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I stand there alternating playing with all of their hair as they all relax into me. It's funny, even with all of their weight, I don't feel unstable, my muscles aren't fatiguing at all and their dead weight is not light at all. How do I help them see through this illusion? Oliver won't be a problem, he just doubts his place. Hell, I denied mine for a long time, even when people flat out told me what was going to happen, or at least their version of it. I don't think anyone thought that we would have four Alphas, that I would be equal to the twins, that it was even possible for Oliver to ascend his rank.

Then I see the ripple. It's small and short lived but it's there. We are getting somewhere.

"Hey, Smalls. I like the hair pulling, but can you tell me what you are excited about?" I can hear Dakota's laugh in his words.

"I saw the illusion ripple. We are getting somewhere, I just don't know what we did to make that happen." I am talking fast now, but I can't move or do anything with all of them leaning on me like this.

Oliver laughs and I can tell he's holding something back.

"What?! What have you figured out now? I'm actually kind of jealous that you see things so much faster than me."

"I think that's the point though. You finally saw the ripple when the three of us literally sat on you and made you stay still." He starts laughing again. "It's not always on you to fix things and if we are truly equal, then you have to let us help you, let us in on your thoughts. This is our pack now, not just Cam and Kota's. All four of us carry the same weight, it's already been a lot and we are just

getting started. The answer to every problem is 'how are WE going to fix it?' If I have to believe that I belong here as much as the rest of you, then you have to believe you aren't alone anymore and Cam and Kota have to believe they are enough."

Both twins gasp and turn to look at him.

"Don't act surprised. Bitty's right, we are here cause we aren't done hashing sh\*t out. She's still stuck in her own world, I am still in my Gamma mindset and the two of you are wondering why you needed two more people as Alpha's to run this pack. Well, I don't know if you noticed, but our mate is so special and rare that she's a magnet for the worst kinds of trouble. There was no way only one or two mates were going to survive the never ending torrent of bullsh\*t coming our way and she's so much more than a Luna."

"I'm actually glad there are three of us." Cam starts and I have no idea where he's going with this. "I would feel inadequate next to her if it was just me or me and Kota. At least with the three of us, she lives on a pedestal and we can be compared more equally."


The tube shimmers some more.

"Oh, yes!! I totally saw that!" Dakota goes to move and I grip his hair. To keep him in place. Our insecurities are still there, not quite resolved. We kept talking, letting out all our doubts, many I didn't realize any of these guys carried around and we would be readdressing later. As the funnel dies down we can see the surrounding area, it's very dark. If we didn't have our wolf's sight we wouldn't be able to see our hands in front of our faces.


"I wonder where everyone is." Dakota whispers.


"I wonder if everyone is okay." Oliver adds.

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"I hope Mike is strung up in a cell." Cam grumbles. 

"I want to know how long we were really in there."

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