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Jessica Winchester walked up to the apartment where Archer and August were hi ding out. She was in a dress that was so revealing that it would make a stripper bl ush, with three–inch red heels.

She was wearing her family's ruby necklace, the pendant rested between her bre asts in full view. Makeup and hair were a picture of perfection, she was ready for this it was her time to grab the brass rings.

She giggled to herself, perhaps that should be brass balls instead of rings... (

She was at the door, just before she knocked she took out the potion and drank it down. She lightly tapped on the door. Nothing, she tapped again this time louder. Perhaps they had gone out?

She was getting pissed, she was told that one or the other was always there. Are they ghosting her again? She decided to calm down, they could just be out for din ner or something, she just didn't time it right.

She decided she was going to wait down in the lobby, she would catch them easie r there. She was almost to the elevator when she heard the maid's cart pull up to a door. She punched the button and had to wait.

She watched the maid thinking of what it would be like to have such a useless life. They were nothing but cannon fodder, they don't deserve more because they are nothing, to begin with.

It was in

the middle of her thoughts that she realized that the maid was stopped in front o f Archer and August's door.

She quickly went back to

the apartment, perhaps she could bribe the maid and wait for Archer in his bedro om. She waved a 50 dollar bill in front of the maid's face. (

"This is yours if you let me in to wait for my lover to come back."

The maid took the money and let Jessica inside.

"I will come back later then."

The maid shut the door and started laughing. That was the best 50 bucks I have e ver made. Stupid woman if she was "The Lover" then how come she didn't know t hat they had already moved out.

Her shift ended in ten minutes, she was just stopping by the place to make sure that they were gone.

Winchester was in the bedroom looking around, she had been there for an hour. Looking in the full–length mirror at herself, she couldn't decide if she should stay dressed or go naked.

She decided that she would go naked but

she wanted to wear one of his ties. she went to his closet and was shocked when she discovered that it was empty. There was nothing in there but

the hangers. It was then that she went looking throughout the apartment.

It was all empty!!!!! How dare they, this isn't ghosting this is a fuck you. No one d oes that to Jessica Winchester and gets away with it.

They are gone she let out a roar of anger. With that, the spell of the potion was triggered.

It was then that she felt the sensation of warm prickly fire going through her whole body. Then she knew no more. She walked out of the apartment and o ut the front door of the building. (

She was unaware of what she was doing, she got into a cab and gave the address, soon she would be with her new mistress.

Selena opened the door for her newest slave.

"Welcome home Jessica, I have just the place ready for you to move into right aw ay. I have informed your parents and good news, they approve."

She took Jessica by her arm and walked her to a room. It had no windows and only a door, in the room was a bed and a chair. The re were clothes on the bed they were simple grey scrubs like the ones you would find in a hospital.

"For now you will stay here for a little while, you will eat and drink only what I giv e you. When you are ready you will be of great use to me I hope." (

Once

Selena shut the door, Jessica went and lay down on the bed, waiting for her next i nstructions.

Selena wasn't sure about Jessica, the stupid ones were always easy to catch, how ever they can also turn out to be rather useless. If Jessica was the useless kind, S elena would have no choice but to kill her or perhaps let her be a mindless sex toy for her two new beasts. ⁽²⁾

Ava sat back in her chair taking a break after her first part of the story. It was not time to tell the second part though. First, she must train and prepare them for what is to come.

"Now that the history lesson is complete, I have to tell you now that you are both. ...shifters and white witches."

"Ava, how can that be possible, I think that we would know if we could shift into L ions or something. Wouldn't they have already made themselves known to us? I mean I am now 22 years old, Anna will be 18 soon. Why have they not shown the mselves yet?"

"They wait for the right time to come out, if they had shown themselves too early they could have been discovered and killed a lot easier." (

"It is time for the story to come to its end, it is time for your line to thrive again in stead of dying out. Selena has to be stopped once and for all. She is causing discord amongst the Lion communit

ies in hopes of taking your line Archer off of the leader's throne."

"If she can replace your family with a more controllable family then she can use the Lion shifters to start a war with the other shifters, in hopes of destroying all shifter lineages. Thus finally gaining the ultimate revenge she has been longin g to achieve for so long."

"I am here to awaken your powers of witchcraft, as for your lion counterparts tha t job belongs to your mate's lion counterparts. Don't ask me how they will do it, I don't know. I was hoping that they would know and wake them up."

Solis spoke through Archer... was "It is from the old days, I can awaken her. I can also teach Khan how as well. The only problem is that our mates have to trust us c ompletely. It doesn't involve mating, we have to find and join with them in the ot her realm."

Ava got up and went over to the bag that she had brought with her, she handed t hem an old looking book.

Rachel looked at the book she could feel power come from it and flow into her, s he gasped as the knowledge started to fill up her mind and soul. Everyone was st aring at her, she was glowing in golden tones it was like she was the sun.

When she

was done the glow went inside her as she handed the book to Anna. At first, Anna didn't want to touch the book, one look at her sister told her that it would be alri ght.

When Anna held the book she felt the same power that Rachel had only in a diffe rent way. She glowed with a white light that surrounded her, like the full moon o n a clear night. The light went inside Anna and a smiling Ava took the book out of Anna's hands.

Archer and August watched it all take place in awe, their mates were shifters and witches. Holy crap, Archer thought. No wonder Solis goes gaga around her. (

Archer wasn't sure if he wanted all this to be dropped at Rachels's door. She was dealing with so much now, but when he saw her with that book he felt like things might go easier for them from now on. He wasn't sure what she learned but she s eemed calmer.

He wasn't sure what this was going to do for August and his mate, Anna is still un derage. Even if

Archer didn't see that big of a problem with it since she was so close. He knew th at August would

Ava was looking at Archer like she knew what he was thinking.

"You know Archer, the age of consent for Witches is 16. That would make the bon d between Anna and August legal. If that is what the worry is. It is of course up to them what they will do."

Ava turned her attention back to the sisters.

"As for what just happened to the both of you, your powers as witches have been awoken. You have all the knowledge that you need and more. Including everything about shifters and their history as well. All the medicinal knowledge o f the healers, everything."

Both Rachel and Anna were staring at their Mates differently now. In complete u nderstanding.

"Now we go and have something more to eat, you four are going to need your str ength for what is to come in the next stage of your awakening."

August Mind linked Archer...

"Does this mean that I don't have to wait? That I can take her as my mate now? I still feel odd about it though. We were raised to respe ct the laws. Tell me Archer what should I do?"

"Little brother you know that I can not tell you what you should do, I can only tell you this. What does your

heart want? More important than that though, You should be discussing this with your mate, find out how she feels about it, and then go from there."

Archer patted August on the back and went to find some more food. All of a sudd en he was starving, Solis was getting grumpy because he wanted food as well.

The Beast was sleeping when Selena came into his cage. He became aware of her almost instantly and stood up to greet her.

She walked around in

that dark musty cell like she was doing him a great honor. He wished she would ju st get on with whatever she came to do and leave him be. (

"You know I now have two wonderful slaves almost ready to take their place as m y guardians. You will have to train them of course. I have also acquired a female slave."

That made him take notice, she never took in other females she was always so jea lous of them.

"You are probably wondering why I am telling you all this? I am telling you all this that as soon as my two new toys are ready to go, I will no longer need you."

"I will make

you train your replacements and then I will let them have you as their first official kill. There will

be nothing you can do about that. You have been a loyal if not difficult slave, but I am afraid that through all these long years I have grown bored with it all."

With that the evil bitch walked out and locked him back inside. There was no way in hell he was

going to do any more of her bidding. He felt that he was close now to gaining his memories back, he could also feel the bond slipping. It was just a matter of a little bit more time. Just a little bit more time...

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Ashton and Marnie decided to stay with Ashton's parents for a little while. While Ashton was at home he could stand–in for his brot her Archer at their father's side. Making it twice as hard for

anyone to attack them and take control.

Some strange rumors were running around about power grabs, stranger still was how some of the Lion shifters were acting. Sometimes it was as if their minds wer e not their own and other times their emotions became erratic. It wasn't good and he hoped that Archer and August would get their butts home s o they could have a good strong front to push back those who wish to grab power through violence. (

He texted both of them and they said that they would be there as soon as they could. They had other things that needed to be taken care of before they got there, things that will help them and their comm unity.

Ashton, needed help sooner than that so he called Marnie's brother Duncan and t old him what was going on. Duncan responded by telling him that he was sending his second Marco and some enforcers to help them out.

Ashton hoped that they would get there in time. No one has done anything direct ly yet but Ashton felt that it was just a matter of time. (

Ava understood the complications of relationships, especially those mates that a re newly formed. They just didn't have the time for all the moralities and getting to know you better stuff. It is rotten but at the same time they are your mates, it's gonna happen anyway.

The sisters were taken to their new powers well, at first, it was more about control than calling them forward. They found out that Rachel ha d two abilities to which she didn't need spells. She was a natural healer and she c ould become invisible

At first, it was only a little bit of time but the more she practiced the longer she c ould go. *j*as Anna had one awesome talent she could control nature and its eleme nts. Something a bit scary at first while she was learning to use it and

then leaning to control it. Anna was a quick learner though it didn't take long at a ll before

she had control. It had been two days, all the other shifters had arrived and were on patrol. There had been no

sign of the Beast or any other shifter or human for that matter. Ava felt that they had maybe bought themselves a little more ti me. As long as that

beast doesn't show up and the evil witch doesn't get either of the sister's blood.

Tonight however they were going to have to be mated for all and good. With the mate bonds in place. Evil can not influence their powers or minds. She was cer tain that it wasn't going to be so swift with August and Anna.

She made a special chocolate cake for tonight's dessert. Only the two *c*ouples wil l be allowed any. that is why she suggested for tonight that they dine in their roo ms as kind of a date sort of thing.

She knew she was being rotten about

this by not telling them that the cake was going to make them forget all their inhi bitions. They didn't have a lot of time for courtship and hand–holding. If it was go ing to be done it had to be done tonight. Archer and Rachel were in their room but it didn't look like their room, Ava had it made up with sunset–themed silk draped from the ceili ng to floor. Everything looked like something out of an old Arabian movie. She ev en had an incense burning. (

Everything felt warm and sensual. Their dinner consisted of finger foods, Archer t ook up the idea of feeding each other. It didn't take long for them to get heated. Finally, they came to the chocolate cake, it smelled like heaven and tasted like pu re sin.

Before Rachel even realized what was going on, Archer had her on her back on all the golden pillows. He licked his mark and she had a rush of pleasure take over he r body. She reached for his shirt and began to undo the buttons.

He sat up and ripped it from his body his eyes were both him and Solis. Rachel found that to be exciting she didn't know how she didn't care. Al l she could think about was Archer, she wanted to touch him, taste him, know eve ry inch of him.

Archer had never felt this out of control before, it didn't stop him though from ta king

what was his. He was going to make sure she had soo much pleasure that everythi ng else would be just a memory. Tonight they were sailing on the waters of pleas ure until they grew wings of ecstasy. (

They were both

naked in each other's embrace, neither caring how they got that way. There wasn' t any thought, only the pleasure wild urgency.

Sighs and moans were

the music. Archer tasted his sweet catnip till she was almost out of energy, she w as panting heavily almost in pain. Finally, he thrust himself deep into her wet heat, with a loud growl he had joined them completely.

Rachels mind was so far gone into all that was Archer that she barely felt the pain. He just rested inside her while licking her mark. She was being driven beyond wh at she could handle and still, Archer asked for more. (

When he started moving again she screamed and moaned out her pleasure calling his name over and over.

He went faster and deeper till finally, he threw back his head in the roar of pleasu re.

Rachel lay there exhausted beneath Archer twitching with aftershocks of pleasur e. He rest his head at the spot where he marked her, and though she didn't know why she reached her head up to his neck feeling her teeth extending and bit down hard. Sending them both over the edge once again. (

They both lay side by side in the bed panting both of them trying to calm down their breathing and racing hearts.

After a little while, they were both calm enough to form thoughts and words agai n.

*"A*rcher, I bit you. I felt my teeth getting bigger and I just bit you. I don't know wh y it just happened."

He smiled at her, kissing her forehead.

"I had hoped that she would come out when you achieved that first orgasm, but I can see she wants what she wants."

"What does she want then? She hasn't said anything and I don't feel the presence of another."

"My little Catnip she wants her mate. She is only going to come out for Solis."

"I can also hear your thoughts now, can you hear mine yet?" (

She concentrated a little while but shook her head no.

"I don't hear or feel anything other than what is my thoughts.

"He smiled again, that is because your lioness is being stubborn. She might be a li ttle upset because Solis was only present for the first part of our mating. He wanted to give me the first pleasure." (

"So what do we do now Archer? How do we get her to come out?"

"Well, Solis has some apologizing to do

and some wooing too. I want you to lay face down on the bed, I am going to shift to Solis don't be afraid he is going to get her to come out. Your first shift is going to be painful, we will be here with you both to get you through it." (

Standing in front of the foot of the bed, Archer shifted into Solis. The huge golden lion with a silver–tipped mane slowly walked up the bed. Rubbing himself along Rachels's body. She could feel the vibration of his purring along her skin, it was giving her goosebumps.

He made little chuffing noises and purring even louder as he continued to rub hi mself along her body, she was starting to feel like someone was taking a blow tor ch to her skin, she cried out in pain.

Solis stopped and sat beside her like he was waiting for something, she could hea r him give out low growling noises they were not threatening more like encouraging. All of sudden her body raged with a sharp pai n as she contorted into her Lion.

The female lioness lay on the bed where Rachel had once been. She was a light go lden color, she lay

there resting for a minute before she rose from the bed and walked around the r oom, Solis watched but didn't move. (

Rachel was a little confused at first, not sure where she was or how she got there, she could feel the body of the lioness as if it was her own and yet it wasn't.

She was excited to feel everything including feeling herself covered in fur. She co uld feel her chest vibrating, Oh, my god I am purring!!

That was when she heard a voice in her mind...

Hello there, Rachel, My name is Solana. It is a pleasure to finally meet you.

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Selena found that her new slave was quite useful, she wasn't too smart that was for sure. That could be a bonus though because stupid rarely question a nything. All she had to do was keep giving the slaves her blood in their food or drink and they were hers to do with as she pleased.

She had already given her new slave girl to her two prize toys, they wore her out when they were finally done

with her she couldn't even walk. Selena had to order one of her other slaves to dr ag her back to her room. (

At first, she wasn't sure what she was going to do with Jessica Winchester but wa tching her with her two toys she got a brilliant idea.

If that bitch got knocked up that could be useful. Selena would have her very own little beastie to raise and teach from birth. She was giddy with the possibilities. A broodmare. Yes, that will be her new duty to her mistress. Perhaps she should get a few more and have her own army.

She was standing in front of the beast's cell, she walked in and kicked his sleepin g form.

"Get up, you lazy piece of shit!!!!!" (

He jumped up in a frenzy, waking him from a deep sleep was never a good idea. He noticed that she stepped back and a flicker of fear was in her eyes. That made him a little happy anyway.

"I want you to go back and look at their trail again. This time sniff this enchanted crystal, first it will help to enhance the smell that you are looking for and get rid of all the others. I need to have that blood. You are going to get it for me. If you don't I wo uldn't bother crawling back here for forgiveness."

He said his usual as you wish mistress, it was always the best thing to get her to le ave quickly. She wasn't aware yet but his memories were coming back and in a litt le bit more time he will have them all.

It was a big mistake for her to let him out of the cell, he had no intention of ever going back in it. He still couldn't remember his name but he knew that as soon as he did everything would come back to him.

He burst from the cell at a full run taking off into the shadows of night, he was going to find those two females but when he found them he was n't going to collect their blood. He will have a story to tell them and then maybe they could help him remember his name. (?) August was in a crisis between his morality and the needs of himself and Khan. She wasn't yet

but it was only two months away. Still, she is also a virgin does she even know wh at any of this is about, how and the hell was he going to seduce her. (

They had just finished eating and done a lot of talking and they'd gotten to know each other in a small way anyway. The cake was delicious, he was going to have to thank Ava later for it.

Anna had gotten up to use the bathroom, so August was sitting in the middle of t he pillows on the floor waiting for her to return. Then he could discuss what the mating bond meant.

It was at that moment that he heard the bathroom door open and there she stoo d, dressed in all red silk and nothing else. She was gorgeous and he tossed out all morality from his mind at that moment. Khan was adding to August's thoughts and he decided that they were going to share this first time.

She wasn't done teasing though, she would dance around him, when he would rea ch for her she would twirl out of his reach. The silk would caress his skin as she tw irled by him, again she would slide out of his fingers. (!?

Finally, he stood up and went after her, she started to giggle as he chased her down finally landing on the bed with her in his arms.

He held there just savoring the feel of her, she felt perfect, her soft skin mixing with the slide of the silk.

"My sweet blossom, are you sure this is what you want to do? Do you understand what you are agreeing to?"

"August you are the single most gorgeous man on this earth, you're sexy and sma rt, kind and generous and considerate to a fault. Ava told me about all the shifter mating processes and my sister gave me the talk a long time ago."

"I know everything I need to, except how to get my mate to stop fretting about m y age and virginity. It won't be long and I will be of age, my virginity is yours and y ours alone. We are going to be together forever, so I think the sooner we get star ted the more time we will have." & With that statement of fact. August did not ar gue, he rolled her so she was on top of him. He lay with his arms out wide.

"Well blossom, here I am. Take as much as you want, I intend to do the same to yo u. It is going to be a long night, but you will be baying so much fur you are going to complain to the cup for siging " (

be having so much fun you are going to complain to the sun for rising." (

With that, she began to explore. When it was his turn he took them to the skies fl ying high on the wings of ecstasy, just as Anna felt

herself falling from the sky, August bit her hard on the neck sending her even hig her than before.

She lay beside August in a sated pleasure when she felt her body becoming incre dibly hot. Then she was in intense pain, as the heat and pain subsided she felt strange.

August looked strange too, he got up from the bed with a surprised look and shif ted into Khan.

She thought Khan was magnificent, he was a golden lion but his mane was black with gold tips. When He was walking around the bed, she made a move to get up when she realized that she'd jumped. She

looked at her hands they were paws, gold fur, and razor–sharp nails. She started t o hear laughter in her mind.

"Who are you? Are you my lioness?"

"Who else would I be silly, My name is Venus."

Ava was smiling to herself while sitting on the couch watching TV, it was a murder mystery. She rarely got time to just sit and enjoy a bowl of popcorn. Harry sat with her watching TV. He stayed with her at all times, she finally got a li ttle ticked off about it and asked him to go find something else to do. (

He simply said, I haven't been given an assignment so I have appointed myself as your guard. She looked at him sideways, he was enjoying a soda and the popcorn. She wondered what his story

was, it wasn't normal for a Bear shifter to want to stick around anywhere that wa sn't his territory so why was he staying? 2

It was then that they all heard a mighty

roar coming from the upstairs, then there were more coming from both bedroom s.

"Geesh, what is going on up there? I mean mating is a loud event, but still, it soun ds like wild kingdom in the spring."

"Ava started to laugh, it is going to get a lot louder than that, that is human level, wait till they are going to take it outside, then it will be the wild kingdom."

"That reminds me I better alert the others out on patrol to stay out of the way, but still, try to make sure no harm co mes to them."

"Guess it is a good thing then Ava that we don't have any close neighbors."

They both started laughing when he reached over and kissed her. She looked at him in surprise.

"Umm, tell me Harry did you sneak any chocolate cake by any chance?"

"Oh, hell yeah, I saw that cake just sitting there it smelled so delicious, so I snuck a little slice of it. It tasted like heaven." sororo

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Ava didn't know what to do with a horny bear, was it like with wolves, or was it di fferent. He is handsome and all, Arrgg what was she thinking. She got up and ran for the kitchen. (

He was there right behind her. He was laughing so hard he was having trouble bre athing.

"I am sorry little Ava I was only playing with you. You have been worn out and worried since the m oment I

met you. I thought a distraction would be just the thing to lighten the mood.""

I was just kidding about the cake anyway, the kiss though that wasn't playing at al l. Just wanted to give you something to think about. Let me know when you come up with any thoughts you would like to talk about with me."

With that, he wiggled his eyebrows and went back into the living room leaving Av a out of breath and beet red. She went up to her bedroom mumbling under her breath...Stupid Bear.

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Hello my wonderful readers,

Just to let you all know that this chapter is an experiment, please let me know if t his is any better, the same, or worse than my usual writing. It is for only this chapt er. I will post two more later this evening. (

Please be respectful, I listen to all comments that are helpful. I don't listen to those who simply want to be mean. Thank You everyone for readin g and I hope you continue to enjoy it.

It is only for this chapter, I am still finding my writing style and what I need to lea rn and implement. Who better to tell me than all of my wonderful readers.

The Beast was racing out into the night. He wasn't interested in picking up any trail. He was feeling that the first of those bonds were gone. He was no longer under her direct control.

The mission was to find the two females, not for that evil witch, but for himself. S omething inside him felt strongly that the sisters could give them back their names. It was at that moment that Beast realized he no longer talked in his mind as just one being. He just thought their names... not his name, but their names. (

It was a sign that his memory was opening up, perhaps on the other side so to wa s the other beast. Soon maybe they will talk.

This was the first time he was happy. He knew he had more to do, but he was on t he right path. He took out the crystal and sniffed it. There didn't seem to be anything coming from it. He went to the last lo cation that was suitable. Silence ruled for the moment as he stood there stunned. Other smells did not bo mbard

him; it was just the two females. He followed the trail again, this time with the ca r tires that led to the airport.

Solis and Solana were enjoying a wonderful time in the moonlit desert. They woul d race

at full speed, roll in the sand, Solis marked rocks, they even played with a couple of guards, who didn't find the joke as hilarious. (

There were a

couple of skirmishes between them because Solis wished to mate. Solana told hi m once in no unclear terms that it wasn't time for their mating yet. If he continue d trying, she was going to apply her claws the next time she took a swipe at him.

Too overwhelmed by the sights and smells Rachel went further back into Solana's world to give the two Lions some space alone. She was getting tired and was worried about Anna. She decided there was nothing she could do u ntil the two powerful cats called it a night.

In the morning,

Rachel woke to the sounds of yelling. She made her way to the kitchen and there was August.

yelling at Ava. Anna wasn't there yet. August was pissed about the chocolate cak e.

"How dare you put a sex potion in the chocolate cake!"

"I did it to help you both through the process. I knew how you felt about the whole situation, so I decided it would be better to ease your mind."

"Ease my mind? Are you a nut? She is underage. I am not a molester!!

"I did not trick you for nefarious reasons. It differs from this and you know it, Mr. Bennet. The two of you are mates, you didn't just mate, you tied the two of you for all

time. That is what this is all about. It wasn't like she was a one–night stand."

While Rachel watched the scene between the two go back and forth, Anna came t hrough the door with Archer. Archer went straight to Rachel, asking what was goi ng on. (

"Stretching and letting out a yawn, Rachel leaned on Archer's shoulder, still fogg y from being woken up. Well, I haven't figured it out yet. It has something to do w ith putting a sex potion into the chocolate cake."

Archer was confused for a minute.

"We all knew about the chocolate cake. Did we forget to tell August?" (2

That was when Anna spoke up with a sheepish look on her face.

"I know I was supposed to tell him, but he was so dead set against it. I was in love with him from that first moment I laid eyes on him." \rightarrow

"I knew it was wrong of me, but I didn't wish to give up the moment. I knew he wa s mine, and I was his. So I let him devour the cake, thinking it was only dessert."

"I didn't

eat any of the cake myself. I needed to prove to him I was eager, and I understoo d everything. That I didn't feel misled or afraid, and that I loved him with all my h eart and soul.

Next, she turned and left the kitchen. August stood there for a moment in shocke d silence. Suddenly, as if he finally understood what was declared, he took off aft er her.

Raised voices could be heard as Anna and August went upstairs for some privacy. Rachel hoped that they would work it out. She wasn't sure about Anna tricking A ugust into what she wanted but what was done is done.

Ava went back to cooking while her Powerful Silent Bear watched over her. He di dn't defend her like Archer assumed he might. Perhaps because he knew that Ava could hold her own. (

Ava turned with a spatula in hand, pointing at the counter. As she announced in a low voice.

"Breakfast will be ready in about an hour. There is coffee over on the counter to t ide you over. I realize that you have to be starving, so I will try not to be overly lo ng."

Mr. and Mrs. Winchester celebrated that they were free of their spoiled, slutty daughter. At first, her behavior sickened them repeatedly. W hen they understood there was no fixing her, they used her slutty ways to their advantage.

It took them a while but they figured out that there was no helping or benefiting from their daughter. It delighted them when Lady Selena suggested she could train Jessica in the ways of her temple. Pe rhaps Jessica could develop into a great priestess someday soon.

The Winchesters were always envious of the Bennet's, they were almost always t he rulers or they were close to it because of their supreme lineages. The Winchesters were never considered to rule, even though they kept their bloodlines pure. Sw*e*r

The Winchesters were sick of having to follow the rules, having to make nice with the other lower–ranking shifters. They always had to pretend to be average and to care about other people.

For a long time, they had to do this, and it never sat well with them. Then they joi n their community with wolves and bears. It was too repugnant to even fathom. What are next Humans?!

It was appalling. How dare they seek to contaminate their blood with that of the l ower species! It was time to take action against these hideous ideals. They all deserve to die for their acts of treachery. Next thing you know, they will want to mate us with humans and vampires.

Spreading the

discord amongst the families was working. There were those that were always lo yal only to the Bennets and their ideals. They will have to be dealt with after they take out the leading family.

Archer Bennet is going to be made an example of we will put him on trial and exe cute him, therefore putting an end to the blending of their blood.

The potions that were being created will be ready by tomorrow night. As soon as Lady Selena brings them, we will star t the mission to take over. (

Harry watched Ava. She wasn't always the happy, knowledgeable individual that s he portrayed herself to be. He also knew that she was a very lonely person. She had her wolf, certainly, but it wasn't the sa me as friends and family. 3

His mother had the sight, though she was never treated badly by others either ou t of fear or respect, they just didn't interact with her on a personal level. It makes for a lonely existence.

She had Harry, but that was all. His

father left a long time ago before Harry was even a year old. That was the norm in the Bear shifter world. Jack Dawson was changing that world for the better and he had every intention of helping him reach that goal.

He walked over to Ava and wrapped his arms around her in a silent hug. No words were spoken, and she knew what he was trying to do. She leaned into him with a s igh and soaked up

his warmth and the security of his arms. He moved his head to her neck and tende rly brushed

his lips on her smooth skin. It was such a delicate kiss that it felt like it was barely there. She leaned into him further. He held her tighter. She leaned her head back, and he kissed her with much more passion than that first stolen kiss.

She made a little moan of promise, then she wiggled out of his arms to continue c ooking. He pulled her back to him just for one more second. (

"I have something I would like to know, Ava. I was just wondering, are you going t o one day bake me a chocolate cake someday soon?" With that, he went back to his usual place to watch over her. In the security layout, he was the wild card. Harry would stay with Ava, but he would also patrol the interior of the house.

The differences will be a challenge. He knew that. She was a wolf, and he was a b ear. He didn't know what might be ahead of them. He knew from the first time he watched her

climb onto the back of his bike that she was the one. To him, that was all that mat tered.