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Thea woke up the next morning in the cell next to Xavier's, same as every morning since he started talking. The triplets lay sleeping beside her.

Xavier was awake, sitting on his cot, staring at Thea.

"Hey, what's up?" Thea said, sitting up.

"Congratulations," Xavier said.

Thea scrunched her eyebrows. "Huh?"

"You know you're pregnant, right?"

"You can sense that?"

"It's life. Yeah, I can sense it."

"I felt it happen two nights ago. I read somewhere you're not supposed to tell people until after the first trimester."

"Wolves don't have trimesters," Xavier said. "Pregnancies are only four months total."

"You know what I mean. After five weeks, then, because miscarriage is a common thing in that first part."

"Your gift is Life, Luna," Xavier said. "You will never miscarry."

"I did before," she said softly. 1

Xavier tilted his head to the side like a dog.

"Maybe," Thea said. "Right after the mating ceremony, a

rogue injected me with wolfsbane, and my body had to flush out whatever was in me. I may not have been pregnant, but—

"You were poisoned, and it was before you had your gift."

"But wolfsbane could still make me miscarry."

"No one will let wolfsbane near you if they know you're pregnant. You should announce it. More people will be watching out for you. At the very minimum, Delta team should know so they can keep you from dangerous things."

Thea bit her lip.

"No one here could ever want to hurt you or your pups," Xavier said. "They'll be the future leaders of this pack. There's nothing to be afraid of."

"I think today is a good day to let you out of the cell," Thea said, changing the subject. "What do you think about that?"

"I know I won't try to eat anyone," Xavier said. "Werewolves are disgusting. Everyone and everything is disgusting except you. I just—are there people here that I hurt? I don't want them to have to see me." He looked off to the side.

"You've been talking with Alessia, and you've both been fine," Thea said.

"She's special. Not a lot of people are like her. She's deep. Things are growing in her."

"Cassidy has been visiting you. I know you never hurt her, she's older than us, but other people hurt her. She sees the good in you."

Xavier shrugged.

"Look," Thea said. "There are a few people here that the old Xavier hurt, but Alessia and I talked to them. They know you're here. They understand. They may not want to see you, but they know you won't hurt them. We have a counselor they can talk to if seeing you triggers them."


"If you want me to leave the cell, I will," Xavier said.

"Thank you. I do," Thea said. "Can I try something on you?"

"Sure. What?"

"I want to see if I can paralyze you," Thea said. "I wonder if and how my magic works on vampires."

"Do it."

Thea felt into Xavier's spine. There weren't any electrical impulses. The magic that sustained him was the only thing there. The energy that blocked electrical signals wouldn't stop that. She felt around some more. He didn't even have brainwaves to manipulate, so she wouldn't be able to put him to sleep either. 

"You have control over Life magic," Xavier said. "Just stop the flow. Do whatever you need."

"Hmm," Thea said. She put her attention on the magic flowing through him. She took control of it and funneled it out of his spine. Nothing happened. She let it flow back then thought about freezing all of it and making his whole body stop moving. "Xavier? Can you move?"

Xavier didn't respond. He didn't move. Didn't blink. Thea made the energy flow again and funneled more Earth energy into him. Xavier stood up.

"That was weird," Xavier said. "What did you do?"

"I froze the Life magic. It was the only thing I could do."

"That worked. I couldn't move. I couldn't even think. It was like I didn't exist. That will take care of a vampire."

Thea nodded. "I'm going to wake these guys up."

Xavier turned around. The triplets were always horny when they woke up. Thea caressed Alaric's chest. His hand came up and found hers. He pulled her on top of him. He squeezed her ass and pushed his hardening cock against her.

"We have training in a bit," Thea said.

"You shouldn't be training anymore soon, right?" Alaric said in his deep morning voice. He kissed her neck.

"I should probably start easing off physical stuff like sparring, but I need to practice my gift."

"Mmm, how long do we have?" Alaric groaned.

"An hour," Thea said.

"That gives us enough time—"

"Yeah. So get up."

Alaric sat up. Thea was about to repeat the process with Kai

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and Conri, but Alaric pushed them off their cots. 1

"Hey," Conri said from the floor.

"What the f—" Kai said.

"We have an hour before training starts," Alaric said.

They jumped off the floor.

"Let's go!" Conri said. He grabbed Thea's hand and started running. Thea laughed as Alaric and Kai chased after them.



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