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was going to keep me close for awhile, I could sense that. I didn't mind.
When Charlotte introduced me to Greyson and said he was a dragon shifter, though, I let out a long,
incredulous laugh. She frowned and looked a little pis s ed off, but Greyson only grinned and nudged
her with
his hip.
"It's fine," he said as my laughter died down. "I suppose if I were you, I'd laugh, too. Seeing as how I'm
willing to bet you had no idea we even existed until the moment Charlotte told you."
"Just like we didn't know about vamps." Xander sounded sullen. "The f ucking Council has been really

screwing all of us over."

"All that's going to change," Charlotte vowed.

I quickly y sent a series of thoughts and images through the link to update Xander on at least some of what she and I had covered. I'd have to fill him in with more detail later. For now, I had to get him to trust her, and her shifter boyfriend.

That part I'd figured out the second he looked at her. Charlotte didn't seem to notice, or she was maybe pretending not to, but Greyson was clearly head-over-heels for her. The casual way they touched each other

told me they'd been together for at least a little while.

What really surprised me was how easily Xander had taken to Greyson. They weren't buddies, but at least my mate wasn't trying to fight him. This was curious, but I also noticed something particularly soothing about

the other man. Maybe it was his voice, low and smoky

We covered the basic details in a few minutes, and to my surprised relief, Xander was the one who offered

for Greyson and Charlotte to come home with us. He even called home to let Zane know we'd be

bringing
strangers so there'd be no shocks.
off."
It wasn't until we were in our own truck, leading the way back to Stillwood, that he told me why.
"They feel like good people," he said. "Tell me differently, and I'll turn around and tell
"No. They do."
He pulled into the driveway and turned off the truck, He twisted to take my hands in his.
get the answers we need, love. I promise you."
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