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Beta Eric appears from nowhere, positioning himself on my left side while Alpha Dane continued to hold my right hand. His fingers laced with mine as he stood slightly in front

Alpha Dane formally introduces me as his mate, declaring that he has marked me. There was an eruption of cheers and applause and I just knew it was going to be short lived. The moment they found out what I was, they would turn on me and their Alpha.

"Relax." Beta Eric leans in close, whispering to me. "You will be surprised by their reactions."

"As you are all aware, we have had problems with the Moonshine pack. They have not withheld their side of the contract. In fact, it was a plot to try and tear apart Black Shadow."

Alpha Dane's voice is almost deafening and I was so grateful that he suggested putting the ear plugs back in "We kill them!" Someone shouts out.

"In time, yes." Alpha Dane tells them, "Right now it is important for you to learn some information about my mate. My heart was pounding and I was certain there were black spots forming on my eyes.

'Is it true?

I recognised Raven's voice.

"That Moonshine are not like us?"

"Yes it is true." Alpha Dane responds and I notice the small curve to his lips. "They are something known as a Lycan, part Wolf. part human, like the one that was killed attacking our pack. He had belonged to Moonshine"

There is a collective gasp.

"What about the new Luna?" Someone calls out and I could feel loads of eyes on me.

"She isn't a Luna." Alpha Dane grins, "She is an Alpha."

There are whispers. They move around, talking to each other. After a few minutes, Alpha Dane silences them.

“Yes, she is a Lycan. One that was torn from her position in the family. Forced to be a slave. Beaten daily until her body was barely hanging on to life. A Lycan who was bound from her abilities, not once, not twice, but four times.”

Tears quickly fill my eyes, I wanted him to stop.

Klaus steps forward from the crowd. "Four times?" He sounded genuinely shocked. His green eyes find mine. I couldn't tell if he was disappointed that I hadn't told him after he had revealed his past to me. Content belongs to ~

“Are you certain, Alpha Dane?” He asks

The rest of the Wolves are silent, waiting for Alpha Dane's response “What do you know, Klaus?”

“Stories.” He mutters back. His deep green eyes remain on me.

“There is nothing recorded about Lycans.

I can't remember off the top of my head, but I have books. Story tellings based off myths and legends of wolves: “and other creatures. ~ Especially those that had been bound.” ”
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“Go look.” Beta Eric snaps and Klaus quickly disappears between the trees.

There are still mutterings in the crowd of Wolves. I feel their eyes on me and the questions start.

‘Is she a threat?’

“Is she going to shift and kill us?”

“Is she going to pass information back to Moonshine?”

“Is she going to turn against us?”

The questions seem to be never ending. Like Alpha Dane was purposely letting them get everything out before deciding to answer. “Any more?” He finally snaps when the questions are growing further and further apart.

I shouldn't be here. I should be far away, hiding

There's complete silence as Alpha Dane waits for someone to say something. But they don't, they remain quiet, waiting. They probably knew better than to speak..

"Do you really-think I'm going to bring in a mate that will attack our pack? Others have tried and they > have all been dealt with. Neah isn't like the others. And if anyone ignores-> questioning my decision, just- remember I won't be kind and won't hesitate."

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Beta Eric winks at me. "He knows what he's doing.

I knew what he was doing too, it was a backhanded threat. I had heard so many of them over the years. "Everyone meet back here tomorrow at sun down for the pack run!" Alpha Dane announces

There are nods and a few mutterings. They all begin to move away, disappearing among the trees.

"We need to go and find Klaus." Beta Eric mutters, already walking ahead of us.

"Don't do that." I mutter when it's just me and Alpha Dane.

"Don't do what?"

"Don't choose me over them. You...you have worked hard for this pack. Don't throw it away on me. "You are right, I have worked hard to make this pack what it is, and you Neah, are part of this pack."

He drapes his arm over my shoulders. "Now let's go see what Klaus was talking about."

Alpha Dane keeps me glued to his side as we walk back through the forest and into the main packland where Veronica is waiting with her arms folded over her chest.

"Well, well. well, what a fucking surprise!" She mutters "Watch your mouth, Veronica!" Alpha Dane snarls.

"She's not even one of us!" She speaks directly to Alpha Dane, completely ignoring me standing right here. Her hands move to her hips. "I don't get it."

"Then you better catch on quick!" He snaps at her and turns me away, quickly walking me in the direction of Klaus's home.

The door to Klaus's is wide open. Beta Eric is leaning against a wall just inside while Klaus seems to be frantically looking through the books randomly tossing one's onto the table.

"Any news?" Alpha Dane asks

"Not yet." Beta Eric murmurs with a cocked eyebrow. He seemed to be finding the whole thing amusing.

Klaus suddenly starts flipping through the pages of books. Fanning them out on the table.

"There's no mention of Lycans." He murmurs, gesturing to the books, but there are references to a beast like you described, half human, half wolf." "Why do you even have this?" Beta Eric asks

"I was bound, remember. I was trying to figure out how to unbind it. But the only information that I could ever find on binding is on these creatures."

"Why didn't you say anything?" Alpha Dane asks

"Because I am a Wolf, it was never relevant and [I] didn't think..." his deep green eyes focus on me. "I didn't think Neawould be anything other than a Welf." He taps the pages of the book, "This is centuries old information, all of them are. You couldn't find anything, Alpha Dane because they were never referred to as Lycans. Instead they were known as Wolf-human."

"Wolf-human?" I mutter

"They...you don't transition into a full Wolf. You become something in between." He sighs, "And there's very little information on them. A secret almost." 7

"What do we know?" Beta Eric questions. "Besides the basics." He glances at me. "Devon likes to talk." I see Alpha Dane frown, but as usual, he keeps his thoughts to himself. "You have been bound many times." Klaus continues. "Right?"

"At least four, that we can piece together. But what does that have to do with anything?" Alpha Dane asks

Klaus picks up one of the books and hands it to Alpha Dane, already with its pages open. "This here, this states that the only Wolf-human to have been bound more than once- was bound three times. " <

"Okay."

"The third time killed them." He looks at me, heavy sorrow in his eyes. "In theory, you should be dead."

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Neah “Dead?” I mutter

“From what I understand, that side of you shouldn’t be able to handle the bindings.” Klaus mutters, rubbing his chin. He looks at Alpha Dane. “We know bindings is one of the worst things that can be done to a Wolf, trapping their other half. It’s the worst punishment out there and I should know. I’m living proof. But according to these tales, she shouldn’t be able to survive it.”

“Well clearly she is here.” Beta Eric snaps. “And she is healthier now than the day we brought her home.” “Maybe she wasn’t bound properly?” Klaus suggests with a shrug of his shoulders.

“You think it’s possible that the Witches who bound her, didn’t do it right, four times?” Beta Eric questions “It’s a possibility.”

Alpha Dane frowns but not once does he look at me. Maybe he didn’t want to observe the panic that was written on my face. I wanted him to say something. To acknowledge what Klaus is saying. Or maybe now, he was finally realising that I wasn’t good enough to be his mate.

“Or marking her saved her.” Beta Eric mumbles. “Maybe.” Klaus mutters.

I look up at Alpha Dane who was reading the book Klaus had given him. His fingers follow the words as his eyes race back and forth. Soaking in everything that was written on that page

“Alpha Dane?” I whisper. He doesn’t respond and suddenly slams the book closed.

“This isn’t helpful now.” He shoves it back at Klaus, “She can’t be the only one. And why didn’t you tell me you found this information on Lycan’s or whatever they are called?”

“These are old books, Dane. I thought they were likely just stories, myths even. I didn’t think that I would meet a living one. I’ve been here for twelve years and something like this has never even crossed our paths. How was I to know it would become relevant?”

“You weren’t.” Beta Eric steps in before Alpha Dane speaks

“Am I....Am I going to die?”

All three of them look at me. Yet no one answers me. Tears prick at my eyes and- Kquickly blink them back-- Years, I had spent thinking that. > death would be a better option over my shitty life as a slave, that was before Alpha Dane came along.

“Preferably not.” Alpha Dane gives me a tight lipped smile, one that didn’t meet his eyes. Was he already expecting the worst?

"I need... I need some air." I mutter, turning away from the men and — making my way outside. None of them stop me, like all three of them were suddenly waiting for my impending death. Content belongs to" -

Leaning against the wall, I concentrate on my racing heart, encouraging it to slow, just for a moment. Hurrying across the grounds, people ignore me and I was grateful. No one wanted to talk to me, not until I reached the back door of the house. "Finally, just you and me." My eyes lock with strange grey ones. "I assume you know who I am?" She spits 'er... Veronica. "V...V...Veronica." She laughs at my stutter. "Do you always do that? You sound like a child?" I keep my mouth shut. I couldn't help the stutter, it happened when I was nervous. It didn't help that she reminded me of Cassandra. "How the hell are you his mate?" She places her hands on her hips and I decide it's better not to talk. "Cat got your tongue?" She mocks. "So tell me, what is a Lycan? The others are saying you become part Wolf, is that true?" "I don't....don't know."

"You don't know! What, have you never shifted?"

When I don't answer, she laughs. "You won't last long here. Dane will see what a mistake you are and he will kick you, just like he did with the others, Only I get to survive. Only deserve to be by his side." Content belongs to ~

Chapter 0074

"You don't even know me.

She snorts. "And why would I want to? Look at you."

"VERONICA! Raven comes running towards us. "You best not be fucking around with my brother's mate! "Raven," she sneers, "I'm just introducing myself."

"Weren't you told to stay away?" Raven snarls

"Like I said, I just wanted to meet our Alpha's new mate."

"You mean you want to size her up. Dane doesn't want you, why don't you get it through that thick head of yours."

Veronica clenches her teeth and glares at Raven. "You don't scare me. You tried that once, and look how that turned out. Maybe Dane needs a reminder of how meddling his baby sister is.

"Ladies?" Beta Eric strides towards us. "Am I interrupting something?" "No." Raven snaps. "Veronica is just leaving!" "For now." Veronica smiles at Beta Eric. As she turns to walk away, she tells Beta Eric that she is sorry to hear about him and his mate.

“Just go.” He waves her off as I look around for Alpha Dane. I knew he could feel my panic and yet he hadn't shown up. Had he sent Beta Eric to check on me?

“Veronica started it.” Raven mutters as she glares at Beta Eric.

“I don't doubt it.” He shrugs his shoulders as I scan the grounds to see if Alpha Dane was on his way. “Dane is with Klaus, researching.” “Okay.” I whisper quietly

“Shall we go inside?”

I don't get a chance to answer as Raven grabs my arm and tugs me in through the back door, muttering how Veronica was a piece of work and that Alpha Dane should have killed her years ago.

“Are you okay?” Beta Eric asks as he fills a glass of water and places it in front of me. “That stupid cow needs to learn to stay away!” Raven grumbles as she falls into one of the chairs.

“I agree, but maybe you could rise above it, Raven. Dane has made her position in the pack quite clear. And you know as well I do she won't be the last to fawn over Dane. Learn to ignore it.” He mutters at Raven. “You are better than this.”

“She was taking the piss out of Neah.”

“Have you noticed she does that when she's jealous. She has to act” otherwise she would realise how desperate she sounds. As much as I despise the woman, she is digging herself a hole. Let her carry-on.”

“What do you mean?” Raven asks

Beta Eric's eyes focus on me. “He has made his decision quite clear.”

It was supposed to be easier here, simpler, so Alpha Dane had told me. But everywhere I turned lately, there was a new problem. “Why don't you go,” I hear Beta Eric tell Raven. “I can sit with Neah for a bit, keep her company.” “Are you sure?”

“The boys are with their grandparents for the night. I have nowhere to be.”

“I can stay if you need me too.” Raven whispers to me.

“I'm okay.” I whisper back, giving her a small smile

“If you need me, I will be at the hospital.”

She heads out as Beta Eric takes her seat. “You are a terrible liar.”

"I know." I mumble quietly

"Why didn't you tell her you weren't okay?"

"Too....too many people are in this mess."

"If Dane had an issue with you being a Lycan, you wouldn't be sitting here, talking to me."

"Am I dying?"

"Hopefully not." He shoots me a wink. "Devon has said multiple times that there is something different about you. An anomaly." -

"You believe him?"

"I believe what I see. When I first met you, I wonderééé how you were even alive. You were nothing more than skin and bone. Your face was gaunt like you were in your final days. Armsdike twigs that looked as though they would snap at any moment. Even your heartbeat was SO 6 slow, barely beating, like you were hanging on to life by the thinnest of threads."

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He smiles at me, "But look at you now."

"I'm still small." I whisper. I was in comparison to the other women in the pack

"What I'm saying, Neah, is that you shouldn't have even survived the journey here, yet somehow you did "Because I'm a Lycan?"

"Maybe. Maybe it's that you were with your true mate. Maybe it's because you have more of a thirst for life than you believe. Maybe you survived because you are something that the world needs.

"Devon's got in your head!" I mutter "Maybe he just opened my eyes a little."

"What...what does that mean?"

"It's no secret there are more than humans and Wolves in the world. And if we look at it that way, we shouldn't be surprised when something else makes an appearance.

"Me?"

He nods. "We did fuck up, we went into this agreement blind. We should have done more research, we should have questioned Trey more. Dane probably would have if he wasn't so interested in you.

"You blame me?"

"No in the slightest. I enjoy a good war, no matter how they come about." A war was the last thing I wanted.

"Would you like to speak to Devon? I can take you to him if you like." "Alpha Dane won't like that."

"Then why did he suggest it?"

Beta Eric makes me eat a sandwich first. Telling me he is not having me pass out on him due to hunger.

Alpha Dane*still hadn't returned by the time we were striding across the snow covered grass. It made me nervous. After he had forced our closeness, he was now keeping a distance. Content belongs to -

"You came." Devon smiles at me as I step in front of his cell. "I didn't think you were going to come back after» last time His blue eyes gaze at Beta Eric, "tis good to see you too." He turns to look at the steps. "No » Alpha Dave?" 4

"Not right now." Beta Eric tells him

I just stare at Devon. I didn't know what I wanted to say or ask. I didn't even really understand why I had agreed to come with Beta Eric. He smiles at me. "I know you are not just here to stare at me. You have questions."

'I was.... was bound four times.'

"That's not really a question."

"Should..." I glance over at Beta Eric. "Should I be dead?"

I see him swallow, he shifts his gaze back to Beta Eric and sighs "In theory, yes." He sits back on his small bed. "You were last bound when you were eighteen, right?"

I nod "Trey, Cassandra, whoever it was probably hoped it would kill you and yet you survived."

"If they wanted her dead, why didn't they just kill her?" Beta Eric asks

"I don't know, I've been trying to figure it out for years. If it was anyone else they would have just » killed their problem, right? That's what Alpha Dane would do here> right? And other packs too. So there must have been some kind of benefit of keeping you alive."

"It can't be because Neah is an Alpha." Beta Eric murmurs. Beta Eric's eyes flashed up behind me, just as Alpha Dane's strong woody scent hits me

"You are right." His crimson eyes lock on mine "It's because you are able to carry the next Alpha.

Chapter 0076

Neah

"That's fucking gross. Are you saying our uncle wants to put a pup in her?" Devon sticks his fingers back his throat and starts gagging. I agree, I was horrified by the idea, how could he even suggest that, we are related!

"Not necessarily him." Alpha Dane mutters. He stops next to me. "You said Trey and Cassandra have been together for a long time."

I nod. "Since I was little."

"And yet they have no pups of their own. Rather odd, don't you think?"

It wasn't something I had ever thought about. If anything, I just tried to keep my head down and make it through each day with as little beatings as possible.

"Neah carries Alpha blood." Beta Eric murmurs. "We are a dying breed." Devon adds

"Exactly. It's the only thing that comes remotely close to making sense." Alpha Dane studies me. * you. Most likely multiple times. Producing another Alpha."

I think the plan was to have someone impregnate

lo." I shake my head. "Trey never. "He never let anyone near you like that, I know." He finished my sentence for me and it just made it sound ten times worse. "You think he wanted to raise them as his own?" Devon mutters Alpha Dane nods "What about the excess bindings?" Devon asks "That is something Klaus is trying to make sense of." Alpha Dane mutters to Devon, "Trey had to have known." "He bound me because of Kyle."

I whisper. "He bound me because I could scent Kyle." My voice catches in my throat.

"That's what I am struggling to understand." Beta Eric murmurs. "He must have thought there was a reason why Neah was somehow breaking out of being bound."

"Maybe he thought the same things we did. That her bindings were failing" Alpha Dane suggests.

Devon groans "Trey isn't the smartest codkie out there. Cassandra definitely pulls his strings, t rat's for sure. And from> what tve been told, I think this has moréto do with her than it does Trey. "_- S :

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"What do you mean?" Beta Eric asks as I try to keep up with how they were working things out.

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Devon frowns. "An Alpha normal has a Lupa: The Luna seeks the < same pawer as the Alpha. Normally, to ensure their place, the Luna*" provides the Alpha with an heir. She hasn't done that." He shakes out his mop of dark hair. "Fucking bastards!" Sswn

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It was the most anger I had heard from Devon, he was usually so laid back, considering he was locked in a dungeon. "If he changes more people, he will have a bigger pack anyway." Beta Eric mutters "What good is a pack if they have no heir to carry it on?" Alpha Dane frowns

"If they had killed you, which they almost did, the Alpha line would be dead anyway." Devon's blue eyes are on mine. out of there sooner."

'I'm so sorry that I didn't get you

If the situation wasn't so serious, I would laugh. He spoke like the older brother Trey should have been. Maybe it was time to let him out.

"The blood tieAlpha Dane mutters. His hands my waist and he holds messteady. "The blood tie was keeping you alive. You were weak they knew you were fading away. Cassandra knew that they had fucked up."

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Devon's blue eyes are full of sadness. His jaw clenched as he shakes his head. "I should have done more."

“You are right, you should have.” Alpha Danes’ voice is low. “But you can't change the past, none of us can. We can only put a stop to the shit that’s going on.

“This...this is too much.” I mumble. “Look at me.” Alpha Dane orders.

Hesitating. I slowly raise my eyes to meet his. His hand cups my cheek as his gaze deepens, his thumb runs across my bottom lip. “You are not alone.” “If I'm... if they need an heir. Won't they come for me?”

“I would like to see him try.” Alpha Dane moulds his lips against mine

“Guys, guys. What you get up to behind closed doors is your prerogative. But I don’t want to see it.” Devon groans

Alpha Dane winks at me and turns to Devon. “Well, if you are staying in the packhouse, you better lock yourself away.”

Chapter 0077

“You're letting him out.” Beta Eric asks and I couldn't help but notice the slight pinkish tint to his peachy skin “It's your choice.” Alpha Dane mutters to me. “And if you do decide too, there will be conditions that he has to meet. “Anything!” Devon beams at us. “I will literally do anything! I'm desperate for some sunlight.”

What if I make the wrong decision? What if I say yes and all this has been complete lies? What if the moment I let him out, he brings Trey straight to us? Choices were not my strong point.

Stepping out into the snow, Alpha Dane grabs my hand, just as Devon mutters something about the sun on his skin being a glorious feeling

“I am never going in a cell again.” Devon's hand catches mine. “Thank you so much. I promise you, I will be the brother you deserve.” He straightens up in front of Alpha Dane and clears his throat, trying to force his voice a note lower and making himself sound almost serious.

“Alpha Dane, don't fuck with my sister. I see the small twitch at the corner of Alpha Dane's lips. He wasn't a man who could be told what to do. He lived and played by his own rules. “Oh come on.” Devon muses, “I had to do the brotherly thing.”

“I will let you have that one.” Alpha Dane replies, “But I will remind you, that although Neah let you out, I can quite easily put you back in the cell and this time. there will be no benefits.”

“Sure sure sure.” Devon puffs out his cheeks, turning around “Someone’s on a mission.

I follow his gaze to see Veronica charging towards us. I would just like to make it a few hours without dealing with her. "Dane, I've been looking for you." Her statement was for Alpha Dane, but her eyes were ogling Devon.

"Veronica, now is not the time."

'I've been speaking to some of the others." She continues anyway.

"Of course you have."

"They are worried about her shifting." She points at me, even though it was obvious who she meant.

Devon snorts.

"I'm sorry, but I don't know you." She mutters, a small smile on her face as she uses her biceps to squeeze her breast even higher. She somehow trips, bumping into me and Devon helps her back up.

"You can call me Devon."

As she stands, I'm certain I see something in her hand, but no one says anything. Maybe I was imagining things. "Are you a guest?" She twirls her hair like a teenager

"You could say that."

She giggles at his comment. Could she not see that we looked alike? Or was this supposed to be some kind of payback because Alpha Dane had turned her down? Was she trying to make him jealous?

Her grey eyes flicker to me and a slight sinister smile crosses her lips before she returns her gaze to ~ Devon: "How about you and I get something to eat?" She flutters her eyelashes at him. Content. belongs to" <

'I'm sorry, but you can't offer me what I want."

Her mouth hangs open as she frowns. "You don't even know me."

"And yet it is very clear who you are. The disgruntled ex, right? You saw a chance to irritate Neah and it failed." "You don't know what you are missing!" Veronica snaps, curling her hands up into balls.

"Oh I do, and it is so not worth it.

"BASTARD!"

"Veronica." Alpha Dane steps in, "You said you had been talking to the others." Her eyes narrow at me. "We want to know when she is going to shift. We want to know if you are putting us in danger!"

"Who is we?"

"YOU, Veronica, you mean you." Alpha Dane sighs. He pulls me in against him, draping his arm over my shoulders. "Veronica, you may have saved my life, but you are ruining out of life lines." Content belongs to ~

"I'm only asking a question." She splutters

His voice drops to that commanding tone of his. "You are questioning my decisions."

"No!" She was so angry that she wasn't getting her way. It made me wonder how many things she had ~ been allowed to get away with over the years. Just for a second, I

wished that she could experience the life I had. Maybe then she wouldn't be such a bitch. Content belongs to

Chapter 0078

Dane

Veronica stomps off, both furious and upset that she hadn't gotten what she wanted. After all these years, I half expected her to be used to it, but still, she remains persistent, looking for a way back in

Though I had to hide my amusement at Neah's thoughts. Once again, the darkness in her makes a subtle appearance. Though only I could hear it. "She's a piece of work." Devon mutters.

I agree,' Aero mutters

"Why didn't you just tell her you're gay?" I ask, ignoring Aero's ramblings

"What would be the fun in that?" Devon smiles, still watching Veronica stomping away, over the snowy grounds. "Besides, she was too dumb to follow what I was saying. So what's the deal there?"

"It's a long story. And one that doesn't really concern you." I tell him, I see how his eyes momentarily flicker to Neah, but this time, he keeps his mouth shut. Recognising that he had no authority to question my decisions as an Alpha.

In the house, I ask one of the Omegas to show Devon to his room and insist that he is placed in one of the rooms furthest away from mine.

Neah, Eric and I, head into the office. I needed a plan in place. I needed Trey and Cassandra hunted down and killed. There was no way I was letting either of them find my mate or find someone to impregnate her.

Neah sighs and rubs her eyes. But just like every other time, she sits in silence, regretting her dark thoughts. Questioning herself on how evil she could be.

In my eyes, she wasn't evil. She just wanted revenge, a revenge that was more than deserved. But when it came to it. I wondered if she could actually go through with killing them.

"Take some of the warriors into the city. See if you can find anything." I tell Eric. I wanted time alone with Neah "Do you want me to take Devon? I mean, he should be able to sense them, right. It might make it a little easier." "Don't let him out of your sight."

"Not a chance."

As he stands up to leave, I tell him to kill them on sight. And I notice Neah's lips are a little curved up. Her smile disappears when she realises I'm looking at her and she lowers her face, embarrassed that she had been caught.

"We have wasted enough time." I tell her. "I'm sick of their games or whatever they want to call it. Death can't come quick enough for them."

.. I always thought that they wanted me dead but I could never understand why they didn't just kill

e." She shells her legs up in front of

me. I begged for death. There were right here I wished the Ocean Goddess wouldn't make me wake in the morning. I even thought about throwing myself down the stairs"

"You kept fighting."

She lets out a heavy sigh. "I didn't want to."

"If you hadn't, our paths would not have crossed. You would not be sitting down with me, claimed. Instead you would likely be knocked up, raped by one of the many men in Moonshine." I wasn't intentionally trying to scare her, instead, was trying to give her some hope that everything that has happened has led her to me.

"If they do find me...."

I cut her off, my eyes locked on hers. "I will burn everything to the ground to find you. But they would also need to kill me first. Or it would kill you anyway."

To fucking right. The whole world can burn for all I care!' Aero announces. It was something we could finally agree on

She sits quietly, hugging her legs.

"You know it would be easier if you just spoke tame. As much as I enjoy reading your mind, you do like to make it difficult, with your thoughts not focussing on one thing. I've told you before. You don't have to keep quiet here. If you have something like) say, say it."

She shakes her head at me "Neah?"

She scowls. "W...why would they agree to bind me so many times?"

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"We said "No, the um.... the witches?"

"Madame Curie said you were powerful. That she had never seen anything like it. She bound you twice and wouldn't do it again. Fucking bitch!" My fist slams against the table, making Neah jump.

Neah clutches her legs tighter as she stares at me with wide blue eyes

"She knew the consequences. She wouldn't bind you a third time. That's what she meant when she said she wouldn't do it." I was furious. "I thought..." Neah whispers, "I thought she told you the truth."

"She usually does, eventually."

'There are too many trying their luck with us.' Aero murmurs. 'We need to remind them who the top Wolf is!'

Glancing over at Neah, her face rested on her knees and her eyes had closed.

Is she asleep?' Aero asks

"Neah?" I had just been talking to her.

She doesn't stir as I try waking her.

She's been sleeping a lot lately.' Aero mutters. 'Have you noticed that?'

She's probably still adapting to life here. She was exhausted. Her body is just playing catch up.'

'Who are you trying to bullshit? You've been asking her if she feels okay for days now!'

Placing the back of my hand against her forehead, I feel the extreme heat she is giving off. It was new, I hadn't felt it when I had my arm around her. "Neah?" She still doesn't stir

"Neah?" I try shaking her shoulders to wake her. Her legs fall down as her head rolls back, Her heart is beating just as steady as ever. It didn't make sense why she wasn't waking up

RAVENT' I link my sister, demanding that she comes straight away. She arrives in minutes and quickly tends to Neah. Checking her over, she tells me that she can find nothing wrong.

"Then tell me, why is my mate burning up?"

"I don't know." She frantically rolls up Neah's sleeves, investigating her arms

"What are you looking for?"

"I don't know. A needle site, a bite, she could be having a reaction to something?"

"She can heal."

Neah coughs in her unconscious State, and a tiny bit of bright red appears at the corner of her mouth. Forcing her mouth open, I smell the blood before I see it. Her mouth quickly starts to fill with it and if I hadn't leaned her forward, she would likely have choked on it.

"Fuck, fuck, fuck. What has she eaten?" Raven mutters as she continues to search Neah's arms. "I don't know. She hasn't had anything since we have been in the office." Looking around the room. I look for something she might have touched, or something that didn't belong. Nothing seemed out of place

"I need her in the hospital, Dane. I can't treat whatever this is, here.

Picking Neah up, I carry her on her side so that she doesn't choke on the blood. There were many things we could heal from, but suffocation was not one of them. ~

By the time we got to the hospital. Neah's heart is racing. It's almost impossible to hear a single heartbeat under the constant hum "We need to strip her." Raven mutters. "Something has to have happened."

"Surely he wouldn't be so stupid." I mutter, helping to remove Neah's top.

"Who?"

“Devon. Neah let him out and he held her wrist, moments before he made a threat.

“Woah, that is a lot of information in one sentence.” Raven murmurs as she tugs Neah’s jeans off. “Where did he grab her?”

“Her wrist.”

Checking her wrists again, there was nothing. No sign of anything that looked even a tiny bit different.

Then I see it. A small raised bump just off her shoulder and as I look at Neal, I see blood leaking from her ears and I already knew what she had-been injected with. This could not be happening. “ “

Raven quickly draws some fluid out of the small bump. A clear liquid mixed with a little of her blood. “Is that what I think it is?”

“Blood of Wolfsbane.”

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Dane

“Shit, shit, shit!” Raven panics, frantically searching through the cupboards, pulling out small bottles and tubs, looking for something. “Neah, breathe.” I beg. She was in agony. I could feel it. I could feel her slipping away.

She lets out a harrowing gasp. Spluttering blood all over me, just as more blood starts to drip from her nose.

‘I can’t find it! Where is it?’ Raven cries

“Raven,” My voice drops to a whisper. “Raven, there is nothing we can do.”

“I have it, where is it?” Raven sobs as she tears through another cupboard

It had been a long time since I had seen Raven cry like this. The fear, the panic, the unknown. She hadn’t reacted this badly when Salem rejected her. In fact she hadn’t been like this since our parents died.

“Raven, stop!” “No, it’s here, there is still time!”

Neah’s rapid heartbeat had slowed. It was barely beating and her breaths are growing shallow. She was in agonising pain and blood was now leaking from the inner corners of her eyes.

“HERE!” Raven turns around and jabs a huge syringe straight into Neah’s heart Her heart stops completely.

“What the fuck have you done?” I growl at my sister

‘It’s an antidote!

“There’s no antidote for this!

“I paid a Witch in the city to help me make it.” Big fat tears are rolling down her cheeks. “After you guys were almost poisoned, I had to find something. It has to work. It has too!”

I stare at my sister. An antidote was just not heard of, not for Blood of Wolfsbane. If there were one, every Wolf pack would have it readily available. Listen.’ Aero mutters

Her heart slowly starts to beat. Faint, but nonetheless beating. Neah’s lungs are beginning to fill properly too as she sucks in oxygen. She coughs a little, bringing up less blood than before.

Raven keeps her distance, afraid to come any closer. “She will need to rest.” She mumbles, refusing to meet my eyes.

“Why would he do this? He has spent all his time telling us about Lycans, begging me to keep his sister safe. Why would he do this?” I mutter more to myself than Raven.

“Where is he now?

“With Eric, they are on their way to the city to try and track Trey and his bitch.

‘I don’t know him, but hasn’t he been in the dungeers for ages? He wouldn’t have had access to any of this. Anckyou said he grabbed her> wrist, She wasn’t injected in her» wrist Raven moves to ano her cupboard, pulling out wipes“ She

Stéps towards Neah, “May1?”

I give her a nad and she starts wiping the bléod from Neah’s face as it finally stops leaking out. “That. was nureBlood of Wolfsbane, nots leaves t that had been leftto marinate, That’s fresh from thé stem, ‘m certain you told me that it only lasts so long this way Like i has to be used immediately.”

She was right, I had.

“It doesn’t add up. Who else has she seen recently?” Raven asks “Eric, Klaus. Shit!

“What?”

“Veronica, she saw us coming from the dungeons. she fell into Neah.

“No, surely she wouldn't do this. Surely.....Actually, I don't know why I'm even defending her.

“Does anyone else know about the antidote?” I ask

“No, well, just you now.” She combs Neah's hair back, trying to wipe the blood out.

“Keep it that way.”

Raven scowls at me, her eyes widening. “You are going to tell Veronica she killed her?”

“Well that was her plan, wasn't it? I might as well let her think it worked.”

“I assume you are....”

“Of course I am. She isn't spending another night with air in her lungs.”

Pressing my hand against Neah's forehead, I could feel that her fever was retreating. I didn't want to leave her, but this had to be done.

“Don't let anyone in and definitely do not speak to anyone.” I tell Raven

Walking out the hospital, I link some of the pack as make my way across the grounds to where ~ Veronica had conveniently bumpel into us, There was nothing on the ground, nothing buried in the-snow, but:she already knew that itwould b@a mistake to drop something.