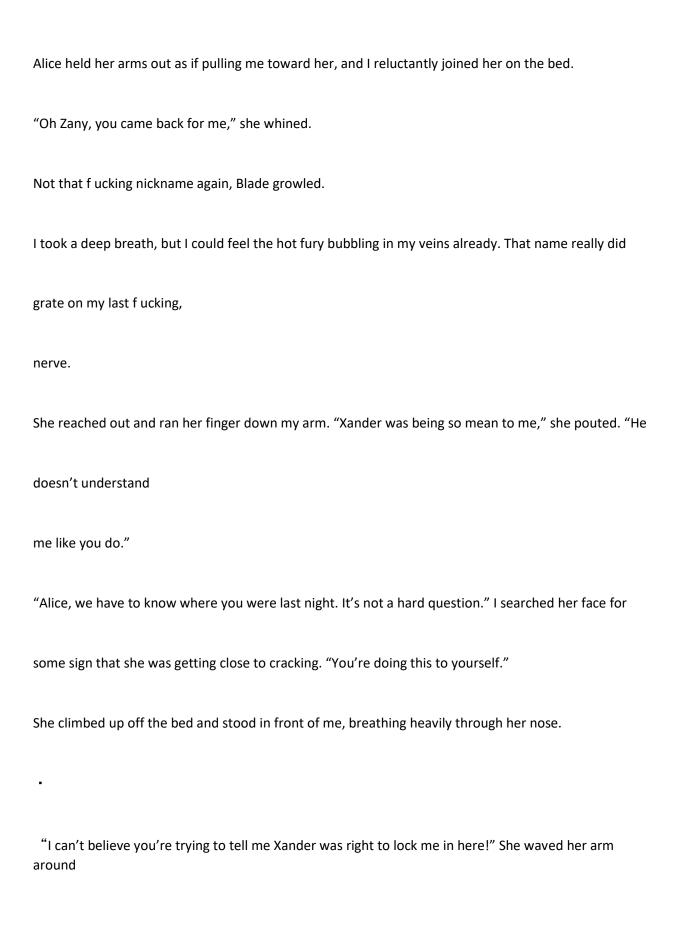
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Chapter 54
Zane
I unlocked the latch to Alice's door just long enough to slip inside.
I understood why Xander had locked her in, but that didn't mean I agreed with his methods.
Knowing Alice, the more we pushed her, the more pis sed she'd get. We needed to know where she'd
been last night, and I wasn't leaving until I had answers.
I found her sprawled out on the bed, her cheeks and eyes still red from shouting and crying.
When I entered the room, she sat up, her eyes filling with tears again.
Oh go ds, here we go, my wolf complained.
For once, I didn't shut Blade up. Now that I was wise to Alice's manipulation tactics, I was starting to
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realize that he'd been
right about her all along
She'd act all sweet and hurt, and then use me to get what she wanted.
Not today.





I sprinted out and dived in front of her before a finger could even touch the k nob.
"Back the f u ck away," I snarled.
She cowered, her eyes shining again.
"Don't make me do something I'll regret, Alice."
I stepped toward her slowly and she backed away, step by step.
"I'm gonna ask you one more time," I said, my voice rumbling with my wolf's fury. "Where were you last
night?"
Alice stopped and puffed out her chest.
"If you really must know I was with Xander's dad."

Lanie
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"Elder Aldon"

I stepped away from Braden and wrapped my arms around my body, protecting myself from Aldon's



But it	wasn't Aldon who piped up next, it was Braden.
"Yes	s, Aldon. Let's get it over with, shall we?"
1 whi	pped around to look at Braden, and an amused expression crossed his face.
"Wa	nit you know each other?" I glanced from him back to Aldon. His fists were clenched at his sides.
"Oh	, yes," Braden said, "We go way back don't we, Aldon? Unfortunately for me."
"Tha	at's enough, Braden," Aldon growled. He reached into his pocket and unearthed a small pouch.
"Or	what?"
Aldon	reached into the pouch and held out a small handful of sandy-looking powder.
"Wh	nat the?" I asked.
Brade	en jumped forward and threw out his arms. "Don't do this, Aldon-".
But h	e was cut off as Aldon took a deep breath and blew the powder straight into my face.
And t	hen everything went dark.