Chapter 756

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"How can I help you, Tali?" Dante spoke in a calm, sincere tone that screamed out she could trust him. Oddly enough, she did trust both Mila and Dante even though she barely knew them.

"Mila said you see auras as a colour?"

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He nodded. "You're aura is pale mauve, Mila's is sunflower yellow. Kothari is red and Dara is sky

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Natalia frowned, confusion colouring her expression. "Since we arrived here I've started to notice...I

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He agreed, looking at Mila for her thoughts.

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mental energy surrounding people. Why haven't you said anything and what made you mention it

now Tali?"

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Natalia sighed, took her glasses off, and began cleaning them. "At first I thought I was imagining it, then when I realised that I wasn't I started to look more closely at everyone. I probably wouldn't have mentioned it for a while yet but then I noticed someone's shadow had changed."

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It didn't seem possible that Dante could become any more alert, and yet his body stiffened further, and his voice was barely audible the next time he spoke. "Don't mention what you've just told us to anyone else until I've had a chance to check it out. If you notice anyone else change to black, let me

His gaze shifted to Mila "Take Tali back to the others and keep her as close to Agony as possible without it looking suspicious. I need to talk to Dara."

"Dante?"

He ran a hand down Mila's cheek bending in close to her ear. "I need to check something out. I don't

away and headed over to find Dara.

Mila watched him go and then uttered a soft sigh. "Come on, Tali. I've learned to trust Dante's

strange feelings over the years. Let's get back to the others. I'm sure we'll find out what this is all

Natalia wasn't sure what was going on, but she wasn't as adverse to the idea of staying close to

to have become accustomed to having him close. She followed Mila towards where he had last

Agony as she should have been. What that meant she didn't really know. Her inbuilt radar appeared

about soon enough."(w)WŴ.nove(+)Worm.(c)@m

been seen, surprised to find that he wasn't in the clearing anymore.

Maybe there were more new abilities that would become known?

know if I'm right or not but as soon as I know, you will know. Just look after Tali for now. She may

have just become the most important member of this mission." Without another word, he turned

Mila appeared to be watching Dante as he spoke to Dara so Natalia walked a little way into the trees to see if she could find Agony. She sensed that she was going in the right direction, her once erratic abilities becoming more honed the longer she was around the Vârcolac. It was as if their presence

had somehow enhanced and sharpened her abilities. While the changes were a bit disconcerting,

her. Perhaps Mila had been right when she said that Natalia was needed for the success of the

mission. Dante seemed very interested in her new ability to sense shadows around the others.

they also gave her a sense of being strong enough to compete with all the lethal beings surrounding

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home. She didn't even know if her Alpha would allow her to stay with the pack without her parents,

she was just a human after all. Her mother had to be saved, and this crazy mission had to succeed.

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Natalia was startled out of her trance by a flash of movement up ahead, and she realized she had gone much farther than she had intended from the clearing. She felt a tiny shudder run down her spine as she scanned her surroundings. She ventured off alone in a perilous area, could she have been any more foolish? Who could have known what or who was lurking on the high, commanding mountainside? God forbid, they were looking for Agony's kidnapped parents. Smart, smart!

Natalia was shocked by how careless she had been.