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Not Taking A No LIAM It was later in the evening , and I had worked with Damon before returning home to dad's place . I still needed to talk t o him , and I would do it soon .

I mind linked Raven asking her if she wanted to come over , and she had sounded pretty flustered , although she had replied that she was obviously going to come and to leave the window open for her . typical Raven .

I was glad she was coming , because I needed it . Throughout the day I felt myself on the brink of losing control , and the amount of wolfsbane I had injected in myself was enough to kill . But I was fine . The moment that darkness grew , it was as if I was suddenly immune to it : I had just showered , I had just grabbed a towel when I felt the flare of darkness grow inside of me . Focus ... There was nothing that triggered me , but the urge it had to release itself and wreak havoc made it fucking hard to control .

Let it all out and this struggle will stop . Don't fight it ... I pushed the thoughts away , remembering what I had done the last time I had let it out . Raven . Think of Raven ... I almost killed her . It wasn't working , I felt my anger flare , m y claws coming out , and I plunged it into my chest trying to contain this , digging m y hand into my chest , letting the pain override the darkness .

I was not going to let it out ... focus ... focus *** Destroy it all ... Let it go ... I groaned , falling to my knees , I needed to shift ... I needed " Liam ! " The door flew open and Raven's scent filled my senses as she fell to her knees next to me , her hand going to my shoulder . " Liam , breath . " I growled lowly . " Baby move ... "

Her hand wrapped around my wrist , firmly removing my claws from my chest . " I'm not leaving you , Liam . " Her voice was firm yet soft , and her touch seemed t o fight the storm growing inside of me . " Can I hold you . " I whispered , finally looking up at her as I fought against it . " Forever . " She replied , wrapping her arms around my neck .

Her lips met my neck , placing soft kisses that sent delicious sparks through me . I pulled her close , sitting back against the counter , wrapping my arms around her tiny body tightly , feeling the darkness fading away . Her lips never left my neck or shoulder , kissing me sensually until I was finally myself .

She slowly pulled away , staring at my bloody chest . Pain flashed in her eyes as she touched the raven tattoo that was over my heart . " Don't hurt yourself , baby . " She whispered , cupping my face as she knelt between my legs .

" I was trying to pull it back , I'm ok . " I said , running my hand through her hair . " I'm proud of you . " She whispered , cupping my face . Our eyes met , and I saw the concern and pain in her eyes . " I'm fucking losing it , Raven . " I said quietly . A part of me was telling me not to burden her with my fears , but another part of me needed to share the fear inside of me and with who else but my mate ? " I've hurt you , mom , dad ... Damon , I don't recognise the person I've become anymore .

" I said , running my fingers through my wet locks . And I hated it . She tugged my face up , staring into my eyes , and shook her head . " You have got this , Liam you want to fight this . Just think , a month ago you were like whatever I don't care if I die . " She said , softly kissing my lips .

" You are going to get through this , and you will be the very best version of yourself , because we are all rooting for that . " I hope so . " We all love you , Liam . " " I don't really deserve it though , the amount of crap I've done . " " Love doesn't work that way ; we love you for you and that won't change .

" She said firmly , blushing as she looked me over , clearly realising only now that I was only in a towel . She moved back , her heart thudding as she grabbed another towel , busying herself with wetting it before dabbing my chest gently and wiping up the blood as my wounds started to heal . " Let's get to bed .

" She whispered . " Sure . I'll just wash my hands . " I said , standing up and tightening my towel . Her gaze dipped to my waist , and I smirked . " Want a peek ? " I asked . Her eyes widened , and she shook her head vigorously , rushing from the room .

I smirked as I quickly rinsed my hands off . Entering the bedroom , I saw her sitting on the bed , one hand on her hip , and she looked like she was in pain . " Are you ok love ? " I asked , worry filling me as I rushed over to her . She nodded , despite her heart beating faster than normal , and it wasn't because of me .

" Yeah , I just ... felt a bit unwell . " She shook her head , and I nodded , hoping she was ok . I went over to my wardrobe thinking I needed to do something ... Perhaps I needed to visit Rayhan and Delsanra . Maybe she could put some sort of seal on my abilities ... The following day , I had told dad I had somewhere to go .

Only Raven knew where I was going , and although she wanted to go with me , I didn't trust her being alone with me not with my unhinged behaviour . At least at home , I know that there are others not far off . She hadn't been happy when I said that and huffed in annoyance before she headed out to training .

I had called Rayhan and we had scheduled a place to meet closer to his pack but not in pack territory because I didn't want anyone to know we had met or that I had gone there . " Take care of yourself . " Dad said as he stood by the car . " I'll be ok , " I said , crouching down and ruffling the little pumpkin's hair . " Be a good girl , ok , and no picking your boogers , it's g " 1 gross . " I no do that anymore , I big girl . " She denied it , as if that was obvious .

Yeah , I saw her this morning ... " Ahuh ... " She smiled , and I smiled back . Placing a quick kiss on her forehead , I got into my black Range Rover , waving them goodbye and slipping on my shades . I knew dad was worried about me going alone , but I promised him I would be ok , and I wouldn't be far . I just hoped I was and that Delsanra could help . I put some music on as I drove out of the pack grounds . It was a good hour later when I thought I heard a thud from the back . Fuck did something fall onto my car ?

I pulled up on the side , putting my hazard lights on , and got out. a Walking around , I inspected the smooth metal , shaking my head . Strange , I had felt something hit ... I was about to get back into the car when I froze in my tracks , staring at the trunk . A sudden thought came to me , and I frowned .

Don't tell me ... Stepping back , I popped the lid open and raised an eyebrow , staring down at none other than Raven , curled up inside . She smiled sheepishly at me . " You said I couldn't come , but I want to meet Rayhan's kitty ! " She said , pouting as she sat up , swinging her legs out as she stared up at me with those fucking gorgeous eyes that really made me unable to refuse her . " How the ... I didn't even smell you ... " " I still couldn't .

She smiled proudly , then raised an eyebrow , as if that was obvious . " Anti – scent spray , smart guy . " She jumped down , her breasts bouncing in that black corset top she was wearing , a jacket and pants completing her look . As always , she looked sexy . " So , for the last hour , you were in there ...

" " No , I think it's almost three . " She sighed . My eyes widened in surprise as I slammed the trunk shut . " Three ? Seriously ? " " Yeah , I needed to get in there before you saw me . " She pouted . I pulled her close , unable to resist her charm , I can't believe I actually thought she'd listen when I told her no .

" You know , it's dangerous around me . " I said quietly as she wrapped her arms around my waist . " I also know it's dangerous for you alone , and your dad doesn't know you're going this far out , does he ? " " Yeah , he doesn't , or he would have definitely sent guards , but I have some wolfsbane , not that it works . " He said . " Reckless move blue eyes . " She said , tapping my ass before sliding away swiftly and getting into the car from my side .

This girl ... I got in to see her strapping herself in as if she was ready for a special trip or something . But could I deny that I enjoyed having her here ? No . I leant over , kissing her cheek softly before moving back . " So , you've met Rayhan's Kitty before . What was she like ? " She asked when we were back on the road . " Loud . " " Oh . And what else ? " " Short , " " Oh . Wait , shorter than me ? " " No bitesize I don't think anyone can be shorter than you . " I smirked . Her mouth fell open before she frowned .

" Major burn , dude . " " Sorry , but I like your size . You are perfect . " I said , looking her over . Her cheeks flushed , but she still gave me a narrowed – eyed look . " You are not forgiven . " " I know . " I said , thinking about all the things I really wasn't forgiven for . She placed her hand over mine , giving me a small soft smile . "

I wanted to tell you- ouch ! " She flinched and I almost panicked until she rested her head back , closing her eyes and motioned to me , she was fine . Sorry , I just feel really ... I'm ok . " " That's happened twice . Are you sure you're ok , maybe we need to get that checked out . " " I'm seriously ok . " She said , and I nodded , although I didn't believe her fully . Was it ... could it be heat ? My stomach twisted and I really hoped not because I didn't want her to go through that ...

RAVEN We had just reached the hotel suite where Rayhan had told us to meet him . This was one of the Rossi Hotels . Dude , these guys were loaded . I wonder how rich they were ... Remind me to check the Rossi Group of Enterprises ' net worth later ...

There they were , Rayhan as handsome as ever , and next to him , a woman who was as gorgeous as a winter queen ! In person , her white hair looked even whiter , and her startling blue eyes were so ... blue ! She was slender yet she had curves that were in perfect portion , no extra wide hips like me or anything ! " Hey !

" I said as the two men hugged , before Liam gave Delsanra a nod . IF " Hi , it's nice to meet you , Raven . " Delsanra said with a small smile . " Likewise . " I said , she was taller than me ... Maybe about three inches ... When you're my height , even an inch is vital ... " Long time no see Raven . " Rayhan said , and I didn't miss his gaze going to my neck , but it was only a second and I had a feeling he knew what had happened .

" She hitchhiked ... " Liam said , looking down at me . " it's a big trunk . " I said . " I'm glad I got to meet you . " Delsanra said . " In person , you're even tinier , like a little pear drop . " " Pear drop ? " " Yeah , like the sweets . " She said , smiling slightly . " She has a thing for naming people after food .

" Rayhan said , pulling her close as he planted a kiss on her lips . I smiled at that . " Well , shall we get to this ? " Liam asked , the mood instantly darkening . " I don't know if it's going to work , we're talking gods . " Delsanra said , running her fingers through her hair . " 1 " If I didn't know that Selene existed , I'd find this entire God thing pretty weird . " Rayhan remarked as he sat on the sofa watching as Delsanra got to work , drawing some symbols onto the ground .

" I know , let's just try to see if we can suppress it , even if it's only partially . Wolfsbane isn't working on me , neither is silver . I took four doses of Wolfsbane this morning and nothing , I feel normal and I can mind link . " Liam said , his eyes on the symbols on the ground . " There are a few things I checked up . " Delsanra said .

" I'll do a suppression spell , and the other is to target you ... " What do you mean ? " I asked . She looked hesitant , glancing at Rayhan before staring down at her symbols on the floor . " I can block your healing ... But that's risky . If anything happens , you'll be like a human , its- " " Do it , we do both , if the darkness isn't controllable , then we target the real me .

If I do lose control , someone can easily injure me and stop me from going out of control . Let's do it . " Liam said with a nod . " Liam , think about it . This could go really wrong . " Rayhan said , brushing his hair back as he frowned thoughtfully .

" I'm a risk , Ray , to everyone around me . " No ... " Liam , imagine if someone attacks you , and- " I began " I can still fight . " He said , cupping my face . I looked up at him , not liking this at all . " I didn't only hurt you , I attacked Damon , Dad , and even hurt mom . " He said quietly . " I'm dangerous , and I need to do something about it .

" I nodded , I didn't like this , but I understood what he meant ... I pressed my lips together , nodding , and stepped away . Delsanra looked at me apologetically before turning to Liam . " Step into the centre of the circle . " She said . My heart felt uneasy at this , but I couldn't do anything but watch Liam make this decision ...

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Once Like Brothers DAMON Night had fallen and I was in the packhouse , in Liam's office , trying to look at the tracker families in the pack – those who had the ability to hide their heartbeats – when there was a knock on the door . " Enter . " I had left the door unlocked since I was in here anyway .

The door opened and Robyn's familiar scent hit my nose before I glanced up . She seemed surprised to see me alone , glancing around the room as if this was a mistake . She was dressed in figure – hugging clothes consisting of a black vest top and denim high waisted jeans . " I won't bite . " I said , smiling slightly . (Dear Readers Latest Chapters Uploaded Everyday on Read MOre Tommorrow Thank You.)

That emptiness in my chest that she had once partially filled had only grown since the rejection . It hurt . It fucking hurt . I pushed the thought away . I don't think I ever had a chance anyway , I would always be second , whether that was simply because Raven and Liam always had a stronger connection or because I couldn't bring myself to fight for it and make matters worse . One thing good about the rejection was that there was no holding on to hope that i It would never be .

There was no what if , or just maybe it could work . It was done and I could look forward from here ... It'll get easier ... I wasn't the only one who had shouldered a rejection . Only recently , Channing , Taylor's brother , had rejected his mate . It was different as their marks would remain until the end but they had weakened the bond by a lot . But if say , Anna took a new mate , and marked them , the mark could be lifted from Channing's neck .

The mate bond ... it wasn't something simple ... " I thought Zack was here . He asked me to check the anti – scent spray supplies . " She said , holding the file over her breasts . " Leave it with me . Thanks for your constant help , Robyn . You've always been really hands – on and organised . " I said glancing down at the desk in front of me , remembering a conversation from about six months ago that I had overheard her having with her brother Rick '

You're damn organised Of course , I am ! Who knows , I may be a beta female ... It could just be in my genes to be organised and handle stuff . The sound of her laughter echoed in my mind , and I knew back then that was the point where I should have told her I had a mate . Was this karma ? " " Yeah sure . So , there's nothing missing from the actual sprays , but there have been slight misses in the actual ingredients used to make them .

My bet is that someone has been sneaking a little here and there , then making their own . " She said , brushing a coiled tendril of her hair back as she placed the file down , pointing something out . Her heart was racing at our proximity . I looked at where she was pointing and frowned . " That's minimal ... Things get spilt when creating the sprays , are you sure it's not just a miscalculation ? " I questioned raising an eyebrow . She frowned , cocking an eyebrow .

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" I don't make mistakes when it comes to things like this . Damon , trust me , I'm the one who checked the stocks for Rick last time . " She replied snappily . " Calm down , I'm just saying . " I said , smiling slightly . She almost said something , the beginning of a smile on her lips before it vanished , and she shook her head , closing her eyes for a second . " Yeah ... so ... I was thinking , maybe someone who has access to the supplies ... She said , smoothly moving away from me .

My chest squeezed slightly at her move , but I smiled softly as I stared down at the file . I had lost everyone to the point where they walked away , and when it came to her , that was my fault , but I couldn't just delve into this fucking pain in my chest . It was my choice to let her go , and to let Raven go ... Now I had to deal with the aftermath . I nodded , and she turned away , hesitating before looking at me .

" Damon , are you ok ? " She asked , her voice sounding unsure . I looked up at her , nodding . " Yeah . She frowned , pursing her lips . " I know you better than that , Damon . You're hurting . Do you want to talk about i t ? " She asked , fiddling with one of her rings . I looked at her , I knew she was the one person I could lay my soul bare to ,

but it would just hurt , just as it would hurt Raven if I had told her how I felt . Even though Raven talked to me daily , asking how I was and checking in on me , I couldn't tell her that the pain in my chest was crushing me . Because I love her , and for her happiness , I let her go . As for Robyn ... bond or not , she had loved me , I was not going to hurt her by abusing that . " I'm fine , thanks . " I said just as the door opened and Liam stepped inside .

I frowned , instantly realising there was something different about him . What was it ... My eyes widened , realising there was n o aura around him . Although I knew it was usually suppressed , you could still tell when an Alpha walked into the room , and right now I felt nothing from him . " Hi ... I'm not disturbing right ? Dear Readers Latest Chapters Uploaded Everyday on Read More Tommorrow Thank You.)

" He asked , glancing between Robyn and I . " No Alpha , not at all . I was just bringing the list for the supplies ... " Robyn said before she walked past him towards the door . ' If you do want to talk , I'm here . I know the three of you have a complicated situation , and I'm not trying to butt in , but if you just need an ear to listen

One who won't ever judge ... I'm here . ' Her words came in my head , my heart thundered as I looked at her back . " Thanks ... Raven and I ... We rejected one another . ' I said quietly . Her heart raced , she looked down but she didn't turn back . ' Oh ... I'm sorry . Then she was gone , shutting the door behind her . Liam raised an eyebrow . " All , ok ? "

" Yeah . " I said , I knew that he knew that w e had been mind linking . " Cool . " I glanced at him as he came over , picking u p the file that Robyn had brought in . He hadn't said anything about the rejection s o far ... I wouldn't either , I'll let him bring i t up first . " You were out all day , and your aura's different . Or more like , there just isn't one . "

I asked as he dropped onto his chair . He glanced up at me and frowned . " I got a seal or two put on me ... just in case " He said quietly , after a moment's KEP pause ... I frowned . Didn't his dad say he was just going into town ? That meant he probably went to see Rayhan ... " Does your Dad know ? " " No , only you and Raven . "

He said , frowning as he tossed the file down and looked up at me . " I owe you a lot more than an apology but I'll start there . I'm not going to justify my shit , because even now I can't think of sharing my mate ..

but my behaviour ... it was wrong . I fucked up a lot and in the process lost a lot . " I watched him , sensing the guilt roll of him as he stared at his hands , his elbows resting on his legs , his head hanging . " What I'm trying to say is that I'm sorry for treating you like shit ... That I saw and still see everything you did for me ,

Damon . I'm a total prick , but you bent over backwards to make me happy . You've always put yourself aside . You sacrificed everything for me and I realise I broke the very first promise I made to you years ago . " His voice was hoarse , and I could hear the guilt laced with pain in it . Promise ... Yeah , I remember it .

(FLASHBACK FOURTEEN YEARS AGO) "

Liam , you won ! " I gasped , catching my breath , looking at the boy who was a little younger than me but was already slightly taller . He smiled . " I'm sure you will win next time , Damon .

Rematch ? " " Ok ! " I said , " Three , two , ONE ! " We broke into a run , our feet barely hitting the earthy ground as we raced towards the line of trees . I glanced at him , realising he was falling behind . " I'm winning , Liam ! I'm going to win ! " I slammed my hand against the tree trunk ,

bursting into laughter as I stuck my tongue out at him when he reached me moments later . " Yeah , you did ! " He said , high – fiving me . " Is it bad ? You're the Alpha . You will always be number one . You should be number one ! " He smiled at me , his eyes sparkling brightly . " We are brothers . There won't be a first or second , we will always be a team . I promise . " He h Call ended out to me and I took it happily , noading . " Yeah , we are brothers ! " Dear Readers Latest Chapters Uploaded Everyday on Read More Tommorow Thank You.)

(END OF FLASHBACK)

I realised years later that he let me win here and there ... I was never stronger or faster than he was but he let me think that , but that was Liam for you ... Until that blood moon ... " I've treated you like shit and even then you have stuck by me ...

You haven't made a move on Raven ... But I still hate you for it ... I acted like I'd always share everything , and then I realised that she was the one thing I couldn't ... I hurt you , and I know you're probably mad at me , which you should be , but I'll try to do better . I'll make it up to you ... or I'll at least try to .

" He said , running his fingers over his head , messing up his perfectly styled hair . His words resonated in my head and I could hear the sorrow and vulnerability in his words , yet the strength and confidence of his determination to fix things shone through . I moved away from the table , taking a seat in the chair opposite . " I didn't mind any of your crap until you marked her ... that was my limit , and what was worse was I couldn't do anything I just watched . "

" I know ... But it's not your fault ... You couldn't do anything . That's something I won't ever be able to forget . Ever . " He said , his brows furrowed . " I know you let me lash you so I can vent my anger . " I said quietly . " I'm not stupid , deep down I know my best friend and brother is in there ... I'm seeing him coming out , a little by little .

I just hope that he fights this darkness and realises that his actions are hurting those around him . " He nodded , looking across at me . " I'm going to try , thank you for being a friend , one I don't even deserve . " " That's what brothers are for ... We deal with each other's shit and are there for one another . You were there for me when Dad died , Liam . I won't forget that But I still want to punch you . " I said , despite smiling at him . " No one is stopping you . .

" He replied , smirking . I shook my head , " Who would have thought a girl would be the reason for our conflict . " I said , feeling that stabbing pain inside of me .

*** " Yeah ... I love her ... and I know you do too So I'm not going to stand in her way . I'm not an angel who is going to say yeah , I'll share ... because I really can't

, I have fucking tried to get my head around it . Considered it even , but I can't . I won't expect her to choose me , I have to deal with the fact that I'm not the only one in the running . It's late ... I know It's really late and I have a head start , but go for it . Fight for her if you want to , if she wants you ...

I won't lie and say that I will be happy for you , I'll fucking be jealous ... but I'll accept it . You are my beta and r my brother Damon , I don't want that to change . Even if I'm fucking too late to say i t or maybe I've destroyed any hopes of that , to a point of no redemption . " My heart was racing , his words echoed in my mind , but it was his remark about Raven that threw me off . Liam didn't know we had already rejected one another . Dear Readers Latest Chapters Uploaded Everyday on Read More Tommorrow Thank You.)

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Her Inner Conflict ROBYN Last night I wasn't able to sleep... All I could think about was Damon's words. They had rejected one another... goddess.. The flames of hope had leapt up in my chest, but I had squashed them. He had hurt me and then cast me aside. Sure, he was hurt by many, he lost a lot... but I was hurting to.... I couldn't hurt him more and myself too... Why was the connection still there? I hated it, I hated how we just couldn't fall out of love as easily as we fell into love. I rolled over in bed, staring at the rising sun through the gap in my curtain. I would never open myself to anyone ever again, not until I met my mate... But before that, I needed to get over Damon to be able to even consider a mate. It isn't easy to get over someone as handsome, gorgeous, and loving as him. In the nicest way possible, I wonder why Raven would choose Liam over him... Damon was far more- stop it. I pushed the thoughts away and decided to get ready for the day. My morning ritual these days was training, showering, breakfast, then coming and trying to find something to break this curse. Urgh, why was our pack suffering so much? Even the battle of Hecate's betrayal took place here. Two hours later, I had showered and dropped onto the bed, staring at the book, listening to music as I looked over my notes. The only thing I could think of was an act that had to come from Liam himself, genuine and something he had to give. Wait.. A sudden thought came to me and I jolted upright, staring at the page. Did it mean he had to give up his mate? My heart thumped, I may or may not be right... But I should tell Raven. In a way, I was glad she had rejected Damon. At least she wasn't stringing him along. He deserved better than to be treated like that. "Raven?" I called through the link. Hey, Robyn!" She sure had energy... I was aching after training and wouldn't mind going to sleep again... a nap sounded good right about now 'I had another theory, about the curse. I'm sorry I've not been of much help, but- 'Ooh! I'll come over. Is that ok?" 'Sure.' I said. Sighing, I leant back and stared at the ceiling. Damon's words once again ringing in my ears. Rejection... I shouldn't care. Raven came soon after, and she held out a box of brownies. "Luna Red made them." She said. "Oh... wow, she makes amazing brownies "I said, remembering Damon used to share these with

me sometimes. "Thanks. %3D "You are most welcome..." She said, taking a seat on my bed comfortably. I resisted a smile; Raven would be a good Luna. She was the type of person who made you feel relaxed. "So... I feel like this is going to be something Alpha Liam needs to figure out for himself.. but... I came up with one theory. I hated this, I wish I never mentioned it. What if I' m wrong and I cause more issues? "Ouch.." She flinched, doubling over, the brownie falling from her fingertips. "Raven!" I panicked, my heart thudding as I rushed to her side. "Aah!" She gasped, her heart racing, her face contorting with pain. I looked around, unsure of what to do. Just when I was about to mind link Damon, she gasped, letting out a breath. "Are you alright?" I felt her forehead . She nodded slowly, sitting up, but she was shaking slightly. "Raven. that' ..." I looked at her sharply, my gaze falling to her neck. "I'm ok!" She said apologetically. "I'm so sorry about your bed!" She quickly began to scoop the crumbs up. "Raven. Have you had that pain before?" "Yeah, it's happened a few times recently. " She said, brushing her hand through her hair, breathing hard. "Babe... I think you may be going into heat." 1 said hesitantly. I was sure she was, something told me she and Liam hadn't gone to that extent. Her face dropped, her heart thudding as she looked at me. "Heat... It could be, please don't mention this to anyone.. I'll make myself a plan.. She whispered, her heart thumping. "I don't think hiding stuff is going to be wise.. "No, you don't get it, I.. Now isn't the time. If I go into heat, I need to be alone." She sounded worried. "How about you link me if you do go into heat? Maybe we could have the ice packs ready and stay away from the packhouse. "You'll help me?" She looked surprised. "Nope, I'm just going to take you far away from the packhouse and kidnap you." I joked. Actually, not a smart joke, especially with the killer that may or may not still be out there. "Sorry for the bad joke, I'm not a jokey "I said apologetically. person. "That's ok, you're the smart one, I'm the jokey one." She grinned, as if she hadn't just doubled over in pain moments earlier. "You're smart too." I said, standing up, "You should tell someone though. Going into heat... It's not a joke. Maybe mate before then..." I said. "It might actually be wiser than just coping... But I know the mark wasn't planned... Whatever you decide, I'm here if you need me. "Thanks, Robyn.." She looked conflicted, I saw the flash of guilt and sadness in her eyes, and I knew it was not because of her situation but because of Damon. "Stop with the face, it's going to be ok." She nodded and we began to discuss the curse once more, but like always, there were no more answers... Night had fallen and it was really late, I had fallen asleep at eight pm and woke up an hour ago, deciding to have a nice long bath. It was almost three in the morning and I had just stepped out of the bathroom, a towel wrapped around me as I headed down the hall to my room. Despite there being several bathrooms, there were still far more people here. I really wish all the rooms had their own bathrooms. Was there a way to pitch the idea forward? I turned the corner only for me to knock into a hard chest. I gasped, stumbling back, my wet feet skidding on the floor, but a pair of strong arms caught me before I fell backwards. "Easy!" My heart thudded as my brain registered the scent and touch of none other than Damon himself, his soft blue eyes were wide as his gaze dipped to my ridiculously small towel that had been pulled down slightly in my moment of stupidity, showing off more than a small amount of breast. He looked away, quickly pulling me upright. "Sorry, you're up late." He said, moving back as if I burned. "You know I'm a night owl." I said, fixing my towel, suddenly feeling very bare. My stomach was a mess of nerves, my heart racing. "Yeah.. uh.. night..." He said. Our eyes met, I knew that it had thrown him off... It had confused me to... I missed his hold... But... It was a one-way thing he didn't feel anything for me. "Night.." I said as he quickly walked off towards the stairs and I returned to my room still feeling a little lightheaded...

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A Fire Within – RAVEN

I sighed staring at the men's perfume set that I was holding in my hand . I had come out to Stratford Upon Avon's largest shopping centre to buy a gift for Uncle El's upcoming birthday . It was in the afternoon , but I still couldn't get Robyn's words from earlier out of my mind about how I needed to tell someone about me on the verge of going into heat . But forget that , more than my heat , I needed to tell Liam about mine and Damon's rejection .

I was going to tell him yesterday in the car , but then the stupid pain played up . Then last night I waited for him , but he had come late and I had fallen asleep . Damon had linked me earlier , asking me why I hadn't told Liam . Last night , Liam had talked to him and it was clear he didn't know . I explained to him that I had been about to tell him twice but stuff came up . But today I had booked a table in a restaurant here in town , and I was going to tell him .

I wasn't sure what to do about my heat , I figured I'd talk to Liam and we'd go from there . I loved him but I didn't feel as if I was ready for that last step , not when he felt guilty . What if I said it and he refused ? I'd be hurt , but I needed to talk to him regardless of the outcome . He had promised to meet me here .

Although he was supposedly on house arrest , I was glad he was allowed to get out . Staying indoors would only drive him crazier , although I don't think Uncle El realises Liam's always broke more rules than he knows . I wasn't complaining . I had liked our road trip .

I paid for the fragrance and headed out , glancing at my watch , twenty – to – six . Perfect , enough time for me to just get dressed and head to the restaurant for seven ! I got into the backseat of my car , pulling out the outfit I had decided to wear for tonight . A black long – sleeved high collared dress with a cut out back . What's not to love about black ?! I glanced towards tinted windows before I undressed and slipped it on , pairing it with some net tights and some heels .

Taking my makeup back out , I began working on to my face . It was when I was almost done , a sudden surge of pain coursed through me , but this time it was accompanied by a raging fire . I felt as if my entire body was burning . A whimper left my lips as I dropped my lip liner . Screaming at the spasming pain , my lower region throbbed and I bit my lip ,

Liam's face flashing in my head . I wanted him . ' Liam ... ' I called through the link , my mind felt fuzzy , my entire body felt hot and crazy . ' Raven , what's wrong ? ' ' Liam , I need you to come get me . ' I whispered . ' Where are you ? ' ' Outside Red Fort shopping – Ah ! ' I whimpered as another pain rushed through me . I needed this clothing off !

I grabbed the collar of my dress , tearing it off completely . ' I'm coming . ' His voice was soothing , yet he was clearly worried . ' Fast . ' I moaned . I wanted him . My mind felt hazy as I ripped through my tights and pushed my underwear aside , parting my smooth lips and began rubbing my clit . Liam ...

I imagined it was him touching me , imagining him running his tongue down my stomach , pushing my thighs apart before he drove his tongue into me . " Liam ... " I whimpered , moaning as I felt my orgasm building , moving my finger faster . " Fuck ... " 1 My eyes flew open , my back arching as my orgasm ripped through me .

I dropped back onto the seat , feeling a little cooler and somewhat returning to my senses . My cheeks were hot and the flames that were licking my body were still there , but it wasn't as tense . I was aching for so much more ...

I gripped onto the seat in front , whimpering as another jarring burst of pain rushed through me . Wait ... Was calling Liam the smart thing to – ouch ! I whimpered , clamping my hand over my mouth , not wanting anyone to hear me . A sudden tapping on the window made my eyes fly open , my heart thundering when I saw Liam . '

Open the door , love . ' I reached over , unlocking the door and pushing it open slightly , my entire body burning with a dangerous desire to jump him right now . His eyes instantly blazed magnetic blue the moment my scent hit him . His heart thundered as his eyes trailed over me , I was in my lingerie and torn net tights , and even in my hazy state , I could tell he liked what he saw from the pure carnal hunger in those shimmering deep blue eyes ... " You're in heat ...

" He swallowed , slowly getting in the car . His nostrils flaring as he shut the door behind him and cupped my neck , touching his knuckles to my cheek . I whimpered at his touch , the sparks coursing through me making me throb . " Fuck , Liam ... " I whimpered , I needed his touch . I climbed into his lap and he tensed , gripping my arms . " Raven ... look at me . " He said through gritted teeth , trying to calm his racing heartbeat . " I'm burning up , I ... "

Raven ... Love , listen to me . Let's get you somewhere cold , a bath maybe ... ice ... " " Kiss me . " I whispered seductively , ripping his shirt halfway before he caught my wrists . " You're not yourself . I'll kiss you , but we can't go further ... " He whispered , I knew I was breaking his resolve when I took my bottom lip between my teeth and looked at him with hooded eyes . " Then kiss me blue eyes . " I whispered , rolling my hips against his crotch . A horny moan left my lips and he swore , suddenly lifting me off him and placing me down .

" Raven , let's get you out of here " He said , his voice hoarse and almost animalistic , one that just made me want him even more . Getting out of the car , he got into the front , grabbing my keys as I glared at him . " I'll tell Mom you're in heat . She can tell us what to do . I don't trust myself around you . " 1 " You're responsible for this ! So , you should fix it !

" I growled . I know I was being unreasonable but I needed him , I wanted him . He turned the air conditioning on full but it did nothing to satiate the burning desire inside of me . " I don't want to go to the pack , Liam ... Not like this , the world

already seems to know everything about me ... Just take me to a hotel room or something .

I don't want anyone to know . " I said , suddenly feeling upset . Another jarring pain rushed through me and I whimpered , curling up on the back seat . Through my half – lidded eyes , I could see his knuckles were white on the steering wheel . " What about Damon ? Do you want him with you instead ? " He asked , his voice low , and although he was trying to sound normal , I knew just asking me that question hurt . I frowned , feeling the throb deep inside of me return .

" We rejected one another , Liam ... I was meant to tell you ... But ... Fuck something came in the way ... " I whispered , biting my lip as another jarring pain rushed through me . He didn't reply but I could hear the beat of his heart , knowing it was a shock to his system . "

After what I did ... " I think I heard him whisper , but I was far too lost in my own pain , the heat , and the need for more licking painfully at my skin . The leather of the seats burned too ... " I'm going to go get ice ... I won't be long . " I heard him whisper , realising the car had stopped . I stared through the window , a supermarket ...

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1. His Control

LIAM

They had rejected each other? When? How? Did Damon think I was rubbing it in when I talked to him yesterday? Fuck I wasn't... I was late apologising... And although I won't deny it gave me hope, it also meant he had taken himself out of the running because of me.

At that moment, I knew that even if things became better between us, they would never return fully to how they once used to be. 1 Once we parked outside a hotel, pulling the oversized hoodie over her, I helped her out of the car, holding two of the bags full of ice cube packs.

There was more in the car but I needed to get her some sort of relief from this pain quickly. Pain that I had inflicted upon her, when the fuck will I ever stop causing her pain? O I could smell her arousal, a thousand fucking times stronger than ever and I was hard.

The urge to mate with her was fucking strong but I refused to even think about that. I lifted her onto my shoulder the moment I had our key card and entered the lift. Once we were in the room, I dropped the bags and placed her on the bed, pulling her hoodie off.

My eyes trailed over her body, those perfect round breasts in that lace black bra... With her narrow waist, curvy hips and sexy thighs, in only her heels and those net tights, it only added to how fucking hot she looked.

"I'm going to run you a bath." I said, trying not to look at her pussy, licking my lips. She looked up at me, her eyes full of desire, pain and something else. She nodded, curling up. I rushed to the bathroom, I had asked for a room with a large tub. Relieved it was a decent size, I opened the cold tap.

She screamed and I froze, turning back to the bedroom and rushing over to her. Fuck... "Liam...it hurts." She whimpered, her legs parted and her back arched. "Ok wait..." I ran my fingers through my hair. This was torture. I deserved it though.

Opening the top ice bag, I grabbed a handful. Walking to the bed, I climbed between her legs, dropping the ice onto the bed. Keeping one in my hand, I ran it over her lips, watching the water melt and trickle down her neck. She was burning hot...

I leaned in, claiming her lips in a deep kiss. Instantly, her hands grabbed the back of my neck, pulling me on top of her. One of her legs wrapped around my waist before she yanked my jacket off, ripping my shirt down the centre.

X 'I want you, Liam.' She begged. 'No baby, but I'll help, I promise. I can't take anything more from you.' I whispered tenderly. I felt awful. I had ruined her marking; I was not going to ruin her first time... I trailed the ice cube between her breasts, my lips still devouring hers.

Fuck, she was delicious... She fought for dominance, kissing me hungrily, moaning in satisfaction when I plunged my tongue into her mouth. Her moans alone were enough to make me come. Goddess... this was so good...

I broke away, grabbing another two cubes and trailing them down her stomach before I reached her tights and tore them open from the middle. She stretched her luscious thighs for me and I pushed her panties aside, rubbing the cube over her clit.

XO She groaned in pleasure, her back relaxing as she whimpered in satisfaction. "That feels good...." She whispered. I smirked, pleased that this was working... I slowly pressed the cube to her entrance, making her gasp in pleasure as I slowly pushed it further into her.

"Oh fuck!" She whined hornily. Once it was completely inside her hot core, I flicked her clit with my tongue, before flattening it to her base and running it up along her dripping core slowly, growling in approval at how fucking good she tasted.

She whimpered, her hand tangling in my hair painfully perfect. I couldn't stop the groan of pleasure as I flicked and sucked her clit faster, slipping another ice cube into her molten hot core. "Oh FUCK!" She cried out as she came hard.

I rubbed my nose against her clit, drinking up her scent before I moved back, kissing her lips softly. "Thanks..." She whispered, clearly feeling calmer. a I gave her a small smile, caressing her hair. "You look beautiful..."

You always do. As much as I want to take this pain away, I know you're not fully there and when... If, the time comes and you want to give yourself to me, I'll promise it will be perfect." I whispered, placing a single chaste kiss on her lips before moving away, hoping the tub was full. I grabbed two ice bags and left the room. a

Swearing when I saw the water was dangerously high. Shit. Quickly, I unplugged it, draining some out before dumping the ice into it and re-plugging it. There. Perfect. I returned to the bedroom, freezing in my tracks when I looked at her. Her bra strap was off her shoulder, her sexy legs were parted and she was slipping another cube into herself with one of her delicate fingers. Fuck... She looked up at me with those eyes coated with lust and desire.

"Like what you see, baby?" She asked. "You know I fucking do..." I said, the hard-on in my pants was fucking painful. She tilted her head, smiling slightly as I walked over to the bed. As much as she was fucking tempting me, I would not take advantage of her.

Not again. I lifted her bridal style and carried her to the bathroom. Placing her on the floor I stripped off her net tights, about to place her in the bath when she reached behind and unhooked her bra. Fuck. "Raven... Are you trying to torture me on purpose?" I asked, swallowing hard as I I stared at her breasts...

This was the most naked I had seen her in one go... Fuck.... In nothing but her panties, she looked... so fucking good... There was just something so hot about her, from her size to her curves... She giggled weakly, spinning around and hooking her fingers in her underwear.

"The fabric is chaffing my skin." She whined, wriggling her ass. I looked away as I saw her discard her panties from the corner of my eye. Praying for fucking strength. I felt the darkness trying to surface and pushed it away.

Not again. I helped her into the bath without looking at her, satisfied when she let out a sigh of relief, sinking into the tub until all I could see above the surface was her face and her hair splayed around her. "I'm going to get more ice from the car, ok?" There was still some in the bedroom, but we needed more...

11 "Ok... Sorry for teasing you. I'm just... T! "In heat." I finished. Leaning over the tub, I kissed her lips softly. "I'll take care of you but I do need to tell someone. What about Mom? Because when night falls Dad will want to know where I am."

She frowned, and seemed to think, before whimpering and nodding "Only your parents then." She said. I nodded, before leaving the room and linked Mom. Hoping we were still in range " Mom, can you hear me? 'Liam? of course, I can.'

'I have an issue and I need you to relax, and maybe I need you here...' 'Of course, what is it?' She asked with worry clear in her voice. 'Raven went into heat. We're in town, at the Holden Hill Hotel. I'm in control...

I'm ok... but just in case... can you come here? I get Dad needs to stay in the pack, but you are strong enough to keep me in control if need be.' I said quietly. She would be strong enough without a doubt, because I was weaker and completely vulnerable to any attack thanks to the seal Delsanra had put on me.

As for the darkness, I could feel it fighting her barriers, growing stronger. I knew it would soon break free from her seal, but until then... I'll do my best. 'Got it. I'm assuming... You two are not going to- "Obviously, Mom, or I wouldn't have asked you to come!' I groaned. Seriously so fucking cringy.

She laughed. 'I went through heat in the same way. Don't worry, I will explain stuff to your dad and I'll be there.' She cut the link and I sighed, this was going to be awkward... Having Mom around when Raven was in heat and I was fucking turned on...

But I couldn't risk Raven's safety. Not again. Three days. Raven had been in heat for three days and I was a wreck. Resisting her was draining me, I could only imagine how exhausting it was for her. She begged me to take her several times, saying she loved me, but it was the pain and need for a release that was making her mind a haze.

. Mom stayed in the hotel bedroom, bringing food and ice. She left during certain periods to spend time with Azura but at night she was around, and for most parts of the day. To my relief, and I am sure to Dad and Mom's, I didn't lose control, something I knew Dad was worried about. I had a feeling Mom had to fight for him to allow me near Raven.

He had mind linked once. His words were still clear in my mind. a 'You are my son, and I know you got this ... be the man she deserves.' 1 1 I will be. I will try. Having Mom around wasn't as bad as I thought, she didn't say anything or make anything fucking weird thank fuck.

I made Raven come countless times but I refused to take her completely. My fingers or tongue doing the job, but with each passing day it wasn't enough. She needed more. DO Despite how weak and exhausted she was, she couldn't sleep, not with the pain she was in.

Sometimes she'd drift off for a few minutes until the heat forced her awake. I stayed by her side, staying awake myself, easing her pain as best I could. "How is she?" Mom asked as I walked out of the bathroom, buttoning up my white shirt to hide the scratches made from Raven earlier still covering my torso since I wasn't healing anymore.

"I think it's at its worst..." I said, running a hand through my messy locks. Mom nodded sympathetically. "It's the final day, it's going to be the hardest today, and the bath won't help. A n Alpha's mark can make the heat a lot more worse, you've done well Liam and I trust you will handle it from here on out. I will be downstairs in my car..."

if you need me to come up. If you feel you are losing control, just mind link." I nodded, feeling embarrassed, knowing exactly why she was leaving... giving us some privacy. But I get it, I- Raven's whimper made me look back at the open door.

"I'll be leaving, link ok?" Mom said. I nodded before she walked out the door and I rushed back into the bathroom. Raven was standing in the tub, about to get out of the ice-filled bath. "Babe, you got to-" "No Liam, please... just... It hurts."

She said, my stomach twisting when I realised she was crying. "I know, love, but it's almost over now." I whispered, gripping her hips as she broke into sobs, breaking my heart in the process. "It hurts." She whispered, wrapping her arms around my neck.

* DC She was shaking, her arms weak as she hugged me, sobbing weakly into my shoulder The stronger the Alpha... The worse the heat... Guilt consumed me and I held her tightly, stroking her back. "You said you wanted me..." She sobbed.

"I do, I want you, every part of you; to kiss you, make love to you and cherish , you. But I can't take advantage of you bitesize, you are worth so much more than that." I said pleadingly, kissing her shoulder. "I love you, Liam. So, so much." She whispered.

I cupped her face kissing her tear-stained cheeks before planting a soft one on her lips. "I love you too, Raven. Before I even knew what a crush was... you were the little doll I fell in love with." I whispered, our eyes . meeting. She smiled weakly before I gently moved back, stripping my top and pants off.

"I'll sit in the bath with you. Skin contact will help." I said, getting into the ice-cold water that made me hiss. How the hell was she surviving in this? She nodded and I pulled her into my lap. She straddled me, wrapping her arms around my neck as she kissed me hungrily. I kissed her back, but no matter how much I wanted to take her, I wouldn't. We were going to get through this the right way.