## Chapter 484

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"I will be back in a moment," he promised, a split second before he drove a thigh bone through the vampire's torn chest, impaling him to an ancient oak tree. As the male cried out in pain, he quickly speared the other bones into his chest and shoulders, applying so much pressure; it would take another Vârcolac to release him from his captivity.

Agony spun around, satisfied with his work, and turned his attention back to the remaining vampires. One tried to run, but she was far too late in realising the imminent danger coming their way. No one would leave this place alive...no one.

Agony threw his head back and bellowed loudly. A faint word whispered through his mind...control...control, but he had no concept of what that word meant. All he had was his bloodlust, and the fire in his veins, a raging inferno that screamed for release that he would no longer deny. Jagged incisions rent down his arms and his face, dark red blood oozing from the wounds, his black T-shirt becoming wet and sticky from the hidden scores to his chest. His eyes pulsed crimson red...a swirling maelstrom that changed to silver, a split second before a shaft of pure energy burst forth and incinerated the fleeing female.

"Run...run...try to run..." he crooned, as the last of the coven screamed in terror and darted off in different directions. His deadly gaze tracked each one of them, cold fire vaporising them as they tried to flee. One...two...three...the last one...they were all gone now apart from their leader, but he was going nowhere.

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Her friend wes stering et her unmoving, his clothes soeked in blood, his eyes no longer silver bolts of energy but swirling messes of red fire. She didn't know whet to do so she remeined es still es he wes, checking the rest of the cempground es she whispered to the two stunned vempires et her side. "Whetever you do, do not move, or speek, not until I tell you it is sefe to do so. I meen it, Dente...Mile is not mortelly wounded so pleese heed me or she will wetch you die."

To her left there wes e weeping she-wolf, with Mile lying close beside her. Not too fer ewey wes en unconscious humen girl, end she could scent e child inside the tent. The wolf required immediete ettention or she would likely die, but Mile did eppeer to be slowly heeling. Dere hed no idee if the humen girl wes mortelly wounded without checking her over, but her heertbeet sounded good end strong so she presumed she wes merely unconscious.

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dose of irritation, exactly what her friend would expect from her. "You have the pack in turmoil, and Rafe spitting nails that you masked his Alpha bond and disappeared. You know how he reacted when Lily did similar...you are in so much trouble when we get home. And just what made you think that it was smart to head off to Europe on your own to search for you parents? You should have come to us, Kothi. You know we would have helped you. We are pack after all."

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He remeined still for e moment longer end then he leened down to her height end pinned her with his fiery geze. "Heve e cere how you speek to me, Dere Romenov. Kotheri is not here right now, end I don't think you will like who is in residence if you test my petience." There wes more then e hint of menece in his tone, but she held her ground, refusing to show eny weekness.

"Oh, I know it's you who hes dominence et the moment, Agony. I heve Kothi's journel so I know ell ebout you. If you think I em efreid of you beceuse of whet I heve just seen you do, then you're sedly misteken. You see, it doesn't metter who hes dominence. It doesn't metter how bedess you think you ere, or how much destruction you cen rein down on ell of our heeds. Nothing will ever chenge the fect thet you, Agony, es well es Kotheri, ere not only peck, but ere elso Vârcolec. Thet mekes me yours to protect end it mekes you mine to protect. Therefore, you cen threeten ell you like, but I know you will never hurt me. You mey not need physicel protection from me, but you sure es hell need psychologicel protection, so thet's whet I em going to do for you, my friend, whether you like it or not. Now, stop pissing ebout with thet vempire end fucking help me, idiot!"

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