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I link her to meet me.

She was hesitant at first, which is unlike her. But moments later, she appears. Seemlingly happy about the blood splatters on my shirt. "You wanted to see me?

'I've been thinking about what you have said."

"Oh?" She flutters her eyelashes at me. "Have you realised she is not the one for you?"

"I have thought about a lot of things since your return.

Her fingers immediately go to her hair, twirling a strand of it as she focuses on me. "I knew it, Dane. I knew she wouldn't be enough for you. I knew you just felt sorry for her."

"But that's the issue, isn't it. 'm mated to her. I can't do anything with you while I'm mated to her. I can't kiss you. I can't run my tongue over your sweet skin. I can't claim you and I definitely cannot fuck you."

Her brow dips a little in confusion, "Is she not dead?

"Now how would you know about that. Veronica?

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"So it's okay for you to stutter but not Neah?" I had heard Neah's thoughts on the interaction Her eyes widen as she tries to back away.

"Oh no. Not this time." I grab her shoulders, holding her firmly in place. "I told you, desperation doesn't look good on you. I warned you to stay away from Neah."

"You owe me!

"No, not anymore.

Lifting her off the ground she kicks and screams. Fighting to get out of my grip. "Dane please, I did this for us." "There is no us. If you had just left things alone, I wouldn't be taking you to fight for your life."

"Please, no. We protect our own, she isn't one of us!" She screams out

"It's like you said, Veronica. You needed a pack, but we didn't need you."

I drop her at the edge of the forest where many of my people had already shifted into Wolves and are eagerly waiting. "No, please Dane."

"You made Neah suffer, I think it's only fair you get to suffer too."

Tears are running down her face. "I'm sorry. I won't do this again. I won't. I will leave. Please!

"Run!"

I take a step back, removing my shirt, watching her slowly turn to the forest. "Thirty second head start."

"I'm sorry."

The others are growling at her, digging their paws into the soil as they hunched down, ready to pounce.

She backs away into the forest, running as fast as she can. I could hear her gabbing as she moved, she doesn't's Shift and sticks to running? on tworfeet. She most likely knéw ther @was not a single hope ϕ of her getting out of this. Content'belongs to 4

Shifting into my Wolf. I walk back and forth in front of the others. They had all been chosen to hunt now because they would be on duty during the pack run, keeping an eye on Neah.

As soon as I give the go ahead, they charge ahead-of me, quickly picking up Veronica's scent. Theirlegs =X power over the uneven ground, SS quickl¥turning when her scent-> moves in a different direction cowsd still hear her and already knew that she wouldn't make itfar.

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I'm quickly linked to say that she is surrounded. I could hear her begging them as I slowly made my way towards them. Piece by piece.' Aero growls

Veronica's face is stained with tears. The mud in her blonde hair suggested that she had tripped over at some point. Her eyes move between all of us as she begs for her life. It wouldn't make a difference, her death is certain.

I give the Wolves the go ahead.

They lunge at her like they would a deer or a stag Her screams filled the forest agthey began tearing flesh fropMier bones. It doesn't take long for Her screams to become silenta's her heart stops beating. Her eyesvare frozen wide as they? continue ripping her apart! hoped that in her final moments? she felt the pain that she put Neah in. to

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Dane

I sit at her bedside, watching every little muscle twitch, willing Neah to open her eyes. She wasn't dead. I would have felt it if her soul had crossed over. Which meant the antidote had worked on some level, but what irreparable damage had the Blood of Wolfsand done? We wouldn't know until she woke.

Eric still hadn't linked me either and my patience was waning. It wasn't like him to go so long without checking in and when I tried speaking to him through mindlink, he cut me off without a single word

"You should get some rest." Raven mutters from the doorway. "It's almost midnight and you have the pack run 'I'm not leaving her side.

"I can sit with her."

"Like I said, I am not leaving her side."

She steps in and passes me a folded shirt, "At least change your top, you still have her blood on you."

I glance down at my blood splattered shirt and agree that itis probably not what Neah would want to see when she wakes up. "You haven't said anything since you have been back, about Veronica." Raven mumbles

"She's dead. That is all you need to know."

"You hunted her, didn't you?"

"Did you expect me to let her final breath be easy?"

She gives me one final glance and backs out of the room

I hate this.' Aero mutters

You and me both.'

We have been in control of everything for so long, but things keep slipping through. Dane. Important shit." 'Are you trying to tell me you saw this coming?' I snap at my Wolf

No, of course not.'

Then you should have seen it. We both should have. Veronica has done some dark things in her past. I should have known that she would find a way to hurt Neah, especially after I told her she had no chance.'

Blood of Wolfsbane?' He mutters, 'That is something we couldn't prepare for.' Raven did! She knew there was a chance it could happen.'

Aero drops into silence, he knew I was internally punishing myself and that wasn't going to change any time soon

Changing into the black shirt, I seen Neah's fingers twitch a little. LS Immediately grabbing her hand, talk to her, hoping that my vaice would somehow help her wake up. to

Raven is soon replaced with Klaus, he lightly knocks on the door and frowns as he scans Neah. "Did you find it?" I ask without looking up "Yes, and there was plenty of it.

"What do you mean?"

"She had a room full of them. Easily forty or fifty individual plants. She knew what-she was doing. Not only I were thereplants, she had waders, a thi ck jacket and gloves, one of those beekeeper hats. The girl knew. what

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she Was doing. And she was- planning something big. Shé had enough to do some seridtis damage to the pack." to

"And?

"We burned the entire room. Nothing remains, including Veronica's bones." He takes a step towards Neah and sighs.

"What?"

"Neah has more enemies than you, Dane. For someone who knew nothing about her own life, how could she have made so many enemies?" "Her enemies are my enemies." I mutter.

Klaus takes a seat in the only empty chair. "I assume the brother doesn't know."

"He and Eric are yet to return."

"I'm sure they are fine. Maybe they have a lead and are tracking them." "You sound confident. 'I have to be hopeful." Klaus gives me a small smile

"Hopeful?"

"Think about itsshe is some kind of miracle. Whetelse can say they have been bound' this many times and live to tell thetale. And now poisoned-by something so deadly to our kind" He frowss as he stares at my mate. 'Has she made any progress?" to

"No. Her heart rhythm is steady. Raven says that everything is spot on. "Maybe her brain just needs time to process. Maybe the shock of what has happened has made her body shut down."

"Her mind is a mess." I sigh. "None of it makes any sense. I can't tell if she is reliving memories, or whether she's dreaming. I just know she is confused."

"So talk to her. Use your voice to guide her." "You believe in that?"

'I've heard of stranger things happening. Or if you feel uncomfortable doing that, I can read to her." He pulls a small book out from the inside of his jacket.

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"Go ahead," I mutter, "It can't hurt."

As Klaus reads to her. I watch for any signs that she could hear him, but there is little more than a finger twitch here and there. But it did seem to be bringing her peace. Her mnd wasn't so hectic.

Footsteps echo in the hallway as feet come running towards us. Klaus and I quickly move to the end of Neah's bed, blocking her from view just as Devon crashes in through the door.

"Is she okay? Please tell me she is okay!"

I take a step to the side so that he could see her.

"Who the fuck did this? Was it that fucking blonde bitch?"

"Yes." Klaus answers when I find myself unable to answer. Devon's reactins are strong, similar to how I would protect my sister "LT will kill her!"

"You are a little behind. Dane already had her killed." Klaus tells him

He moves around me to get closer to Neah, taking her hand in his. "Why won't she wake up?

"We don't know." Klaus mutters while watching me. "She has had an antidote, all her vitals are good. I think that after years of abuse, her brain has shut down, just temporarily, to recover.

"Where's Eric?" I mutter,

"He went to check on his boys. Today, made him realise alot of things."

My eyes narrow, "Why didn't he answer me when I linked him?"

"We ran into a spot of trouble."

"In the city?

"It looks like you were right. He is creating more Lycans. They were waiting for us.

As the light catches his skin. I notice old stains of blood that hadn't been wiped away properly. No one from my businesses had informed me that they were having problems.

"Where too in the city?"

"Eric called it the Southbank, you know, down by the river that passes through. We were attacked, we killed as many as we could. There was no sign of Trey or Cassandra anywhere."

"You couldn't sense them?" Klaus asks "Yes and No.

"What the fuck is that supposed to mean?"

"It means that Trey is doing ne biting, connecting more to him. I means thatte knows what he is doing. Hexs: smaking it difficult for "> me to sitgle him out in a place that is packed. I never thought of the idiots smart, which makesme thirik this is Cassandra's idea too." Hé bends down close toNeah. "Wake up, you are Safe. You are protected. You are loved." to

Still, there is nothing. If it wasn't for her heartbeat, she would be presumed dead.

When Klaus leaves, Devon takes the empty seat opposite me. He holds her left hand as I hold her right. =~ Unlike thé others, he doesn't tell me to leave or to get some rest. He Sits in silefice, which is unlike hina: 'He wasreally playing the doting brother but Aero still didn't trust Kim. to

A few hours after the sun has come up, Raven returns, checking all Neah's vitals again. "I don't understand." She murmurs "What's wrong?" Devon demands. "That's just it. There is nothing wrong. She should be awake.

"Are you sure you haven't missed anything?"

She frownsat him and turns a MN monitor around, pointing to the different lines. "Heartbeat, good, oxygen levels, brilliant, bloods pressure, perfect." to -

Raven leans over Neah, shining a torch light into her eyes, "Pupils, reactive."

"Raven?

"There's nothing more I can do Dane. She just needs time."

"That wasn't what I was going to ask. Who was the Witch you saw?"

"For the antidote? The one that you get information from. Madame Curie."

"Madame Curie?"

"Yep, she was very helpful." Raven smiles, "Told me that it wouldn't be an easy antidote to make, but that it was possible."

"Madame Curie is the one who got Neah in this mess in the first place. She was the one that bound her originally. Why would she help?" "I never said it was for Neah. I asked her if there was a way. I told her it was for the well being of the pack and she agreed."

"She agreed?"

"Yes. As simple as that."

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Neah I could hear them. Their voices sliced through the thick fog in my brain. Raven and Alpha Dane are arguing about the Witch who bound me. I could hear Raven defending the Witch, not for what had happened in the past but for what she had done now.

"She knew exactly who I was, Dane!" She snaps "She knows you are my brother. I don't think she needed a degree to figure out why I was asking for it."

"Guys, guys." Devon calls out.

"I still can't believe you went to her." Alpha Dane snaps

"If I hadn't, Neah would be dead!" Raven snaps back

Death. Maybe that was why I was here. Maybe death was what I was made for.

"Will you guys shut up!" Devon snaps. "Take it outside, she doesn't need to hear this."

'I'm sorry, Dane. I did what I thought was the best thing for this pack. I did this to protect us. Why can't you see it?" Raven stops shouting. "I did this for Black Shadow.

"How much?"

"It was nothing."

"She always has a price. How much?"

"I will pay you back.

"Raven!"

I don't hear what she says and I prefer it that way. But from the collective gasps, I assume it was a lot more than what anyone would pay. "I have it now. She gave me a list of ingredients and the directions to make it myself.

There's silence and I feel myself slipping away into my own fog. Wrapping itself around me like a blanket as it cocoons me. "She moved!" Devon's voice drags me back out of the fog.

"She's been twitching since yesterday." Alpha Dane mutters

"No, she moved. Her hand opened and closed."

Alpha Dane grabs my hand, short little spikes of electricity fly up my arm. jolting my heart.

"Did you see that?" Raven asks. "There was a spike in her heart rate."

"Neah? Neah?" Alpha Dane calls my name.

Had he felt it too?

I try to speak, but nothing comes out.

"Take your time, I'm right here." Alpha Dane murmurs. He squeezes my hand and I feel the sparks again. My eyes creep open to the bright lights of the hospital, which forces them closed again.

"Turn the lights off." Alpha Dane orders as he reads my mind

As my eyes open again, I don't recoil from the dimly lit room.

"Hey," Alpha Dane cradles my head. "How are you feeling?"

A raspy sound comes from my throat as I gaze at him.

"It's okay, take your time." Raven mutters

"You scared the crap out of all of us." Devon mumbles

I don't turr-to look at him, instead choosingto keep my focus on Alpha Dane and his strange crimson eyes. It wag-a relief to see him. For just a second, I had thought it hadall been a dream. to

Who? I wanted to ask. Who did this? The last thing I remember is listening to Alpha Dane send Eric and Devon into the city. "Veronica." Alpha Dane mutters, reading my mind. "She injected you with Blood of Wolfsbane. Raven had an antidote." I knew the bitch was going to try and kill me.

I see Alpha Dane smile. For just a second, I forgot how easy it was for him to read my mind

"She's dead, you don't need to worry about her anymore." He confirms.

"And a good thing too, Otherwise I would have had to kill her." Devon mutters.

Now there was just Trey and Cassandra to deal with.

Alpha Dane doesn't say anything, I knew he was listening to me. What was he not telling me? "Can we have a minute alone?" Alpha Dane mutters to the others.

They leave, though they are not happy about it.

He shuts the door behind them and rolls the blind down. It was serious.

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"Eric and Devon did go into the city." He tells me, "And just as we predicted ye is creating more o Lycans. t He may be doing it just so he carnattack us, but at the same timexit will piss off other Wolf" packs. " tov 4

My voice sounds like a knife being scraped on a plate as I ask why. He frowns, "Talk to me through your thoughts."

I nod and he continues to tell me how packs will feel threatened by Trey's ability to turn humans.

'It's the same as Vampires turning a lot of hurhans I in one go. They doit to invade an area and then kill the ones they turned" to =

'Vampires?' "Sorry," he mumbles, "There are a lot of other species in the world. Though you will never see them here.

'I don't know what a Vampire is'

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He narrows his eyes at me and I shrug my aching shoulders at him "Blood feeders. That's all you need to know." The way he barely speaks of them, made me pretty sure I didn't want to meet them anyway.

Shifting a little on the bed, Alpha Dane presses a button and the whole bed begins to move, pushing my back up until I was sat up, looking at him. He had a serious expression, his lips pursed a little as a small crease appears on his forehead

"You need to tell me when something doesn't feel right."

'I..... [thought I was just really, really tired. My head felt a little fuzzy, it still does."

He leans over me, placing his fists on the bed, inches from both sides of my hips. His face is close, his scent is wildly intoxicating. "I can't lose you." He mutters in a low voice. "I won't lose you."

His crimson eyes bore into mine. My thighs involuntarily clamp themselves together as I gaze back at him. He had this ability of making you want to obey him

My head bobs up and down and he grabs my face, kissing me. His tongue briefly skims mine, and he quickly pulls away

"I have to let you rest."

He sounds annoyed and disappointed. I spot his swollen bulge and I wondered how difficult it was, having to restrain himself right now. "If you were here for anything else. I would fuck you, right here, in this bed." He murmurs

He moves away. sitting in the chair and watches me. He doesn't speak, but his gaze tells me everything. When I'm given the all clear, I won't be leaving the bedroom

It's hours before Raven lets me go. She puts me through loads of tests. Asking my full name, where I was, if I could tell her what day it was and then there were the physical challenges. The more tests and questions she asked, the more impatient Alpha Dane grew.

"Raven, surely you have all your answers by now?" He snaps. He still hadn't left other than to use the bathroom. "I'm just being thorough. I don't need you biting my head off because I missed something.

He frustratedly waves at her to carry on.

I do everything she asks, but she still insists that when I go back to the packhouse, I rest.

"I'm okay." I whisper

'I'm not taking any chances." She turns to her brother, folding her arms across her chest. "Nothing physical for a couple of days.

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We walk slowly back towards the house, just like the first time I had been in the pack hospital, I refused to let him carry me, insisting that I needed to stretch my legs.

Devon hovers closely behind too, like they were both expecting me to drap at any moment or maybe they thought that I was going to be drugged again.

Alpha Dane glances at me. He was still listening to my thoughts.

"Just take your time." He murmurs. "I'm not going anywhere. I know you are aching.

Trey and the others would never have cared about something like that. They would have forced me to work through the pain, ensuring I suffered more

"And I will make them suffer too." He adds

"You will have to beat me to it." Devon mutters from behind me. "Even that Veronica I would have made her suffer more than just feeding her to the Wolves.

I freeze at his comment. Fed her to the Wolves? Did he mean actual wolves or the pack? "You don't need to worry about it." Alpha Dane mutters to me and I see him glare at Devon

"Sorry, I will keep my mouth shut." Devon sucks in his cheeks, avoiding making eye contact with me.

I should have expected it to turn out badly for her And I knew there was a dangerousside to Alpha Dane. I should havé put two andtwo together To realise that when heills someahe, it's never simple anc' straightforward. Kyle's death was arobably the easiest kill h¢fias ever had. Though, it did maké?ne wonder about the other women's deaths. to

Alpha Danedoesn't say anything and I decide not to question him He was listéning to my thoughts > anyway, but by the look he gives me, it weuld suggest that the others died in the same way.

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Chapter 0086

Dane

Devon leaves us when we make it to my office. Neah lowered herself into a chair so painfully slow that I wanted to help her. She had lied to Raven when she said she had felt fine. She knew I could read her mind, though I didn't say anything because I knew she wanted to be back here. She somehow felt safer here in the house.

"Can I get you something?" I ask while she pulls her legs up to her chest. Her head shakes from side to side making her dark hair fall around her face.

She hadn't mentioned anything more about the hunt, she hadn't questioned if the others had died the same way, but she didn't need to, she had already figured it out and yet. she still does not comment on my decisions. In fact, her mind is completely elsewhere

"Neah, I know you are not feeling yourself."

She picks at a thread in the black jeans she is wearing. "I'm alive."

Is she having some kind of mental breakdown?' Aero asks

"Yes you are." I mutter, ignoring my Wolf

"I shouldn't be. I....I should be dead." She grips her stomach and her face screws up in pain. "What's wrong?"

"It's just...a little uncomfortable."

"Let me see.

She puts her legs down and rolls up her top. "There is nothing there," she whispers and tenses up again. This time her hand grabs my arm. Her nails sink into my skin, creating little half moon shapes.

My nose catches the whiff of blood. "Neah, are you on your period?" Her nails sink a little deeper into my arm and blood rises to the surface. "I've....I've never had one." she gasps I hadn't thought about it until now, but it hits me that she hadn't had a period since she had been here and she should have done.

Her body had been so shut down and frail that its basic systems hadn't been working. And now, everything was falling back into place. Exactly how it should be.

"Is...." She squeezes my arm again. "Is it always this bad? "Come on, I can help you with the pain."

I don't let her walk this time, not letting it even be an option. Lifting her from the chair, I turn her quickly so that she doesn't see the deep red blood that had leaked through her jeans.

Standing her in the shower, I turn the water on, letting it soak the both of us as I strip her from her clothes. She would dig her nails into me each time a new cramp ripped through her.

"Take your time." I mutter, letting my lips graze hers.

Stepping out, I ran her a bath. I had enough experience to know the hot water would help ease the cramps and if it didn't. I always had my fingers. A good orgasm would usually do the trick.

Turning the water off, I hear her weeping. A hand pressed against the glass door as she sat in at the bottom. A steady amount of blood trickling from her pussy.

I move her from the shower to the hot bath, her skin almost sizzles as it hits the water and she lets out a little gasp "Move forward." I mutter, pulling off my own wet clothes.

"It's...it's blood."

"Do you think a little blood scares me?

She stares at me for a second and slides herself forward, allowing enough room for me to get in behind her.

She sits between my thighs, her back pressed against my chest. Resting ray hand on her stomach, tx press down, massaging it. She was still sofnin that I could feel herc> cranes beneath the surface coming instwaves and crashing, onea fter the other. to

Her hands grip my thighs, and once again, her nails pierce my skin as her whole body tenses. She lets out a whimper and I slide my hand down to cup her mound.

She grabs my arm with both hands. "What...what are you doing? "Easing the pain." She doesn't let go. "But..."

I let the tip of a finger dip in between her folds, running it back and forth. "It doesn't have to be a bad thing." I whisper in her ear. "Pain can be turned into pleasure."

Her hands stay glued to my arm, preventing my fingers from getting in any further as she mulls over my words. "Do you trust me?" I ask while flicking my tongue over the mark on her neck. She doesn't answer, but her hands retreat into the water and rest on my thighs as she parts her legs a little more.

Pushing two fingers deep inside her, I curve them around to press against her sensitive clit. Her body tenses up again, but not in the same way it had been with the cramps.

Gently stroking her swollen clit, she pushes her hips up. thrusting herself against my hand "Slow." I mutter to her. "It will help more.

Her back arches against my chest. She lets out soft moans as I continue to take my time. Sometimes it wasn't about my needs, but about watching her, knowing that she will only ever be satisfied by me.

She throws her head back against me as I push a third finger in, she is tight as expected, though she responds well and clamps her thighs around my hand.

My name rolls-off of her tongue as she rocks het hips back and forth, splashingwater over the side of the tub, just 8s she spasms around miy fingers) A combination of her juices and-Btood trickle down over remy fingers. to 4

She stills, her breathing heavy, her heartbeat running rampant.

"Better?"

"Uh huh." She mutters in a strange voice

I could see the pink blush making its way up from her chest and over her neck, heading towards her face. I smile as I listen to her thoughts. "If you want me to fuck you, all you need to do is ask."

Rinsing off in the shower, I press myself up against her, squashing her between me and the coo! tiles as my lips smashed against hers. She parts her lips a little to let my tongue in, allowing me to taste her.

My hard cock is already pressed up against her leg. she wraps her fingers around it, just like I had shown her. Her hand moves in a steady rhythm up and down my shaft. paying particular attention to the tip.

"You," I mutter as I kiss her, "Are supposed to be taking it easy." "Uh huh." She mutters, pushing her breasts into me

We end up in the bottom of the shower with Neah straddling my legs as my cock pushes up against the front of her pussy.

Her blue eyestock on mine as she adjusts hersétf and starts sliding down myndick, Her mouth wide as-~ she takesin my full length. She. lets outa little growl as she adjusts.to me. Bsound I hadn't heard from her before. tos

Guiding her hips, I encourage her to move up and down, slow and steady. letting her have complete control.

She was beautiful and she was mine.

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Neah

He spends hours making sure I have everything I need. Snacks, drinks, blankets and sometimes, he would just lay with me. Ensuring that I was comfortable, trailing his fingers along my skin

The cramps had stopped the moment I orgasmed and I'm still not entirely sure what came over me, or why I took control in the shower like I did. In that moment, it was like something else had taken over my body.

"Neah?" He murmurs my name, rousing me from my sleepy state. "I have to go, it's almost time for the pack run."

"Okay," I yawn, letting go of him.

"There will be guards on the house at all times. And your brother will be here too. He has agreed to stay."

I yawn again, nodding as I pull a pillow against my chest. The pack run was a big thing here, I wasn't going to ask him to stay. "Are you sure you will be alright?" He presses his lips ta my cheek

"I will just sleep, I think."

"I will let Devon know."

There is a small frown on his face, but he doesn't say anything other than telling me that he will see me in the morning

By midnight, I am wide awake. The full moon is high in the sky but I had this bad feeling. A sinking feeling, heavy inside of me. I couldn't put my finger on what it was, I just knew something wasn't right.

There's a frantic knock on my door. "Neah turn your fucking lights off and let me in!" Devon whisper shouts through the door. "What's wrong?" I mutter, opening the door to a naked Devon. I covered my eyes, because seeing my brother this way was not something that I needed. Nor did I want it permanently etched in my mind

He slams the door shut behind him and quickly hits the light switch, plunging us into darkness. His hand grabs mine. "You can see me, right?" He whispers

I ned. Though I still wasn't used to being able to see so clearly in the dark. "Why are you naked?" I match his whisper

"They are here Neah. They have used the full moon to make a move. I had to shift to cover my scent. Though they are aware of my presence and probably yours. They are here fo you."

I didn't think my stomach could fall any further, but it sinks to a new low.

"You need to shift."

"I.... can't. I..1 don't know how." I look around in the darkness, tears threatening to leak from my eyes. "The guards." He shakes his head at me. "Dead"

We both hear movement outside. Devon's eyes search the room, looking for somewhere to hide. But there was nowhere, it was too open.

I watch as his limbs suddenly lengthen ands body widens. Dark tufts of haicsprouted along his . thickening'skin. His head started to

take the Shape of a very large Wolf

head. 1 try to move away, but he grabs me, pulling me in against him ashe wraps his huge frame around me. A mixture of male pheromones, sweat and something musty fill the ir. to

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I'm trying to hide your scent.' His voice fills my head in the exact same way as Alpha Dane's He rubs his long arms all over me, smearing me in his awful scent. They would be dumb to fall for it.

The footsteps continue straight past the bedroom door. Devon holds me steady, refusing to let me go and for a second, I thought I had screwed up and that this was a trap of his.

'Come with mes He links me after a few more mihutes as his arms finally letmé free. He moves to the» window v, quietly sliding it open. . > Flashing his blue eyes at me, he" holds*out a large hand with massive claws sticking out each finger. to

From here I could see a few scattered bodies on the ground, in either Wolf or human form, but no Lycans. "W...where are we going?"

Up!"

I didn't understand, there was nothing up but the roof.

Alpha Dane told me that if there was ever a problem and he wasn't here, to go up.'

What choice did I have? Stay here and let them take me, or hope that he was telling me the truth.

Devon crouches down, telling me to climb on his back. I wrap my arms around his large neck and pray to the Moon Goddess that I could hald on. Because I was either going into more danger or Devon really was a man of his word.

He climbs thevouse quickly, only pausing whelr we are on the flat roof. He seans the rooftop and ther> does a gtrick loop, looking over the sides ty see if he could see anything. There was nothing here otherthan a small duffle bag. to

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Shifting back to human form, he quietly asks if I'm okay and pulls clothes from the bag. "Why are we up here?"

"Like I said, this is where Alpha Dane told me to bring you if I needed to get you to safety" Why hadn't Alpha Dane ever mentioned it to me?

"When?"

"Hmm?" He is still looking out at the grounds and not paying attention to me. I hadn't heard anything apart from those footsteps outside my bedroom door. I hadn't seen any other Lycans and the growing pit in my stomach was making me feel sick.

"When...when did he tell you? "Yesterday. When you were in the hospital."

I didn't know if he was lying or telling the truth. I just knew this was wrong. Being here, everything felt wrong. And where was Alpha Dane? He must be feeling my panic. I wish I could link him.

"Hungry?" Devon asks, as I lower myself to the floor.

"No."

"Are you sure? You haven't really left your room all afternoon."

He had been watching?

'I'm fine." I murmur, glancing over to the forest. Hoping that some of them would come back. Alpha Dane, Klaus, Beta Eric, anyone.

"Suit yourself." He mutters.

I could feel his eyes on me, waiting for me to move. If I don't fight, maybe it would buy me some time, maybe he would leave me alone

"You gave me quite a scare." He mutters, biting into an apple. "That fucking bitch drugging you, that was never the plan."

"Plan?" I pull my knees to my chest and keep my eyes low.

"Alpha Trey's plans were nearly ruined." He takes another bite of the apple

Alpha Trey, he was working for him all along

"Are you....are you even my brother?"

"Nope. I just have a very strong resemblance to your family. Alpha Trey made sure of it, he knew it would be the only way for you to believe me." "I could sense you.

"Of course you can, you dumb bitch. You have Alpha blood coursing through you. Really, Neah, I expected more from you."

"You... you linked me."

"And yet you still haven't figured it out." He tosses the apple core off the roof and points to me. "Alpha blood." As if that answered everything "It was just a game!" I feel anger bubbling inside of me. like nothing I have ever felt before. "Just a fucking game!

He takes a step back from me, laughing

"Is that it, that is all you think I'm worth! I believed in you. I..." Ishake my head, lost for words.

"So did everyone here. Eric, Klaus, but you were the biggest believer of all. As if twould hide out in a forest all day-watching Alpha Trey's house for years, no no, my job was far mere important." to -

I had been so stupid "You are just going to hand me over te him?" "Kicking and screaming if you don't come willingly." He shrugs his shoulders

"You are a fucking arsehole!" I push myself up on my feet. "I should have let Alpha Dane rip you apart."

"But you couldn't, because you felt sorry for your little brother." He mocks my voice

A pain shots through my head as I stare at him. White hot rage burned inside gime. I had spent my entire life being used as a pawn. Being a punéh bag for when they needed to vert or when they just felt like it.. Céntent belongs to

"You don't get to do this!" I snap "And what are you going to do to step me? Alpha Trey will be here the minute I call him. I wasn't being sucked back into that life. I'm not going to let it happen. I look around, there is nothing here I could use to defend myself. Nothing.

Another pain rips through my head almest bringing me to my knees and I fight with every ounce of my being to keep myself upright, to not show any weakness to him.

"There's nothing you can do. Neah." He muses. "Your life has already been planned for you and you are all alone."

I'm here.' A female voice rings through my head and pain shoots through my entire body.

My body hurls itself at Devon, large claws appearing at the tips of my fingers;that plunge straight inte his chest-As my hand comes out> fragments of his heart are attached tomy claws. ice "

He croaks as he stares at me. The claws quickly disappear, leaving pieces of his heart sitting in my hand.

Push him.' The voice mutters inside my head. 'Push him over.'

Chapter 0089

Neah His eyes were on my hand. Weird hollow rasps come out of him as blood trickles down the front of his top.

Very slowly he looks down. Like time had stopped to allow him to process what had happened. His hands shake as he touches his chest, he croaks and his body sways. Without a single thought, I shove him off the roof. Standing still until I hear his body hit the ground with a deafening crack

Sitting down, I pull my knees to my chest, letting the cold night air rustle through my hair. I had just killed someone.

I turn my hand over to look at it. it had partially shifted. Dried spots of blood still lingered. Running my thumb over the tips of my fingers, I feel nothing no pain, no sharp edges under my skin. The claws had disappeared as quickly as they came

I'm sorry about that, but that prick needed dealing with.' The voice rumbles through my head, unbothered by what had happened. There was no one on the roof but me. And it certainly wasn't Alpha Dane who was speaking to me.

You are right, I am far from a man.' I hear the amusement in her voice

Who...who are you?"

I'm Nyx, your Lycan. And it looks like we found each other at the right time."

We don't... You are not supposed to be in my head.'

Its funny what a little Alpha blood and a few bindings can do.'

I was annoyed, if I had a Lycan, why hadn't she shown herself. 'Where have you been?'

I've been right here, but those fuckers had me shut down."

It was an odd sensation, feeling her roam my mind. 'The period?' I whisper

Bingo!'

Stunned into silence, I keep my arms wrapped around my legs. Is this what Alpha Dane and the others feel like when their Wolf is talking? You will get used to me, Neah. My job is to keep us both alive.'

I let out a snort. I had done alright on my own until now. Sort of.

From now on.' She adds

By the time the sun rose, my entire body was shivering. lonly had on the tee and joggers I had worn to bed. My feet were bare and even though thy body could give off act of heat it wasn't enough to combat the sdld night air and I wouldn't let \y\text{y\text{Y}} come

forward so we could climb down. I was still too afraid to become a monster. I would rather freeze to death, to

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Neah? Neah are you okay?' Alpha Dane's words race through my mind.

Looking over the edge of the roof, I could still see Devon's mangled body alongwith the people he had ~_ killed. There were no others, the x groundsswere quiet. What about the kids2What about the ones who were toa.dld to take part in the patk run. Where were they? How many had Devon killed? to

I'm on the roof.' I mumble through the link "Why didn't he feel my fear or my panic?" I ask out loud

I blocked it. It was time for you to stand on your own two feet. As much as he is hot, he can't protect us all the time.'

"You blocked him?" I shout out in annoyance

She doesn't answer me and she doesn't say anything else.

Alpha Dane and the others come out of the forestsThey halt when they see the dead bodies that surround ~ the packhouse. Very slowly, Alpha~ Dane'seyes search the rooftop,» looking for me. The moment te sees meshe just stares back at ie. He théught I had killed them: to

I'm coming up.' He mutters

He expertly scales the side of the house like he had done it a million times before. His feet and his fingers quickly finding ledges to hold on too. As he climbs over the top, he just watches me.

"It...it wasn't me! Well, just Devon." I whisper. "Did you shift?"

"No. a little..... She talks so much. What about the kids and the others?"

Chapter 0090

His eyes narrow at me. "Eric is checking. Who are you talking about?"

"Nyx." I mumble. "In my head. A Lycan." I was really struggling to get the words out, between her talking to me and trying to tell me what to say and my own thoughts, things were becoming muddled.

He grabs my shoulders, his eyes quickly go to my bare feet and he groans. "How long have you been up here?" "Midnight." I whisper. I had looked at the clock moments before Devon barged his way into my room.

I cling to Alpha Dane like a monkey as he lowers us back down to his bedroom window. Inside he wraps a blanket around me and quickly closes the window.

"Tell me what happened. Tell me everything?" He settles into the large chair, watching me with his crimson eyes I stutter a lot. trying to get all the information out. He just nods his head, letting me get everything off my chest

"And claws appeared." I mutter. "I....1 pulled out bits of his heart." I urge at the thought of it, remembering how the pieces stuck to the end of my claws. It still didn't feel real.

"You partially shifted?" He asks when I don't say anymore I close my eyes and nod. I could hear in his tone that he didn't believe it. That he thought I was lying. "And you have a Lycan who is talking to you? In the same way as Aero speaks to me?"

I nod again, because it hadn't matched anything that I had learned about myself. Trey never had a Lycan spirit inside of him. Devon said it didn't happen. Yet here I was with Nyx whispering things in my head.

"Is she talking to you now?"

I puff out my cheeks and bob my head.

"What is she saying?"

"That you don't believe me. But...but you can read my mind, you have to know that I am not lying." "Right?"

"But it's not that you don't believe me, is it. Alpha Dane. It's that you don't think it's possible for me to kill someone like Devon. Even though you can read my mind."

His crimson eyes study me. "Partial shifting is not a thing. But then again, these days, I never know what is going to happen." I didn't want to show him, but he was leaving me no choice.

Do it?' I whisper to Nyx. 'Just like before.'

I actually feel her eyes roll and it was the oddest feéling. I pull my hand out from under the blanket and hold. it out. within seconds, there is a i sharp pain hat shoots through:my entirepody. My hand slowly . transforms, growing bigger.as thick laws inch themselves outof the tips of my fingers. to

The actual shift didn't hurt, it was the moment before. It was....strange "How does it make you feel?

I turn my clawed hand over, inspecting it. Tufts of dark fur spread up my wrist but fizzled out as it met my human flesh

"I don't know." I murmur. I had hated the idea of me shifting. Hated the ~ idea thati would become something else. Enated how this was kept a secret from me since I was & kid. But:the partial shift, it saved my life. to

See,' Nyx mutters. 'It's really not that bad.'

"You don't know?" Alpha Dane repeats

I shake my head and my claws retract as my hand shrinks.

I'm sorry about your men." I whisper, still staring at my hand. "I believed him. When he said Trey was attacking, I believed him." "You had no reason not to. You fear Trey. If someone tells you he is coming. I wouldn't have expected any different.

I frown because I knew I was an idiot

"He lied tots all. And we all fell for it. I'm just agmuch to blame. I should have known that taking too marty on a pack run would be a mistake: I put my & ttust in the wrong man. That won't happen again." ~