

"This is no time for jokes," I warned her, but her Luna light pulsed out around her, joined by Zane's
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energy.
It was almost like I couldn't stand against the two of them. My irritation eased away. I was still upset,
but
not enraged.
ht sight of M
I caught
of Mason's expression, looking a little confused. Then admiring. He shook his head but didn't say
anything.
Lanie pushed against me again. "You need to get dressed. I'll tell you everything."
Quickly, I pulled on a pair of jeans, a flannel, and my boots. The four of us gathered again on the front
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porch. My mother hovered inside, peeking out the windows until I turned and gave her a look. Then she
backed



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ustrating. I wanted to shout and pound my fists, but he was keeping me as calm as he could.

When I shot a look at mybrother who was pacing the porch as Lanie told us everything she'd been up t nd discovered, I could see Mascosanneer practically vibrating around him. With each pulse of Zone's energy oward him, he flinched, and his intactançoner, until finally, Mason sagged against the porch

ack toward us.

railing with hiss

"I'm going with you, I told y una with mocow

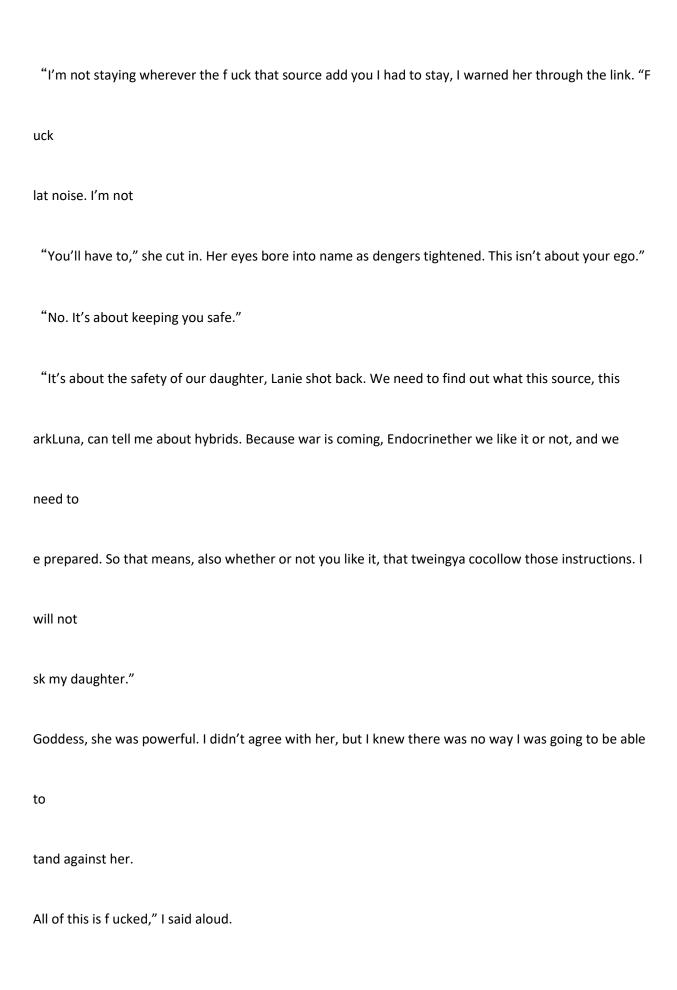
She nodded. "Yes. Not because you'regioernanding it, though."

I frowned, and she took my hand tedinkoupenogers

"Mason needs Zane right now," she whisper-thoughtcone. He's raw from his meeting with Asher, and

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vo of them need to learn how to accept what cecounters the other. You and I will go to the human city."



But we have no choice," Lanie added quietly.

Her gaze flicked over my shoulder to my brother, leaning on the railing. Zano sconto

eren't saying anything out loud, but I could catch a hint of them communicating through priva

me, when Zane put a hand on Mason's shoulder, my brother didn't shrug it away.

When do we have to leave?" I asked my Luna.

vive to meet the source at midnight," she confirmed with a glance at her watch Whichhmmenns we

ave to leave right now"