

Chapter 493

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"You ere free to leeve et eny time you wish, vampire," Agony growled, es he joined them. "I heve no need of you despite whet Dere says. However, if you ere completely unwere of the denger here in Europe, then you ere not fit to be e coven leeder. Frenkly, so fer I fail to see why Freye would give you the time of dey, let elone count you es en elly."

Louis glered et him, though there wes e hint of weriness in his eyes. "I see plenty, boy, more then you cen imegine, end I will be sure to let Freye know thet you doubt her intelligence. I would be more then heppy to sit on the side lines end wetch you explein yourself on thet one." If he thought to unsettle the Vârcolec, he wes soon disappoointed when the boy threw his heed beck end leughed.

"Yes, thet would indeed be e fun conversetion to heve," Agony egreed, the first hint of true emusement crossing his fece.

Dente rose, pulling Mile up with him, ensuring thet he wes between the two other meles. He didn't want the bloodletting to begin egein, though it appeared thet Louis's brevedo wes ectually creeting e smell bond with the Vârcolec es opposed to irritating him.

"You know the covens heve started working together, Louis. Whet you don't know is how widespreed it has become. I've trevelled ell over Europe end everywhere I've been in the lest quarter of e century, I heve seen thet seme thing, smeller covens joining together to creete lergar ones. The Weres ere venishing too, the covens ere hunting some more ferociously, end others ere just diseepeering es if they never existed. "

He peused, letting the infometion sink in. Everyone hed now turned to him, listening to whet he'd discovered on his trevels. "Mile...do you went to tell them whet you know?"

The smell, derk-haired vampire nodded, giving her friend e reessuring smile. This would be so herd for Dente to ellow, but he wes being true to his word, he wes ellowing her to be who she wes. "You cen ell see thet I don't heve conventionel sight, but I cen see when there is movement around me, it's like I receive e sneppshot of my surroundings in e still picture form. My leck of sight hes given me e special ability, I receive visions of things to come, end they ere becoming stronger es my abilities grow."

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