in, but I am just glad to see her again so soon. The house is oddly quiet without her here. It's hard to believe how we handled the silence before she ever came to live with us. Things have changed so much, and it hasn't slowed since the day we brought Emma into our lives

Something is off with her though and it has me worried. I know she is dealing with a lot, I understand more than anyone given my past, but it's more than that. The way she keeps looking at me, and how she seems a little nervous around me is making me wonder if she's upset with me for some reason. Things seemed good with us before she left, more than good. So what could it be? *

A knock comes at the door and Asher is out of his seat faster than lightning. Emma's smiling face greets him as soon as the door opens and he pulls her into him immediately. She lets out a small surprised laugh but wraps her arms around his waist. Asher's head raises from where he was resting it on top of Emma's head and focuses on the guy standing directly behind her

Wyatt

I vaguely remember him, but that's about it. He seems to have turned

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into Emma's shadow, and I can't say exactly how I feel about it. If she is interested in him I guess we can't be too mad. She already has the four of us wrapped around her finger, what's one more? !*)

Asher moves away from the door to let Wyatt in but he doesn't let Emma go, instead, he tucks her into his side while giving Wyatt a look of disapproval. ! *)

"Play nice," Emma warns him and Asher lets out a grunt of an agreement

Wyatt closes the door behind him and stands awkwardly waiting for someone to offer him to sit or move. Emma tears herself from Asher and takes Wyatt's hand and leads him into the living room where the rest of us are waiting. Leo and Logan stand to greet her with a kiss on the cheek and I give her a small smile that she returns with one of her own

"So you missed us so much that you couldn't stay away huh?" Logan says to Emma

"You could say that." She shoots back with a sassy smirk

She leads Wyatt to a spot where they can sit side by side. She looks at him and they seem to have a quick silent conversation before he nods his head and she clears her throat. She hasn't let go of his hand even when they sat down, and it looks like she's holding it even tighter now

Something is wrong if she is so tense. >)

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"Actually I also came because there's something I need to tell you all." She pauses and takes in a breath. "First I want to say that no matter how you feel about this news, anything that happens after is my decision to make. I won't be pushed aside unnecessarily. I know you guys want to protect me from all the bad that's coming but I won't let that happen. I have men depending on me, and I am working with The Angels, not for them. So if we can't come to an understanding I will have to handle things on my own. Okay?"

"Okay, what's going on?" Leo asks

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"Im pregnant." She says and the room goes completely silent

She glances at each of us and waits for someone to say something

We're stunned and speechless, what do we say to that?

She's pregnant? How...when?

When I think it over it suddenly all makes sense. How she's seemed off and acting differently with me

"The night before you left," I say and she nods. I) "Yes."

Holy shit. It's.....it's my kid. I was the last one to be with her. My mind seems to have stopped working because I can't think of a thing to say about this news

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I have never really thought about becoming a dad, ever. I just assumed I was too screwed up to even consider it. How could I be a good dad with everything I've done.

"You're pregnant? Like a little person is growing inside you?" Logan asks in disbelief

Emma laughs. "Yep. I just found out, and it's still early but yes." "Who's the father?" Asher asks with a growl of anger.

He's sitting at the end of the couch with his arms crossed tight against his chest

"Why does that matter?" Leo asks throwing Asher a dark look

"It matters to me. Is it...his?" Asher is referring to Zane I'm assuming

Emma scoffs. "No Asher he isn't the father. I never slept with him and

Wyatt stopped him before he could even try. So no the baby isn't his."

Her voice sounds hurt and angry, understandably

I watch Wyatt rub her back comfortingly and it flares a strange sense of jealousy in me. She's carrying my baby, it should be me comforting her

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But do I even know how? Would she want me to? \?)

"I believe Jayden is the father, but I understand that this was all

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unplanned. I am not asking for anything from any of you. I am very capable of raising and taking care of this baby myself. I just thought you all had a right to know." She says firmly

She seems even tenser now and I know it's probably because she thinks none of us want to have anything to do with her and the baby now. *

"What are you talking about? Of course, we want to be there for you Emma. I don't care who the father is, you are our girl. There is no way I would let you do this alone." Leo says standing and kneeling in front of her and taking her hands in his. *)

She visibly relaxes and leans forward to wrap her arms around his neck

"Ym with Leo. I don't care who the dad is, that little thing is our kid. I want to be there for everything." Logan adds. I.'

Emma looks up at him from Leo's shoulder and smiles at Logan with tears forming in her eyes. Of course, those two would jump at the chance to be dads but Asher and I seem to be having a harder time working through this. He and I are not father material, but it doesn't mean I don't want to be with Emma anymore. I could never let her go. I just don't want to disappoint her if I can't be the father she's hoping for

As if she can read my thoughts she stands and walks over to me. She lowers herself so that she's sitting on my lap and I instinctively rest my hands on her hips to keep her steady. She wraps her arms around my neck and looks me straight in the eyes.)

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"I know you're scared that you won't be a good father after everything with your family, but you're wrong. My father was a monster, but we can look at our pasts and do the opposite of what our parents did. We can be better, but only if you want to. I won't pressure you into anything. If you can't handle this it's okay." She says and as I consider her words...

leaving her to raise our baby and never being there...it hurts. !?

I'm scared shitless but I also want to be with Emma as long as she'll have me. I want to see her stomach grow and be there for doctor appointments. I never thought this is something I would want, but...I do. I want her and I want our baby

"I will be there for everything." I tell her and without breaking eye contact I rest my hand on her still flat stomach

The tears that have been building finally fall and she leans closer to pull me into a hug, burying her face into my shoulder.

I can't believe I'm going to be a dad

Asher sighs loud enough to make us look at him. He runs a hand down his face and shakes his head. Emma tenses in my arms like she's waiting for him to lash out at her and I feel a strong urge to protect her that I haven't felt before. If Asher says one wrong word, I don't care if he's my friend, I will beat his ass

Then he does something I think none of us expected. He laughs

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Laughs.

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I jolt back a little at the sudden sound and we all wait silently watching him like he's lost his mind or something

He stands and walks toward me and Emma before lowering himself and wrapping his arms under her arms and pulling her off my lap. He pulls her close to him and he is laughing turns into deep breaths

"I can't believe this. We're having a baby;" He says with a weak laugh and you can hear the emotions in his voice shift

Emma laughs in relief and nods. "Yeah, we're having a baby." "A little Dark Angel!" Asher says happily and Emma laughs

"I don't know if we'll be buying it a crew jacket just yet." She teases and the rest of the guys chuckle to themselves

"We don't even know if it's a boy. It could be a girl." Leo points out

Asher lowers Emma to the floor and she turns to us

"So we're doing this? All of us?" She asks

"Hell! yeah! We're going to rock this parenting thing!" Logan whoops

My attention turns to Wyatt now and I can see in his eyes the same

look we all get when we see Emma. He loves her, and from how she was with him earlier...they aren't just friends. He's going to be one of us. |

I am surprisingly glad that Emma has one more person to look after her.

What's coming with Zane's men and the Russians is going to be chaos and the more of us looking out for her and the baby the better. .* I

So I stand and walk over to him and hold my hand out

"Welcome brother," I say and his face lights up before he puts his hand in mine and shakes it. \.*

When I turn I see the others nod in agreement, even Asher although it looks painful for him. Emma is smiling brightly at me and I hold my hand out for her. She quickly moves toward me and I wrap her in my arms tight, silently telling her that I am all in. \.*

We...we are all in