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Neah

"Y...you said you killed them." It wasn't my place to ask questions. But he had clearly kept her alive and if she was here to kill me, I wanted to know why she was the only one to survive.

"I did." "But not her?" I frown, confused. He was deliberately dragging it out.

"There was never a reason to kill her. I told you, some of the other brides ran. Some of them were trying to dig up information on me. She wasn't clingy, she wasn't desperate for my attention, though that has clearly changed. Veronica didn't do anything wrong, in fact she was very on board with the arrangement. It was me who grew tired of her."

"She killed her true mate."

"He wasn't part of this pack."

"She betrayed her own family."

"I see Raven told you everything she knew." He stares at me from across the table.
"Yes."

"Veronica's family had an agenda. Just like Trey, they gave her away for the contract. The only difference is, they made it look like it was the worst thing that could possibly happen to them. Yet, all along they had planned to hand her over. They wanted me dead and needed inside information to be able to do that. Veronica figured it out. So yes, you could say she betrayed them, but she brought the truth to the surface. It takes a lot for someone to betray their own family."

"You let her live because she helped you to live." "It was the least I could do."

The horrible jealous feeling fades away as I look at him. He had this mean, mysterious side but now and again, he really did surprise me.

"I'm not saying she is a great person. Or that she's even a good person" He continues, "She has become bitter over the years. In some ways I think the Moon Goddess is — punishing her because of killing her true mate. Veronica knew that once she met him and

their bond-had formed, she wouldn't be able to do anything with me. Much like you when you were still linked to Kyle. I almost killed you with a simple kiss.'

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"She loved you." I whisper

"More than what I could ever return." He frowns

"Raven didn't know?!"

"None of them do. It's not something that I like to share. As far as they are aware, Veronica had angered me."

"And she left?"

He nods, "I told her she could go wherever she wanted and that I

would never let her struggle financially. She returns every time I have a new bride. She tries to persuade me that she is still here and available. I think partly, she is trying to measure up the new bride. But I told her we are mated and I have warned her." His tone deepens as his eyes lock back on to mine. "If

she tries anything, she won't make it out of this pack alive." Content

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It was a lot to take in. Alpha Dane sits there, watching me, waiting for me to say something. But what could I say? I had Trey and Cassandra who had set me up. Someone in the dungeon who was claiming to be my brother and now this. A woman who was desperate to have Alpha Dane as her mate. But how far would she go?

"I..." I didn't know what I was trying to say. My fingers feel the bumps of the mark he gave me. He had marked me. I was the only one who he had done that to.

"I chose you, Neah. I was meant to find you." He looks up at the clock on the wall. "We need to go, otherwise you are going to be late. "Late?"

"I have found you a tutor. Like I said I would" He announces proudly, rising from the chair. He holds out his hand for me. "Come."

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I still had more questions, but I think this was his way of saying the conversation was over. I almost hope that he is reading my mind so he knows how frustrated I am.

His eyes flicker to me, but he doesn't speak as we walk through the house and out the back door. He leads me across the grounds, nodding his head at various people but still doesn't speak to me.

Stopping in front of a house, I couldn't help but notice how it was run down in comparison to all the others here. Run down was the wrong term, not as perfect as the other homes

Giant vines ran all over the building, snaking their way around the windows. Weeds stood tall in front of the house and the path that led to the door was full of cracks.

Alpha Dane raps on the door and pushes it open before someone even answers. He tugs me into the dimly lit house, giving my hand a little reassuring squeeze

"Ah Dane." Aman a similar age to Alpha Dane, steps out from a room, knocking over a stack of books and sends them crashing to the floor.

His dark hair is tied up into a bun on top of his head. He peers at me with his deep green eyes. "You must be Neah. And you are right on time." He smiles, sticking his hand out at me. "I'm Klaus, your tutor!" He beams at me, his hand still hovering in the air.

His eyes flicker to the bright orange earbuds I had in my ears. "Ah, the memories."

He's safe.' Alpha Danes' voice fills my head.

Taking Klaus's hand, he frantically shakes mine. "This way." He tugs me past the fallen pile of books and sits me at a small table. "Dane tells me that you can't read or write."

I shake my head at him and glance at Alpha Dane.

You will be fine. I will be right here,' His voice fills my head again.

Klaus moves around, pulling random books out of the random stacks all over the room..

"Klaus is one of the youngest to have graduated. He even got their" before Fdid, skipping a few grades." AlphaDane starts telling me. "if there is anyone that can help you learn to read, it's him." Content belongs to ~

Hours passed and although I was starting to get somewhere, I felt like an idiot, sounding out the letters.

“Keep going.” Klaus would regularly cheer me on. He didn’t rush me, he was patient, much more patient than when Raven had tried teaching me. But he still gave me this odd feeling, and it wasn’t good. “ “

Alpha Dane suddenly gets up from his chair, “There’s something I need to deal with. You stay with Klaus. I will be back as soon as I can. He kisses me on the cheek and hurries out the door. Crap, he wasn’t reading my mind.

I sit in silence, staring at the door. I didn’t know this man that I had been left with. What was worse is that I wasn’t in the packhouse either. “Neah? Are you okay?” Klaus asks me with a smile.

I nod my head and go back to sounding out the letters in front of me. At least then I wouldn’t have to talk.

“You are not really a talker, are you?” He asks curiously as he stands behind me, leaning over my shoulder, practically trapping me. “Could...could I get some water?” I ask quietly, just wanting him to move away.

“Sure.” He chirps, moving away.

I use the moment to get out of the chair and prevent myself feeling trapped again

“He will be back soon, you don’t need to worry.” He hands a glass of water to me with a smile and then holds his hands up. “I’m not going to do anything.” Content (belongs to it)

My eyes flash back to the chair.

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“Ah, I leaned over you. You don’t like that. Sorry. I won’t do that again. Personal space isn’t one of my strongest areas.”

He takes a seat on one of the worn sofas under the window. His deep green eyes move to the glass in my hand. “Are you planning on using that as a weapon?”

“No.....1....” Maybe it wasn’t such a bad idea

“It’s not poison. I am not stupid. I don’t need Dane ripping my guts out. Just water, straight out the water machine.” He points through to what I’m assuming is a kitchen.

I still don’t drink it.

“When were you unbound?” Klaus asks randomly

“Huh?”

He points to his ears. “Kind of a giveaway.”

“Not long ago.” I mumble

“It's a nightmare, right. More the hearing than anything. It makes you feel like your head is going to explode. Do they help? “A little. It's...it's still loud.”

“It took me at least a year to get used to it.

“You were bound?” I couldn't keep the surprise out of my voice.

His head bobs up and down.

“Alpha Dane?” I knew how he felt about my binding, I couldn't imagine him doing it to anyone.

“Hell no. No, I was born into a different pack. I wasn't what they wanted. ‘Too smart for my own good.’ That's what they would tell me. When I started school, Dane and Eric were the only ones who didn't bully me. Dane and Eric stuck up for me and brought me back to this pack. Dane has let me live here ever since.”

Alpha Dane had saved him. He had given him a better life. “You were bound because you were smart? “Stupid right, why were you bound?”

“I...” I wasn't even sure if Alpha Dane wanted me to tell people. “I was set up for killing my parents.” I tell him, at least I could stay away from the whole first born and monster stuff.

“Shit. There is seriously something wrong with people.”

“You...you don't have a mark.” His neck was bare.

“Not every binding is undone in the same way: But for me, Dane found someone ‘that could undo it. The hearing: will settle eventually.” He grins-at me. “Now come on, you need to practise.” “ -

I sit in the chair while he stays on the worn sofa, respecting my need for space.

When Dane returns, he walks in without knocking and asks me how I'm getting on.

‘She's getting there.’ Klaus replies ~ and I notice the wink, “But like I said, she won't be a master reader by” morning, it will take some time. Daily practice.” Content belongs to

“Well that's enough for today. She will be back tomorrow. Same time?”

“Sure. Just maybe bring a bottle of water with you. I don’t want Neah to keep thinking I’m trying to poison her. Alpha Dane cocks an eyebrow at me as Klaus starts laughing. I was mortified.

We walk back over the grounds. Alpha Dane’s hand is tightly gripped around mine.

“Did... did you take me to him because. ...because he was once bound?” I whisper as his pace speeds up. “Did it make you feel better?”

“No....1...” I tug my hand free, and come to a halt. I didn’t know how I felt.

With his rough fingers, he tips my chin up, making me look at him. “I thought it would make you feel => better, knowing you are not the only one. And Klaus is a good guy, I would rather you didn’t accuse him of poisoning you.” Content belongs to 4

“I didn’t.”

“You thought about it.”

“I... You were reading my mind and you still left.” Annoyance was creeping in. “I was right outside, if Klaus had tried to do something, I would have known.”

I feel my scowl deepen, “You were testing me?”

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Dane ‘It wasn’t a test.’ I murmur. “What....what was it?” She continues to frown at me.

“He is the best tutor I could find for you. And the only one who I know that will not lay a hand on you. I need to know that you will be able to have sessions with him without me present. As much as I enjoy watching you figure things out. I have a pack to run. And I still need to figure out where Trey and Cassandra disappeared too.

Her frown retreats. “Not everyone is out to hurt you Neah. I...he asked me why I was bound.” ‘I know. I heard.’ “Is that okayI mean, what I told him? Should I... I have told him more?”

“You didn’t lie.” I smile at her. “But I do think it is time for me to have a pack meeting and tell everyone. If you shift. Neah, and I am not around....” I trail off as I look into her blue eyes. She feared people knowing what she is. She feared their response.

“I won’t shift.”

“Unfortunately, you can’t guarantee that. Devon said there are a lot of similarities. You most likely won’t be able to control the first time. It will happen when you least expect it. And honestly, I thought you would have shifted when you saw Veronica.”

“Oh.” Her blue eyes start to glisten with tears

She hadn't asked me much about shifting. And from her reaction, I could tell that she hoped to be able to control it so that it would never happen. “Come, you must be hungry.” I murmur before her panic has a chance to truly take over.

She nods her head and takes my hand, silently walking with me into the house.

“Go on through to the kitchen, I just need to check on something.” I could smell Veronica in my office and didn't want Neah to be anywhere near her.

‘What the fuck does she want now? We made ourselves clear.’ Aero mutters. He just wanted to be with Neah and so did I. I was very aware that she could come into heat at any moment.

Reluctantly, Neah lets go of my hand and heads in the direction of the kitchen.

“What do you want?” I mutter, pushing open the office door.

‘Hey Dane;she beams at me from. my office-chair. “I was just = = wonderfing if we could go out fora meal? You know, catch Up, like we used to.” Content belongs: to

Is she out of her mind?’ Aero snaps

“No.”

“Come on, just as friends.” Veronica pleads. “I won't even try anything.”

Does she even know how to just be friends?’ Aero snorts and I have to fight the laughter

“No. Get out of my chair.

She spins around in a circle before. standing=‘I'm not trying anything Dane. It's just, I don't have friends here-And I could do with at least one and you know me really well.”

“Then you should have tried harder. I have a pack to run, Veronica, I can't be swanning off to dinners with you, just to ‘catch up!” “We went out to dinner loads when we were together.”

“The pack was much smaller then. As you have probably seen, it has grown ten times the size since.”

The light catches her grey eyes as she grins have seen. I always J knew yeu would be a great Alpha. You just need the right Luna by your side Are you sure she is thevight one?” She twirls with her blonde hair.

"You shouldn't judge people you don't know."

Veronica rolls her eyes at me. "I saw her Dane. She is weak, and full of fear, not fearless like me. A Luna who is fearful is a useless Luna." "Like I said, you don't know her. Now unless you have something of importance to tell me, you can go."

She frowns and heads to the door. "She won't make you happy, Dane."

I watch her to make sure she leaves the house.

She's never going to give up,' Aero mutters. 'We would be better off killing her.'

'And when that time comes, I won't hesitate, but right now, she is not an issue.'

I find Raven in the kitchen with Neah, both of them sharing a tub of ice cream.

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"I know you don't want to hear it, but Jenson is okay." Raven mumbled with a spoon in her mouth.

"You've seen him?"

She shakes her head at me, "He called me."

"I know you miss him Raven, but you understand why I did it, don't you."

"Of course. The more I think about it, the more I'm surprised it took you so long. But you did what you had to do."

My eyes move to my mate, she was facing away from me and had tied her hair up. Her scent was shifting slightly and beads of sweat had appeared on her neck. I watch her jam her spoon into the tub of ice cream and then quickly into her mouth, like she somehow thought that was going to solve her problem.

'She's coming into heat.' Aero mutters

'She's fighting it.' I muse, watching her eat more ice cream.

My sister's eyes suddenly widen as she acknowledges the scent change in Neah, "I think I'm going to go." She drops her spoon into the sink and hurries out of the kitchen.

"Are you okay?" I smile at my mate as I take Raven's seat.

"Yep." It comes out a little higher pitched than how she usually talks.

"I am your mate. If you need satisfying, I'm only too happy to help." When she hits full heat, I won't be able to control myself around her either.

"Is this.....Is this heat?" She whispers, pulling at the collar of her tee.

"Yes." I pull her chair around to face me, locking my knees either side of hers and forcing her thighs tightly together. "Though you are in the early stages. It will get worse, if you fight it, you will"

"I know. I....."

She didn't know how to tell me that she wanted to be fucked.

In one quick movement, I pull her from her chair and on to me. She gasps as her chest presses up against mine. Her heart races, pounding inside of her. Her legs dangle either side of mine, barely being able to reach the ground as I hold her hips tight.

"Here?" She whispers as I pull her tee up over her head.

"It's my house."

Her skin is flush and more beads of sweat appear on her brow. Her blue eyes lock with mine as I take a nipple between my teeth. I loved the fact she rarely wore a bra.

As she shifts a little on my lap, I knew she could feel my cock hardening beneath her.

Dragging my teeth over her nipple, she lets out a low moan and pushes down with her hips, squeezing her thighs against mine.

She pulls my face up to hers. Her lips hit me hard, with a different kind of eagerness. A deep hunger that was only growing. Something I had never felt with any of the others.

Lifting her a little, I rip her jeans, tearing them from her body. A new wave of her arousal fills the room and my cock is desperate to break free, straining against my own jeans. Wanting to fill her tight, wet hole.

Pulling her wet panties to the side, I slide a finger in, making her groan against my lips.

"More." she whispers.

I was only too happy to provide. I watch her mouth fall open as I push a second finger in, her back arches, and my cock starts to throb.

Quickly moving her onto the table, I pull her panties off and let my shaft free, pressing it up against her.

"Is this what you want?" I muse, pushing the tip into her.

"Yes." she gasps, trying to pull me closer.

"Turn around."

She looks confused, but slowly turns around, leaning herself over the table. Reaching around to cup her pussy, I spread her lips open and slide myself in from behind. She lets out a low moan as I hold her tight against me, letting her adjust.

Her hands grip the edge of the table as I thrust deep inside her. Her moans make my cock spasm and her muscles clench around me, making it even tighter as I slide in and out.

I could hear her thoughts, I knew exactly what she wanted as I drive myself in harder. She wanted more and I knew this was just the beginning of her heat.

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Dane

Four days. Four long, sex fueled days before it started to ease. I had to put Eric in charge of the pack, I had to tell Klaus that Neah's tutoring would have to wait. Four days where I had no idea what was happening in my pack because all I could think about was fulfilling Neah's needs.

Sprawled out on her stomach, she is fast asleep in bed. It was the first morning since her heat began where her arousal levels had dropped and her usual lavender scent filled the room. Pressing my hand to her bare back, I could feel that her temperature had lowered too. Another sign that this heat was over. She could finally get a decent sleep.

Finally.' Aero mutters You were the one looking forward to it.' I mutter back Not all the tears.'

She was overwhelmed.' I mutter in annoyance. 'She is sore, her body aches. You try being in heat for four days straight after you've only had sex once.'

He doesn't answer me. Neah doesn't wake while I shower. She shuffles about in the bed a little, but her eyes remain closed, soft snores escape her.

Kissing her on the cheek, I leave her to sleep and make my way down to my office. I didn't like being out of the loop when it came to my pack but I knew they were in good hands with Eric.

He is already sitting in the office. His head in his hands. As his jiggling knee repeatedly taps the desk. "Everything alright?"

"It's over?" He asks, "Please tell me you are done!"

"Yes, four days and she is finally out of heat. Is everything alright?"

"Four days is a long time." He was purposely skirting the question.

"Devon did say it lasts longer. She's asleep and probably will be for some time. So what is the problem?" He won't look directly at me. "We have a guest."

"Who?"

"Madame Curie."

'The last time I saw her, she wanted nothing to do with my situation. 2 Now yéu are telling me she is here and I wants to help." I mutter, marching across the grounds.

"She says she has valuable information."

"Well it's a bit late, Neah is no longer bound."

"That's what I told her."

"You told her and she still thinks she has valuable information? I'm guessing she has a price, she normally does."

"She didn't say, but she has been stressing me out since her arrival." Eric mutters.
"Though my boys love her."

"Why did you think she should stay at yours?"

"Would you rather I let her stay in the pack house? It wasn't like you just stayed in the bedroom." His lips curve up at the corners.

"If I remember correctly, you got caught fucking Kelsie in the janitors cupboard at school and privacy doesn't bother me."

'Anyway,' He mutters, "I told a Madame Curie that we already I know about Neah, that the truth has ¢" already come out. But she said there' s more." -

We stop in front of his house where we could hear his boys laughing on the other side of the door.

"Aloha Dane." "Madame Curie pulls the door open to us. "I'm glad you could make-it, I know you have been a little..." she looks back at the boys and then at me. "Busy. Maybe this conversation isn't suitable for the boys. " _ S

"Boys." Eric mutters, "Go to your grandparents."

They protest, but eventually leave. Eric doesn't move until he sees them enter their grandparents house. "The last time I saw you, you were hurrying away." I groan, taking one of the chairs at the small kitchen table. "Yes, And I'm very sorry I left that way, Alpha Dane. I was not prepared to discuss Moonshine with you.

"And you are now? I know about Neah, I found a way to unbound her.

"I have been told. But what you don't understand is that Neah has been bound more than twice."

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"You didn't tell me that." Eric scowls at her.

"There is much more to Neah's past that has long been buried. "And let me guess, a million?"

"Not this time, this time, you need to know."

"What the fuck are you talking about?" I snarl, growing impatient.

"Neah has been bound a minimum of four times. Perhaps many more. It was not until I heard the name of her pack, that I suddenly realised who you were talking about. The newborn baby that I bound."

Four times?' Aero mutters alarmed

"What? You bound her as a baby?" I was disgusted

"You said you are aware she is a Lycan." Madame Curie taps her long fingernails on the table "Yes, though I don't know much about them."

"They shift at thirteen." she smiles like it's a great bit of information.

'I was made aware. But what does that have to do with you binding her?"

"She shifted the day she was born."

Eric and I look at each other, and speak in unison. "That can't be possible."

"I saw it with my own eyes, Alpha Dane and until a few weeks ago, you didn't know her kind existed." "Bullshit." I snap, rising from my chair.

"She was different. Is different." Madame Curie sighs

"You said four times. Her eighteenth, when she was six, as a newborn and when?"

"Just after the age of one."

"One? What the hell can a one year old do?"

"She started sniffling again. Her father was beside himself. He didn't know what to do, so he called me — again. But this time, when I met her, she was strong, powerful. I watched her shit in and out of her beast as though it was some kind of game. I knew she knew that was why I was there."

"How could a one year old know what you were planning?" Eric asks

"You tell me. To seal the bond, she needed to be in human form, otherwise she would be bound and trapped in Lycan form. We had to wait days as she forced herself to stay awake, fighting sleep like she knew what was coming." ©

It didn't sound anything like my shy, stuttering mate. But then she had been beaten so much over the years that maybe they had made her a shell of what she used to be.

"You bound her twice, who bound her when she was six and then again when she was eighteen?"

"I do not know. But I did try to tell you, Alpha Dane. I told you she had strong Alpha blood and I was right. I am right." "Why are you here now? Why did you wait so long to tell me? What do you hope to gain from it?"

"Nothing

"Nothing?" Eric quizzes. "So you have been bugging me for days. just to tell us this.

"She isn't just your bride, is she Alpha Dane? She is your mate, the one destined to be by your side."

I don't respond

"Hmm, the Moon Goddess does work in strange ways.

"What the fuck is that supposed to mean?" I snap

“You are a powerful man, Alpha Dane. You are either being tested or you have met your match. She will either break you or make you.” Madame Curie gets to her feet. “Now I must go.

“Is that it? You are going to swan in here with that kind of information and then disappear again.

“There is only so much I can tell you, Alpha Dane. I don’t know what that girl is capable of. I just know that she instinctively felt it when I was around her as a baby. I felt it the moment I set foot in your pack.” Content belongs to “ -

“Felt what?”

“Her power.” she looks me dead in the eye. “And that is what drew you to her, long before you scented the mate bond

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Neah

When I wake, I’m alone. My body ached. My vagina throbbed. The sex had been amazing. And now, I was thankful that my intense urges and desires had calmed. I could finally think clearly. But now I was paying the price.

Tiptoeing across the room, I wince at the pain between my thighs. Turning on the water for the bath, I don’t even wait for it to be full when I step in. Easing my aching body into the hot water.

The door opens and I catch Alpha Dane’s woody scent before he steps into the room. His crimson eyes move to the bed before searching the room for me.

“Sore?” He smirks, making his way over to me.

I nod and sink further down into the water, until it is lapping at my chin

“It won’t always be like this.” He smiles at me as he leans over the bath, kissing my forehead.

He moves away and sits in the big chair by the window. “You don’t remember much from your childhood, do you?”

I shook my head, knowing that he had turned the chair around and was watching me.

“Has Devon.... Has he said something?” I ask quietly

"No." He mutters, but he sounded different, as though his thoughts were elsewhere. "I haven't seen him."

"Did I do it wrong?" He was the only guy I had ever been with. I couldn't be certain that I had done my part properly. He laughs and shakes his head. "No, you were perfect."

I soak in silence, waiting for him to tell me what's on his mind. But he doesn't. He just quietly watches me, the same way he did back in Trey's office. A look of curiosity.

When I get out of the bath and start drying myself, he crosses over to the closet, fishing me out some clothes to wear. Something that I was slowly getting used to.

"Are we going somewhere?" I ask as he gets out a pair of trainers for me. I was hoping just to stay here and relax. "We need to speak to your brother. I have some questions and I would prefer it if you were there to hear his answers."

He said he hadn't spoken to him. What had happened while I was asleep?

Traipsing in the snow to the dungeons made me feel a little uneasy, something had definitely

happened and I wasn't sure if I even wanted to know. Content belongs to 7

Alpha Dane pulls the door open, stepping into the darkness first. He flicks the lights on as he makes his way down the steps.

"Devon?" Alpha Dane calls out. "Are you awake?"

"You've brought me a guest, how can I not be awake for my sister." He mutters with a yawn as I step in front of his cell. He looked well, someone had given him a small bed to lie on, some water and a change of clothes. He had been given more than what I had when Trey and Kyle were punishing me.

"You look comfortable." Alpha Dane speaks quietly

"Your gorgeous. Beta was kind enough to bang me a few things. He thought it might make me more conversational with him. He seemed a little annoyed that I would only speak to you." He grins. "Tell me, is he seeing anyone?" 4

"He isn't into men and I'm pretty sure he has made that quite clear." Alpha Dane's tone is low

"Such a pity. Anyway, how can I help you?" He pushes himself to his feet, stretching out his limbs. "Witches." Alpha Dane mutters,

"Witches? Any witch in particular? Not that I've met any."

"You said you had inside information. Was there talk of Witches visiting. particularly surrounding Neah.

My head snaps in Alpha Dane's direction, but he was solely focussed on Devon.

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"I don't know their names, but I assume it was Witches or a Witch that bound her. No one else has that kind of power." "That is why I am asking you."

Devon shakes his head. "I don't know what you want me to say, Alpha Dane. But there was no talk of a Witch or Witches. Trey worked hard to keep that pack concealed from other kinds. He wouldn't let just anyone in."

"What do you mean by that?" Aloha Dane demands

"Whoever bound her when she was a child would be the same one who bound her as an adult."

"Do...do you know who he is talking about?" I ask Alpha Dane quietly. Maybe it was why he was so off with me.

"Not yet." Alpha Dane mutters, He turns to the stairs, holding his hand out. "Come, it's time for your lesson with Klaus

"Lesson? Ooh, what are you practising, fighting?" Devon asks as his hands curl around the bars. "Is this Klaus a handsome man too. It gets a bit boring seeing the same faces down here."

"Reading lesson." I mutter, not really thinking about it.

"It's about time someone taught you to read and write."

"What....what did you say?" I had kept it a secret for so long. Raven figured it out. I blurted it out to Alpha Dane, but I had never told anyone else. Devon doesn't say anything. retreating back against the wall.

"Answer her?" Alpha Dane growls

"It's nothing."

"How... how did you know that?"

"My person on the inside told me."

Alpha Dane knew I didn't like talking about it. He knew there was no way on Earth I would easily tell another person. Even Trey thought I could read, when the truth was I just learned to figure out what things were without reading the label.

"Your story is starting to slip, Devon." Alpha Dane paces back and forth in front of his cell. "I knew there was something off with you." "Honestly, it's what he told me."

"His name?"

"He never gave me a name." He looks at me. "He was blonde, easily six foot. Almost black eyes. Always happy"

"You trusted someone in the pack who wouldn't even give you their name."

"They didn't want to be caught.

"Bull fucking shit!" Alpha Dane snaps. "I've heard some lies, but this takes the fucking piss."

"He's....telling....the truth." I mutter, vaguely remembering someone that looked like Devon's description

"This guy wouldn't know the truth if it bit him in the ass." Alpha Dane snaps

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He didn't come to the house much... dropped a list that Kyle had given ne." It was like an old memory, TM» cratchitag to gain entrance in the back of my mind. Little pieces << ickered through "He made a joke about me not reading it and then read it out to me."

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Alpha Dane is staring at me. "Are you sure?"

"My memory is bad... It's like, most of the good stuff is gone from when I was little and I can only remember the worst parts." My parents blood soaked faces instantly appear in front of me. -

"That's what Trey wanted, Neah. If you remembered all the good things, you would have been a threat. He had to make you weak." Devon mutters

"Again, you know a lot for someone who was never in the house." Alpha Dane growls as he grabs my hand, tugging me back up the stairs and out into the cool air.

"I don't like him!" He states. "Just something about him rubs me up the wrong way." He grabs my > shoulders, turning me around "Partial truths do not mean Ke is telling the whole truth." Content belongs to ~

"You mean like you are not telling me why you are being so weird?"

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Dane

It was rare, but now and again, snap little comments would come through taking us both by surprise. 'I'm not being weird. There is just a lot going on at the moment.'

'You are being an idiot again!' Aero mumbles

'What am I supposed to say? 'Hey, by the way. you were actually bound more than twice because they were scared of you.' Or maybe, "You don't need to worry about shifting. you've already done it!' Do you think she wants to hear that, Aero? She is petrified of shifting!'

Fine,' He sulks, 'Do it your way.'

"You...you still haven't said anything." Neah mutters. "Is Aero....is he saying something to you, is he talking about me?"

"Aero cares for you as much as I do. we just have different opinions when it comes to certain situations."

Her brow dips a little. "He wants you to...tell.....me something?" Her frown grows

"Not here!" I mumble, looking around at my people moving around. Grabbing her hand, I tug her back toward the house, shutting us in my office.

Plonking herself down in a chair, she immediately pulls her legs up to her chest. It took me a while to realise it was her way of defending herself, trying to prevent Trey and his crew hitting her ribs and stomach. Though now it was becoming a habit when she felt unprepared

"It's bad, isn't it?" she whispers "Veronica is back and now you and Aero have decided..... "It's nothing to do with Veronica.

'I don't..... I don't understand.'

"The last few days, we have spent a lot of time in the bedroom. During this time, there was a visitor."

"Trey?" she asks alarmed

"No, a Witch."

"Oh,

"The same Witch that bound your abilities." It was like tearing off a band aid slowly.
"When you were a newborn pup." Her forehead wrinkles as her eyes widen. "No....when I was six.

I don't give her the other information just yet and explain that this is the same Witch that I met with to discuss unbinding her. The same Witch that had bailed when I mentioned the name of Neah's pack and now I knew why.

"She helped Trey?" "No, Neah." I sigh, "She helped your father.

Her eyes drop from my gaze. Her hands grab the arm rests of her chair and her knuckles are momentarily whiter than white as she squeezes the wood. I feel her sudden rise in anger.

"My...my father?" "Yes." "My....my father. He...he wanted me bound?" she spits out the words.

Her anger quickly fades and her eyes become filled with tears.

"I know this isn't what you want to hear, Neah, but from what she told me. I don't think it was just Trey and Cassandra that were responsible. I believe it goes back further than that.

She sits there, staring at me with her blue eyes. I felt so bad for her. I had never known a pack like it. Secrets that ran thicker than blood, but they were all centred around her.

"W...why?" "They feared you." She lets out a small nervous laugh. "Me?"

I was just going to have to break the news.

"You were able to shift at birth, Neah. They had you bound and then when you were one, you started shifting again, like your Lycan sidec was fighting it. You, at the age of one, knew why the Witch was there. You purposely kept shifting to a Lycan i in the hopes that she wouldn't be able to bind you. Neah that's unheard of."

It is for Wolves.' Aero mutters

Neah stares at me as if I'm nuts. Pure disbelief that I was even suggesting that she had already shifted. Her mind just wouldn't accept what I was saying.

"You're...you are wrong. I would know. I....."

"You wouldn't remember. No pup would or could remember that." "I..... That... That can't... You are wrong."

"I'm only telling you what the Witch told me."

"You believe her."

adame Cure may be elusive at times, but she has always eventually told me the truth. Even if it is like => drawing I blood from a stone. = Sometimes cash tends to make her more forthcoming. However, this time, she didn't even want cash."

She's not listening.' Aero mutters.

I glance back at Neah who has her eyes closed and her nose wrinkled up as she frowns

"Are you okay?"

"I think I've heard that name."

"Madame Curie?" I ask curiously

Her jaw clenches as she nods her head.

"From someone here?"

"No, it's just....it's something up here." She taps her head. "Familiar."

"Like I said, they feared you Neah. That's why the Witch was involved. They fear a female Alpha." "'m not."

"You are a rare female Alpha of a dying breed."

She gets to her feet and moves around the desk to my window. "I'm not powerful, Alpha Dane. I'm just -> me.../ 'myself the girl that was made a slave) I I'm not... I'm not anything powerful And I wish... . Please § stop saying it." 4

I feel her sadness. She just wouldn't believe that it was a possibility. "If they are dying, let them die out." She mutters, as she continues to look out the window. "Let them die out?" Her comment takes me by surprise, that I have to confirm what I just heard.

She slowly turns to me and a tear is edging its way down over her cheek but she is so angry. "They did horrible things to me. They don't deserve to live."