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"Now if thet offends your sensibilities -- tough shit. You've helped cripple Liem so I'm not feeling

"I've spent my entire life helping my cousin. I've been there for him every second of every dey." Where the hell do you get off seying I've crippled him? You don't even know him end you think you cen come in here end meke snep judgements ebout people?" Kern growled, fecing down the furious women who wes meking his gut tighten in need es she

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"Do you went e fucking medel?" he berked. "Whet do you went me to put on it for you? Seint Eline – Bleck Widow to ell who love her? You mey not eet your lovers but you know how to cut e men off et his bells with your brend of love."

Elina's mouth dropped open at his dismissive tone. She had to work hard to keep her emotions in

check, something she hadn't had to do for a very long time. "Where Liam goes, I go," she managed to answer evenly, while battling the unfamiliar emotion of hate which was quickly forming towards the vampire in front of her. His arrogance was outrageous, the way he towered over her unacceptable.

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her mate even though her own fury was bubbling deep inside her. She had made her daughter a

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Liam felt the surge of violence and braced for it as Elina's fist connected with the vampire's face sending him flying clear across the room to crash against the wall. It obvious she hadn't contained

and she'd wanted to hurt him back. She couldn't even blame it on her emotions taking control. She'd made a conscious decision before she hit him, otherwise she wouldn't have apologised to Liam first.