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Ethan's POV

I feel so useless as I watch my mates lay on the bed holding each other crying over their loss. I knew they were heartbroken. I could feel it in the bond. Dex was whimpering in my mind also not knowing how to comfort them. I quietly walked out of the room and closed the door to give them time to grieve. At least they could share their grief with one another.

Ethan slumped down on the couch and placed his head in his hands and let his own tears fall. He felt so selfish thinking that he was glad he wasn't going through the same loss as his mates. He felt like he didn't deserve them because he was thankful it wasn't Jessica who had been taken over. His shame came out in his tears as he continued to berate himself. It was a few minutes until he realized that he was not alone in the

room. He looked up from his hands to see Ares sitting quietly in the armchair just staring at Ethan.

"Son, I know this is hard. Losing people is always a hard thing to go through." Ares started before I cut him off.

"But it isn't though. Not for me. For Beth and Alexi it is heartbreaking. I don't feel that though. Yes I feel sad for their losses but what I feel most is grateful and thankful that it wasn't anyone in my family. Even though by association Alexi and Beth's family is my family, I just don't feel the same deep seeded pain that they are going through and I feel like a horrible mate not to be able to comfort them." I let out my worries.

Ares stares at me for a moment looking like he was measuring his words carefully before he spoke and said, "Just because you are thankful or grateful that it wasn't anyone close to you doesn't mean that you are a bad person or mate. I am sure if the situation was reversed Beth or Alexi would feel the same way. It is how you handle yourself with those feelings during their time of grief that matters. Being out here alone feeling sorry for yourself is what is going to make you a bad mate. Instead of sitting here feeling sorry for yourself that you don't feel their grief the same way, show them that you care. It is the little things like holding them, being there for them to let their grief out, and picking up the slack that they can't handle right now. That is how you help them. Stop being a crybaby about it and get up off your ass and do something. Anything to help them. Aren't there some people to be arrested or something you could do?"

I stared at him in shock. It was almost sweet what he said and then he went all Ares on me. I couldn't help but laugh internally a little at that. 'He's right, you know. We aren't doing our mates any good sitting here feeling sorry for ourselves. Let's do something to make this easier on them. Plus

Beth still has the 2nd quest to do and our time is running out. We are already on day 4 out of the 14 we have and we still haven't left the palace.' Dex said to me. s**t! I forgot about that. We still need to go to the abandoned lands and look for that damned plant.

I straightened myself up and wiped the remaining tears from my face with a new found determination coursing through me. I think I will start helping them by making sure there is plenty for them to eat when they come out of the room. Then I can go seek out Roman or Alexander and get started on the arrests. Once everyone involved is arrested we can leave on this quest. It might do them both good to get away from the castle for a while too.

"Thank you Ares. That is just what I needed to hear." I say gratefully to him.

He just nods and then he is gone as fast as he had appeared. I don't think I will ever get

used to that. I mentally shake my head and get started on my tasks. It didn't take long to get food supplies for them and prepare a meal. I know Beth still needs to eat both human food and blood., but I am sure that Alexi can take care of feeding Beth the blood.

Once that is done I leave a note on the counter and head out to find Roman. I went to his room first but there was no answer and I couldn't smell him in the room either. I followed my nose and was surprised to see him and Alexander both in his office. I walked in and they both stopped talking like I had interrupted their conversation. Which I guess I did really. I gave a sheepish smile and said, "Beth and Alexi are grieving too much right now. I want to help them by arresting the people whose names are on the list Lord Douchebag gave us."

Roman let out a chuckle at the nickname I gave Dexter and nodded at me and said, "I think that is a good idea. Let them get it out

of their system before we hold the funerals this evening. I know it is quick but I know you guys have a quest to get to as well."

I looked at him confused, not remembering ever telling them about it. Then again a lot has happened in the last few days that it could have slipped my mind. Reading the confusion on my face he said, "Ares just popped in. I swear I will not get used to the gods just popping in on me. This is the second time the last few days one has snuck up on me. Anyway he said and I quote 'Get your kingdom's s**t under control so Beth can complete her destiny. She has a timed quest and her time is running out trying to solve all of your problems. Get it contained before I come in here and wipe you all out.' So yeah. We were in the process of figuring out the best way to handle this. We were thinking about sending guards to go down the list, but we are afraid they will have a way to warn each other and if that happens we will have to hunt for them or worse they can do what Dexter and Anna did. I don't want any more loss of life than needs to happen."

I interrupted him and said, "Then do a simultaneous arrest. Make sure you have enough guards for each person and get them all at the same time. Or host some get together or something that requires them all to be at the castle in one room." I was eager to jump in and help.

"We were thinking about that. I don't think inviting them into the castle would work. They might get suspicious if we did that. The better option is to arrest them all simultaneously like you said. We were just trying to figure out who was going to lead each of the groups. So far I have myself and Roman and maybe one or two of the guards that we know we can trust." Alexander said.

"I will volunteer as well. I need to be out doing something. I can't sit here and watch my mates cry from their grief. This is my way of helping them. Get things done that they can't right now," I said.

They nodded and we got to work. It didn't take long for us to gather all the necessary people to assist. After we briefed the guards we all went our separate ways to make the arrests. My group arrived at the house of a Noble and his wife who were both involved in the sect. After discussing our options I decided we should split up. Half stationed at the back entrance and the rest with me at the front. I have a feeling that one or both are going to try to flee.

I approached the front door as soon as I knew the men were ready at the back. With my enhanced hearing I could hear an argument going on inside. I waited a moment to see if I could hear what the argument was about but the words were muffled a bit and I could only make out bits and pieces. Mainly it was about how they were worried that they hadn't heard from

Lord Douchebag yet and if they should go into hiding until they knew everything was fine. I decided now was the time to knock. I knocked on the door and within a minute I was greeted by a servant that looked as if they had seen better days. They looked emaciated and from their scent I could tell that they weren't a vampire or witch. I was horrified when I realized they were human. I couldn't see Roman approving of such behavior and wondered how many other humans were like this in the kingdom. My blood was boiling at the thought of these poor people.

"Hello, I have been sent by King Roman to fetch the Lord and Lady Damphere. Are they available by chance?" I said. I was trying to stay as calm as possible. I didn't want to spook anyone let alone the servant.

"The lord and lady of the house are not here sir. They had to leave for a family emergency I am afraid." The servant said nervously. I

could smell the lie and the fear coming off of them in waves.

"I am afraid I must insist we search the premises." I said and then motioned for a guard to hold on to the servant, and the rest of us made our way inside. The house was immaculate inside and had very expensive furnishings. As I entered what seemed to be a sitting room I could see the Lady Damphere, but not her husband. She looked like she was ready to bolt out of the room when I said, "Don't even think about trying to run. You will not get very far and I have been ordered to apprehend you and your husband dead or alive. If you would prefer to keep your life I would suggest you come with us willingly and tell me where your husband is."

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She looked conflicted. I could see she was running different scenarios in her mind and

as she was distracted I took that opportunity to pounce and placed the cuffs on her with relative ease. At the same time I could hear a scuffle further into the home. Presumably towards the back of the house. In minutes the other guards were marching through the house with Damphere. I was pleased that we were able to apprehend the couple with little trouble.

As I passed the woman off to one of the guards I decided to search the house to see if I could find any more servants to assess their condition and see if anyone needed any help. By the time I finished searching the house I was disgusted by what I found. There were very few servants walking around freely. I did find a basement of sorts that should be better classified as a dungeon or torture room. It put the dungeon King Roman had to shame and that is saying something. I found several dead humans on some mideval torture devices such as the rack and the iron maiden. I was appalled by

the state of some of them. It seems they enjoyed inflicting pain onto others. I found a caged area with over 30 people crammed in it. I had the guards call in help for these people. As I was helping settle some of the people out of the cage I noticed a small boy sitting in the corner still not wanting to leave a woman who was lying face down.

As I approached I noticed that the woman wasn't moving and the stench of death was permeating the air. Upon further inspection I could tell this was the boy's mother, but what shocked me the most is that she was a wolf. I squatted down by the child and was as gentle as I could as I picked him up. He started to fight with me and scream saying, "No scawy vamp man. Weave me awone. No!"

"Shh little man. I am not a vampire. I am a wolf. See?" I allowed some of my fur to come out of my skin as I did a partial shift. Seeing that he calmed down completely and

grabbed me in a tight grip and started to cry about his mom and how she wouldn't wake up for days now. I learned that his name was Link and he was 4 years old. He has always lived in the cage and has never been outside. My heart broke for him.

After ensuring that the guards had everything else under control I personally took Link to the hospital to have him checked out. I stayed with him partially because I wanted to and the other was because he wouldn't let me go. He refused to let any vampire near him. Stop reading the wrong and incomplete storyline, j o b n i b . c o m has the correct and complete book. He was deathly afraid of them which I couldn't blame him after the things I saw. I could only imagine what he had witnessed in his short 4 years of life. Not to mention he basically was snuggled up to his dead mother for days.

By the time the doctors were able to check him over I was surprised to learn that he was fine other than being dehydrated and severely underfed. The doctor said that he should be fine after receiving some fluids and vitamins through IV as long as he has a continuous steady diet. Before the doctor would release him he wanted to speak with me privately. We waited until Link was asleep from the medication he was given to help him relax. I stepped out of the room, but not very far. Dex wouldn't let me. For some reason Dex was being very protective of the pup.

"Lord Ethan, I did a blood test on the child and everything is ok other than the obvious malnutrition, but what concerns me is that he is a hybrid. You said that his mother was a wolf?" The doctor asked.

"Yes, she was dead when we arrived. What do you mean he is a hybrid? Is that a reason to be concerned?" I asked, not understanding

what the difference was, if he was a full wolf or not. I was starting to get angry at the way the doctor spoke of him being a hybrid like it was repulsive.

"Then that would mean his father was a vampire. We need to notify him immediately so that he can take care of his problem." The doctor said.

"What problem is it that the father needs to take care of exactly?" I was fuming if he meant what I thought he did. This was not one of the doctors that I had met when Beth was here not long ago, and I am glad he didn't see Beth with the way he is acting.

"The boy needs to be neutralized. We cannot be halving a halfbreed abomination running around. It would cause chaos. I am sure you wolves feel the same way of tainting your bloodlines." The doctor said with a distinct hatred for mixed species. I was furious

because what would he say about Beth and our pups? Beth was a lycan, vampire, and a witch.

"I am appalled by what you are suggesting sir. I want a new doctor. I will tell the King about what you are suggesting to do to this poor defenseless child. I pray that the gods do NOT take mercy on your soul. You disgust me." I said and motioned to one of the two guards who accompanied me with Link to the hospital. They both came over and had stern expressions on their faces. I said to them, "Please escort this doctor to his office and don't let him leave. I need the other to please fetch King Roman. I need to speak with him but I can't leave the boy. Not after what I just heard."

"We heard everything, my lord. Please allow me to escort him to his office. I will make sure he doesn't leave by any means necessary. I may want to neutralize him because he is a speciesist dickhead." One of the guards said. I nodded as he grabbed the doctor roughly taking him to the man's office.

"I will get King Roman. We do not feel that way. I can't believe we have a doctor on staff who is like that. I thought all doctors were supposed to care about every life without discrimination, but I guess not." The other guard who I found out was named Oscar.

I thanked him and returned back to the room with Link. Dex was going crazy in my mind wanting to kill the doctor for what he had suggested. 'Let me out Ethan. He needs to feel my wrath. No one is going to neutralize my pup.' I stopped midstep as I heard Dex call the boy our pup.

'What do you mean by our pup Dex. You know we have not been intimate with any woman besides Beth. There is no way that pup is mine.' I said to him.

'You feel just as protective of the pup and you know it. He is ours now. We will love him and take care of him. He needs us. Beth and Harmony would agree.' Dex said back to me.

I couldn't deny what he was saying, but we already have three pups on the way. 'We'll talk about this later. Right now we need to worry about his health and talking to Roman about what his doctor wanted to do. Then we need to check on our mates.' I replied to Dex.

He just huffed in my mind and laid down keeping his eyes on Link. He was sleeping peacefully and I was glad he wasn't awake to hear what that bastard had said. I sat in the chair by his bed and waited for Roman. It didn't take long before Roman, Alexander, and Sandra came into the room.

I stood up and motioned them out the door. I didn't want Link to hear what I was going to say. Once outside I turned on Roman, "Do you have any idea the kind of doctors that

you employ here. He wanted to find that boy's vampire father to have him 'neutralize' him because he was a halfbreed abomination and he was tainting the vampire bloodlines. The boy is no more than 4 years old and was in a cage his whole life, and his mother died in front of him and the poor pup thought she was just sleeping. The poor woman's body was rotting already when I found the cage." By the time I was finished I realized I had half shifted and Dex was at the surface with me.

The three people in front of me looked appalled by what I had just said. Roman was pissed. I could see it in his face as he realized the severity of the situation. "Where is the doctor Ethan? I would like to have a few personal words with him." Roman said with clear anger in his voice.

"I had one of the guards escort him to his office and stand guard until I could speak with you. I was not going to let him anywhere near my pup after what..." I said and then stopped short. Did I really just call that pup mine? My gods. How am I going to explain this to Beth and Alexi that I basically just claimed this pup as ours.

The three people in front of me had curiosity written in their features until Sandra said, "Sometimes the gods give us what we need when we don't even realize it ourselves.

Obviously you were sent to find this boy and the boy you. It is what the fates have decided and I am sure Beth and Alexi would welcome him with open arms especially after what they have both been through."

I thought over what she said and then I yelled out loud, "Ares you son of a b***h. You knew this was going to happen didn't you?"

We heard a deep belly laugh coming from all around us and then Ares popped in beside me. "It took you long enough to figure that out. It seems the women are still the smart

ones of this bunch. Yes, I guided you to find the boy. I knew he needed someone and I also knew that Beth would need him to help lessen the loss of her mother. Alexi too for his brother. This boy has a destiny all his own and with the love and guidance you three will give him he will succeed. Congrats you're a dad before your pups are actually born." Ares smacks me on the back and I almost fall flat on my face by the force of it.

Before I could straighten myself up, Ares was gone.

"I swear to the gods I am really starting to dislike how he pops up and disappears in the blink of an eye before the conversation is even done." I said in frustration as the other three just laughed at me.

'Ethan? Where are you?' I heard Beth in our mindlink.

'I am at the hospital baby. Are you ok? That was a dumb question. I am sorry. Can I get you anything?' I said back to her.

'Ares was just here and said that Alexi and I needed to find you. Are you hurt? Why are you at the hospital? We are on our way.' Beth said and before I could say anything else she cut off the link.

"Well it looks like our godly pest has visited with Alexi and Beth and now they are on their way to the hospital." I said and the other three just laughed at how I described Ares. Out of nowhere I felt a smack to the back of my head and turned around quickly to see where it came from but no one was there.

"That is for calling me a pest you ball of fluff," We heard Ares voice in the air.

I scowled as I rubbed the back of my head as the others had a good laugh at me.

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Beth's POV

I can't believe that my mother is gone. She was finally starting to be happy again. Her time with Dimitri was so short. How could someone think that killing another was ok? I just can't seem to wrap my mind around it. How am I going to raise my babies without her by my side to help me with all the questions that are going to come up. I don't even know how to change a diaper let alone three at once.

'Beth, sweety we will get through this with our mates by our side. I am sad too that our mother is no longer with us, but at least we know that she is going to spend her eternity with her mate. She will not have to wait for him to join her or him her. They will be there together watching over us. We have to remember the good times and not the sad. Mother wouldn't want us to be like that and you know it. She would tell you to buck up and carry on with the grace that she knew you possessed. You can do it. I will be right here with you and so will Alexi, Ethan, and Dex. We are not alone anymore. We also have Arthur and Martha to help guide us and Sandra too. We have a bigger family now, little one,' Harmony said to me.

'I know Harmony, It's just that mother was all I had for a while now. You know from my memories that my father never really loved me. I was a burden to him and his new family. You saw how he treated me after the rape. I just can't get over how the one person who has always been there for me is no longer with me in the flesh. I don't think I will ever fully be over her death. It happened so suddenly I didn't even get to say goodbye or that I loved her. I haven't told her that in I don't know how long. It's going to take time for me, I replied to Harmony.

'I know it will, but we still have things we still need to do. The world does not stop turning in our grief. It still moves on and we must do the same. We can't wallow in our grief. Alexi needs us to be strong for him as well. Poor Ethan doesn't know what to do for us. He is at a loss too from what Dex tells me, Harmony replied to me.

'Oh gods. We forgot about Ethan and Alexi! I am so ashamed of myself by only thinking about myself. I am a horrible mate to them, I berated myself. I need to stop this now. I know it hasn't even been more than a few hours, but Harmony is right. The world is still going on around me and I need to keep that in mind. I still have things that I still need to do. I have a whole species of people waiting for me to free them. I need to stop feeling sorry for myself. I will always miss my mother and that will never change. I will keep her close to my heart and remember her there and I will grieve in my private time at night. 'At a girl. You show them that you

are stronger than what they think you are. We can cry to ourselves at night and still do what we need during the day. I know it won't be easy, but we can do it. I know we can,'

me.

Harmony encouraged

I sat up in bed and noticed that neither Alexi or Ethan were here. I got up and went to the bathroom to do my business and to wash my face of all the salt from my tears. Thankfully my fast healing took care of the puffy eyes from all the crying I have done. After I deemed myself presentable I walked out of the bathroom and bedroom into the living area. I was surprised to see Alexi there speaking with Ares as he ate. They both turned to her when they heard her enter the room. Alexi gave her a sad smile while Ares just stared at her blankly for a moment. After a few intense uncomfortable minutes of her and Ares staring at each other Alexi

cleared his throat gaining both of their attention. Beth released a breath she didn't even realize she was holding while she was being scrutinized by the god.

"Beth, Ares came to speak with us about something and we have been waiting for you to wake up. Come here and eat something before we get into it," Alexi said to me as I just stood there. I shook my head after trying to figure out what it was that Ares wanted now and she sighed as she made her way to where Alexi was with the food.

"Ethan made us some food before he left. He also left a note that just said about the food and that he went out for a bit," Alexi told her, showing her the note before handing her her plate of food. Beth nodded after she glanced at the note and then pulled the plate of food to her lap and began to scarf it down. She didn't realize how hungry she actually was until she started to eat. Once she was done she sat the plate back down on the

table feeling a little disgruntled that she was still hungry but she didn't want actual food. She knew she was going to need to feed on blood soon. Before she could even finish her thoughts on wanting and needing some blood she was handed a glass from Ares and to her surprise it had blood in it. She looked up at him in shock and he just smiled at her as he discreetly put the knife in his hand away.

Beth didn't think twice about it and started to gulp down the delicious smelling blood. It didn't taste like the blood she has had previously it had a spice to it if you could even call it that. It was sweet yet spicy and she decided that she rather liked it so she gulped it all down quickly. She was surprised that her hunger was completely gone now and she felt a little stronger too. She shook her head and didn't think anymore about it and turned her attention to Ares and said, "So what is it that you are here to tell us now. Another task perhaps even though I

haven't even completed the first one or the second one yet?"

Ares chuckled at her and shook his head then said, "No young one. I am merely here to give you a little insight into how your other mate is feeling." Beth again felt horrible for forgetting about Ethan in her grief, but before she could get too far into her feelings and thoughts Ares continued, "He was feeling rather shameful because he felt sad for your losses but relieved that it wasn't anyone in his immediate family. I gave him a good pep talk and he left to help sort out Roman's mess so that you could get ready to start on your second task. So since you two are done eating and crying you should find him now. I hope you like the surprise." Ares had a cryptic smile on his face as he said that and disappeared before either of them could say anything to him.

"What do you suppose he meant by that at the end, do you think?" Alexi pondered. "I don't know but I will find out. That god doesn't just say things without there being any reason behind it I have noticed." Beth said with curiosity in her voice.

She quickly linked Ethan and found out that he was in the hospital. Beth was so worried that she cut her link off with him before he could even answer any of her questions and rushed to say, "Alexi we have to go now. Ethan is in the hospital! I don't know what is wrong but we need to get to him." She got up frantically and ran to the door of their room. She was so worried that something had happened to Ethan. He didn't sound hurt in the mindlink, but after what had happened to her mother and Dimitri she just couldn't stop thinking the worst.

Alexi was right there beside her and he ended up scooping her up into his arms and ran with inhuman speed into the hospital and stopped as soon as he saw Roman, Alexander, Sandra, and Ethan standing in

the hallway. He placed Beth down on her feet and she ran straight to Ethan and hugged him tight. "I was so worried when you said you were in the hospital. What's wrong? Are you hurt?" She asked with worry in her voice.

Ethan chuckled and said, "Well if you would have not cut off the mindlink so fast I would have been able to tell you that I am fine. I am not here because I am hurt. When I went to help with the arrests of the people from the list I found more than I bargained for." He paused for a minute and then took a deep breath and let it out before he continued what he wanted to say, "The home I went to had servants that were underfed and tortured. I found a basement that had a cage with more than thirty people shoved inside. It was an awful sight to see those poor people being treated that way." He shook his head like he was trying to get that image out of his head.

Beth gasped at what he had said and she couldn't help the tears that welled in her eyes from hearing about the condition Ethan had found those poor people in. She felt fingertips softly brush the tears off her cheeks that had escaped her unnoticed by her. She looked up to see Ethan smiling sadly at her. "Shh it's ok baby. They are all here now getting seen by the doctors. Though there was one person there that I needed to talk to you and Alexi about." He said nervously.

"What is it Ethan?" Alexi said now intrigued with the conversation even more.

"Well when the guards and I started to get the people out of the cage there was a little boy no older than four years old." Beth gasped at that.

The poor baby wasn't very old and was living in a cage. That was awful. She placed her hands on her swollen stomach in a protective gesture not wanting her babies to

ever have to experience something like that. "He was sitting in a corner with a woman lying on the floor by his feet.

He wouldn't leave her. It was his mother. She had been long gone though sadly. The poor lad thought she was sleeping and he was worried that she hadn't woken up in a few days. After doing some inspection of the woman I noticed that she was a wolf.

I brought the boy here immediately to be checked by the doctors. Dex is pretty protective of him. His name is Link. He is a hybrid half vampire half werewolf. The doctor wanted to find his father so he could 'neutralize' him because in his words he was a halfbreed abomination.' Ethan ended on a growl.

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Over my dead body," Alexi and Beth said simultaneously. Beth didn't understand why but hearing Ethan speak about the poor boy

made her want to take the pup in her arms and hold him and protect him forever. She pushed her way through everyone and headed straight to the room where she felt a pull. As she entered the room and glanced at the small child in the bed her heart ached. He was so little and he looked like a little angel as he slept in the big hospital bed. She approached the bed and as she got closer she noticed his eyes were fluttering open. She gave the boy a soft smile as he was looking up at her. In her mind she could feel Harmony coming closer and watching the boy too with affection. 'He's ours now to protect Beth. I can feel it can't you? He needs us as his mommy now and we need him as well.' expressing Beth's feelings as well.

"Hi little one. Are you feeling better now?" Beth asked him in a sweet voice only mother's could pull off.

Harmony said,

He looked up at her with curious eyes and he nodded his head then said, "Are you an angel? My mama awways told me that an angel would come and save me one day when she gone." The boy started to sniffle a little bit, but continued, "She's gone now isn't she? That's why you here right?"

Beth didn't know what to say right away but she took a seat on the bed and placed her hand on his cheek as she gathered her thoughts. She finally said, "My sweet boy I am not an angel, but I will always be here to protect you from now on. I'm sorry but your mama is gone. She is with the moon goddess now and watching over you from the moon and stars just like my mama is watching down on me."

He looked at her with wide eyes. He surprised Beth by lunging at her and wrapping his little arms around her and giving her a tight embrace. Beth quickly put her arms around him and felt him slump a

little in her arms. She looked down to notice that he was lying his head down on her belly and he started to giggle as she felt her babies move around her tummy. She couldn't help but smile at him. After a few minutes he pulled away and looked at her in a different way than before.

"Timbwer says you my mommy now. He says his mommy told him so." Link said to her with hope in his eyes.

Beth was momentarily taken aback until Harmony said that Timber was his wolf. Beth smiled down at him and said, "Would you like that little one? For me to be your mommy now?"

He nodded his head up and down so fast Beth was afraid he would hurt himself. She smiled at him and said, "Well then I will be your mommy. Do you know that you have two daddies then?" He looked at her with a shocked face and said, "I never had a daddy before. Now I get two?" Beth nodded her head and mindlinked with her mates to tell them to come into the room.

As the door opened Beth watched as Link looked to see who was coming in curiously and she watched as his eyes lit up when he saw Ethan, but she saw him recoil when Alexi walked in behind him. "What's wrong little one. These are your daddies. They won't hurt you." Beth tried to reassure him.

Her heart almost broke when he said in a small voice, "But vampires are mean and don't wike wolves. They hurt us." Beth was appalled by his thoughts. She can only imagine what he has been through in his short life for him to come to this conclusion. Alexi came over to the bed slowly so as not to startle him and squatted down so that they could be eye level and said, "Hi there buddy. I heard what you said about vampires

and I just want to say that we are not all like that. Actually there are only a very few who feel like that. I am not one of them though. My mates are both wolves, well lycans but they are still technically a wolf. Did you know that you are part vampire too?" Alexi gave him a smile and Link looked at him suspiciously for a few minutes before he looked to Beth and Ethan for confirmation. Beth nodded her head with a smile at him as did Ethan. Link looked back at Alexi and said, "So you not a bad vampire? You like me?" His voice was so small and it broke Beth's heart to hear him ask if Alexi liked him.

Alexi nodded his head and said, "If you let me I would like to be your daddy too like Ethan." Link looked as if he was deep in thought for a minute and he nodded his head at Alexi and gave him a smile and said, "Timbwer said that you good vamp. I can twust you." After a few seconds he said, "daddy."

The smile Beth saw on Alexi's face made her heart swell and then she heard Ethan make a noise that sounded like a whine and he said, "What about me kiddo, and who is Timber?"

Link looked to Ethan and smiled and said, "Timbwer is my wolf. He talks to me all the time since my othwer mama went to sleep and didn't wake up. He says you my daddy too. Can I call you daddy too?"

Ethan's answering smile was all the answer anyone needed, but he said yes anyway. They all sat on or around Link's bed as they chatted a bit to get to know each other better. Beth was happy and she felt a little guilty when Roman knocked on the door and asked if they were ready for the funerals. She forgot all about her mother until just now. She looked at Alexi and could see he was feeling the same way. She turned to look at Link and then back to Roman and said, "Umm who will be with Link. I don't want to leave him alone. Where is his doctor

anyway? We haven't seen one come in here the whole time we have been with him." She was getting to be a protective mama wolf.

Roman smiled at her and said, "The replacement doctor should be in here momentarily. She will determine if the lad needs to stay here or not."

Beth nodded her head and then not even a second later there was a knock on the door and one of the doctors who had treated her came in with a smile on her face. She looked at Link and said, "Well aren't you a handsome young man. Let me get a look at you and determine if you can leave with your new mommy and daddies ok?"

Link looked to Beth and Alexi and Ethan to see what they thought and they all nodded their heads at them. He turned back to the doctor and took a deep breath and puffed his little chest out and nodded his head in determination. Beth couldn't help but giggle to herself on how cute and adorable he was.

The doctor looked him over quickly and thoroughly after looking into his records and she gave a nod and said, "He looks like he is doing better already. From the notes he is undernourished so he should eat regular small meals at first. We don't want to over stimulate his stomach or he could get sick. So stick with simple soups and bread to start. Then we can see how he does and then add in other nutrient rich foods. He should be up to speed in no time. His color already looks better in just the little bit I have been in here. I think it is safe to let him out of the hospital. If there are any problems or you notice him being lethargic or anything of that nature bring him back in. Otherwise I think he will do just fine."

Beth let out the breath that she was holding and smiled at the doctor and thanked her. Beth turned to look at Link and realized they needed to get the little on into a bath and get him cleaned up before the funeral. Alexi was quick to scoop Link up and Ethan pouted.

Beth couldn't help but laugh at them and shake her head. They all made their way out of the hospital and headed to their respective rooms to get ready. Beth took Link from Alexi when they entered their suite and went straight to the bath with him. In no time they were both having a blast playing with the bubbles in the water as she washed him up.

As Beth was drying him she realized they didn't have any clothes for him. Just as she was thinking that there was a knock on the bathroom door and it opened to reveal Ethan and he had a small pile of clothes in his hands. He said, "Sandra just stopped by with these. Honestly, she had quite a few bags full of clothes and toys. She said she can't let her grandbaby go around naked or in rags with nothing to do." He laughed at the end.

Beth smiled and thanked him and made a mental note to thank Sandra later. She got him dressed and then she let him loose on the toys with Alexi and Ethan to supervise him while she too got herself ready.

This was going to be hard she knew, but she already felt that Link was making her feel better a little at a time. She will never be able to really replace his real mom, but she will try to be the best step in mom that she can be. After she was ready they all made their way to where they would be laying her mom and Dimitri to rest.

It was a beautiful service and Beth shed a lot of tears but she was glad that her mother and Dimitri would be together in the afterlife like Harmony had said to her. She was glad it was over though because she was very tired and she knew that they had a task to complete. She would think about that tomorrow, but tonight she had a little boy to take care of. So they all made their way back to the room and they were surprised to see a load of gift bags on the couch and all over the living room. She went up to one of the

bags and rolled her eyes. It was from Ares for Link and she could only imagine what he had given the boy.

She pushed it aside and noticed that all of the gift bags were from the various gods that she has met. She was flabbergasted at the amount of stuff. She decided they could look it tomorrow as well because Link looked like he was about to pass out in Ethan's arms.

They went to the spare room and were shocked to notice that it was already set up for a little boy. Beth found a note on the bed that said, "Just a little something to help our little man feel at home" and it was simply signed by grandparents.

Beth smiled happily that he was being accepted by everyone. They laid him down in his new racecar bed and covered with a soft fuzzy blanket. Link was asleep the moment his little head hit the pillow. They all made their way quietly out of the room leaving the door opened a crack to allow some light in in

case he woke up in the middle of the night. They went to their room to get ready for bed themselves and they all cuddled together in the bed and fell asleep with thoughts of their new son running through their minds.

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Unknown POV

I was just about to call one of the girls from my harem into my office so I could get the release that I need when there was a pounding on the door. For f***s sake. What the hell now. I put my needs on the back burner for the moment and called out to the person at my office door. I see one of those vampire idiots that Natasha kept in her circle. "This better be important. I was about to have a meeting." I gruff out impatiently. He didn't need to know that my meeting was with some p***y.

"Cut the crap mutt. I don't work for you. I came to inform you that Natasha is dead and

want so badly have taken out all our people in the vampire kingdom. I barely escaped the arrests. I was lucky I was out of the kingdom at the time. When I returned there were whispers of what happened and I knew I needed to get out of there. Though not before learning a few important details. It seems as if this mutt of yours will be leaving the vampire kingdom tomorrow and will be going to the abandoned lands," He says.

I smile evilly. This is f*****g perfect. I have just the team to send there and the perfect way to get rid of a certain pain in my d**k too. Alicia was fun and all to begin with, but I got tired of her quickly especially after she started getting thoughts of being my chosen luna. Delusional b***h thought she was special or something. She wasn't too happy when she walked into my office and found me balls deep in an omega rogue. I chuckle at the memory. The band on my desk brought me out of my thoughts and I looked

at the asshole in front of me. I think I might send this prick too and give orders to get rid of him too while I am at it. If there are no other vampires in the sect what is the point in keeping this one alive. He may have worked for my great uncle but that ship has sailed. It obviously isn't working out. I clear my throat as the plan forms in my head and say, "You will take a team of my rogues with you to the abandoned lands to get the girl. Kill the rest. Do NOT harm her. Those pups are the key to everything we have planned." He looks at me as if I have lost my mind so I figure I can butter him up a bit and inflate that vampire ego of his so he will be willing to do my bidding. Walking himself straight into my trap. "Don't give me that look. These rogues need a strong leader to guide them into the abandoned lands and seeing as how I have to stay here to keep the rest in line you are the next best thing. Threaten to eat them or something if they get out of hand."

He smiles at that part. He nods his head and says, "Very well mutt. Hopefully one of those mutts gets out of line. I hate the taste of wolf blood, but it would be worth it to just suck the life out of a few of you worthless mongrels."

I roll my eyes at him and dismiss him. He didn't take too long to leave and I was thankful. I need to get my men in here and tell them the plan. This bastard and that b***h don't know what is about to be coming to them. I laugh out loud and wait for my people to come in.

Third person POV

Meanwhile in the valley of the gods

Athena, Selene, and Hecate are waiting for Ares to show himself so they can ask him what in Hades he was thinking by giving Beth his blood to drink. If Zeus ever found out he did there would be a s**t storm here. Zeus doesn't mind us frolicking with the

mortals or messing with their lives cause lets be honest he would be a hypocrite if he did. He does however care about giving out our blood. For a normal mortal it would just make them stronger for a while. Even a supernatural creature would just gain a boost to their already heightened attributes. However, Beth is not a normal mortal or supernatural being; she already has the blood of the gods running in her veins. By allowing Beth to even have a drop of it to drink will increase her abilities tenfold permanently. If Zeus found out I would hate to think what he would do to poor Beth. The last being that received such a gift was killed. Granted he was planning to destroy the gods, but still it was a decree that no mortal being shall consume the blood of the gods.

Ares pops in with a big smile on his face, but it falters when he sees the concerned glares from his companions. "What happened? Is something wrong?"

"Why would you put Beth's life in danger like that? If Zeus found out she would be in danger!" Selene shouted to him.

"If I found out what exactly Selene?" A deep baritone voice commanded. All three goddesses gasped when they turned to see Zeus standing there beside Ares, his arm around his shoulders like it was just another day in the realm.

Zeus and Ares were having a good laugh because they knew exactly what they were worried about. They just wanted to play with them a little bit. Their concern is unwarranted since Zeus was the one to give the order for Ares to share his blood with the mortal.

Hecate gulped and looked nervously at Selene when she noticed that she was stunned mute. Athena decided to be the brave one and said, "Umm, Nothing father. You know Ares. He likes to mess with the mortals a little too much."

Zeus and Ares shared a look and then burst into laughter. The goddesses looked at them as if they had gone mad in the head. Once they were able to get their laughter under control Zeus decided to put the women out of their misery and tell them the truth.

"Well if you are referring to your brother giving Beth his blood I already know." The three goddesses' faces paled and he continued, "I told him to. The fates visited me and gave me a warning and an ultimatum of sorts. It seems there are bigger things at play here and the whole universe is in the hands of this mortal being. She and her family will play an integral role in saving our godly asses in the future so it is in our best interest to help her anyway that we can without actually being there. So I asked how the hell we were supposed to help them without actually stepping in to do it for them and this was one of the options and most preferred really. I don't think wiping all the mortals off the face of the world and starting over would be all that pleasant and that was hard work the first time." Zeus said.

"So why did you ask Ares of all people to give his blood?" Athena asked a little hurt that her father didn't ask her to help. "Don't worry, child. We will all be giving the mortal some of our blood. It just has to be spread out a bit. Otherwise we will overtax her system and kill those babies of hers." Zeus replied.

"So who is going to be next?" Selene said after finally picking her jaw up off the floor from the shocking news.

"I have already gathered her next dose. This one will be a collective one from the lesser gods and it will not be as taxing on her. I am actually here to collect all of yours next so that I can just have Ares hand her a glass everytime he pops in. I figured since he has a soft spot for this particular mortal that he would sneak to see her every chance he is not in some battle or another." Zeus said.

The goddesses looked at each other and shrugged their shoulders as Hecate produced a vial for each of them and Ares handed her a dagger. They each sliced their palms and allowed their blood to drip in the vials before their wounds sealed magically. They each handed their respective vials to Zeus and before anything else could be said he disappeared.

"Well, that was unexpected," Selene said and the others nodded their heads in agreement.

Unknown POV

Somewhere in the Abandoned Lands

I look out of the cave I have been staying in while I have been out on this hunt. My father's oracle has said that there are going to be trespassers in the lands that we have called home for millenia. It is my job to 'persuade' them to leave these lands and never return. We have been the guardians

for the gods for generations and we take our jobs very seriously.

I sigh again as I wonder what the gods have in store for us now. I would like to finally meet my mate, but I have met all the females in our tribe and none of them call to my beast. He is slowly losing his mind in his wait. If it goes on much longer I will have to finally relent and take a chosen mate. 'Don't you even think about such things! I will not let you break our mates heart because you couldn't have patience. Don't try to blame it on me either. I would wait our whole lives for our mate unlike you sleeping with every maiden you can get your damn hands on. Mark my words, our mate will be furious with you and I will laugh if she decides to roast your ass for all the times you used the excuse of being an Alpha male to get your d**k wet.'

I just rolled my eyes at that. I didn't hear him complaining any of those times, but he is quick to say that I will be the one to get my ass roasted. Dumb beast doesn't even stop to think that he would be included on that ass roasting. He tends to forget we are the same being and what happens to me also happens to him.

Speaking of getting d***s wet I see Arabella approaching with a seductive sway to her hips. She is the one maiden I have been considering making my chosen mate if mine doesn't show up anytime soon. She knows exactly what I like and isn't afraid of my demanding nature in bed. I grab her hips as she nears me and slam my mouth onto hers demanding entrance, and when she denies me I smack her ass hard making her gasp and I take advantage and plunge my tongue into her mouth.

'Get your tongue out of that she-devils mouth. How many times do I have to tell you that she is using you? She is a rank bunny and you know it.' I ignore my beast and

shove him to the back of my mind. She takes me by surprise and grabs my c**k through my leather pants and gives it a squeeze causing me to groan in pleasure. I am about to push her to her knees so she can take care of the problem she has caused when I feel a breach in the barrier surrounding the border of the abandoned lands from the rest of the world.

I growl and pull away from Arabella and she gives me a pout. "Later. I have business to attend to now. Wait for me here and make sure you are ready for me when I get back. That ass deserves a spanking for you being so naughty following me. It shouldn't take long." I smack her ass as I pass her out of the cave and I have to adjust myself and think of old saggy ***s just to make my c**k go down so that I can walk more comfortably.

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As I am walking towards where the breach was, I get a funny feeling in the pit of my stomach. It isn't a bad feeling per se. I've never felt this feeling before and my beast isn't helping any by pacing in my mind like a caged beast. 'Can't you feel it you thick headed human. I told you she would come and you just had to get that she-devils scent all over yo..' I blocked him out before he could finish talking because I am not in the mood to hear him complain again today.

I get closer to the breach and I start picking up different scents, but I am not sure how many people are here because one scent is overshadowing them all. It smells like the air before a rain shower and wild flowers. I check the sky and it doesn't seem like it is going to rain and I know there are no wild flowers in this part of the abandoned lands. Mainly dead trees and the earth that is parched and looks as if it hasn't had rain in years. One of the many ways we try to deter people from coming here. The whole lands

aren't like that. They are actually very beautiful and untouched by humans or anyone else. Forests as far as the eye can see with a mountain range in the middle that gives the most beautiful views from the top peaks.

As I get nearer I can hear some voices. Sounds like they are worried about someone being in a place like this in their condition. I can't help it but my curiosity is piqued. I sneak closer and see a group of six people. I can tell two of them are older, but it looks as if they defer to three of the younger ones for leadership. The last one is a beauty from behind with all the curves in all the right places. I wish she would turn around so that I could see her front and see if her face matches the beauty I see from behind. I feel my beast trying to resurface but I keep him blocked. I move to get closer when I hear and feel a twig snap under my feet and curse myself for such a rookie mistake. I am glad I am alone because my younger brothers

would never let me hear the end of this if they ever found out.

Before I can even move to hide myself I feel myself frozen in place. I try to move, but I can't seem to and it is starting to piss me off. I swear if my beast has found a way to take control of my body like this with him being blocked I will be pissed and won't shift for a month. Stop reading the wrong and incomplete storyline, j o b n i b . c o m has the correct and complete book. Before I could do anything else I saw the young woman that the others were looking to for leadership walk in front of me with her hand held out.

"Who are you and why are you spying on us?" She said in a clear voice with a command behind it with an aura so powerful I have never seen or felt before. She would even put my father's aura to shame. I look at her more closely and see that her belly is swollen. I am shocked to realize that she is

with child. What the hell is she doing here in that kind of condition? Her mate must be out of his goddamn mind to allow a pregnant woman to come into these lands.

Before I could even respond a male with a powerful aura, not as powerful as hers but still damn powerful, says, "My mate asked you a question and you better f****g answer it."

"Ethan calm down. Beth can handle this. I know you just want to protect our mate as much as I do, but if you can't tell she has the situation under control. He doesn't seem to be able to move any and he is probably trying to figure out why he can't f****g move or why there are strangers here. Give the guy a minute." The other male said.

So she has two mates? That is very interesting. I am just about to say something when I see that beauty I was looking at earlier come walking this way and then she stops and looks up at me with a shocked look

and I swear if I wasn't frozen in place I would probably fall flat on my ass from the shock of the four letter word I thought I would never hear in my life uttered from her lips, "Mate" she says it again at the same time I finally let it register it in my mind.

Before I can even say anything back she gets a pissed off look on her face and I am confused. Before I know what is happening she is in front of me and I feel a sting on my cheek. I register that she has slapped me when she starts going off on me, "Who the hell were you with? I can smell a whores lust all over you." She says with tears in her eyes. OH s**t! If I was a cartoon character my eyes would probably pop out of my head with how wide I feel them get when she says she can smell Arabella's lust on me. I can hear my beast laughing in my mind at me. 'You could have warned me you asshole!' I said to him.

'I tried you dickhead. You are the one that didn't want to hear me say anything when I was saying you shouldn't have let that shedevil get her scent all over you. I was going to say our mate is going to be pissed and hurt. You better fix this or you can think twice before ever getting your d**k wet again cause I won't allow you to use it unless it is with our mate.'

I finally find my voice after I hear my mate start sobbing. I try to move but I am still stuck in place and say, "I'm sorry mate.

I didn't know. I have been waiting for you for a long time. I promise there is no one else but you from now on. Please don't cry, I can't stand to see you in pain." I can't believe the whimper that sounds from my throat at the end, but what I said is true there is no one else to me now but her. I look to the pregnant woman who I now know is named Beth and say, "Can you please release me so I can console my mate. I will answer

all of your questions once I know she is better." I pleaded with her. It looks like she is really thinking over my request and looks back to my mate and I can tell they are having a mental conversation and I wait with baited breath for her decision. She turns back to me and nods her head.

I feel my control of my body is back and I rush to my mate and pull her into my arms. She is stiff at first but after a second of me whispering sweet nothings in her ear and about how sorry I am she finally hugs me back and takes a biff whiff of my scent and then she snarls and pushes me away again. I am confused until she turns to Beth and asks, "Beth can you please do a spell or something so that other females scent is off of him please," She begged.

I was stunned at first then a smirk appeared on her face and all of a sudden I felt a s**t ton of ice cold water flowing over me. By the time she is done I am shivering my ass off in this desert-like landscape while the others with them are all laughing their asses off at me. My mate stops laughing when she notices that I am shivering and she gives Beth a look and she just rolls her eyes and says, "fine! I'll dry him off. I just figured he needed a cold shower to help him cool off," She just shrugged her shoulders at the end and then waved her hand and I felt like I was going to be blown away by the fierce wind that was blowing around me. I felt like I was inside of a tornado now. What is this woman a witch? She is more powerful than any I have ever seen in our territory.

"Enough Beth." I hear my mate say to her again.

"Just helping out," Beth says with a cheeky smile and wink.

My mate comes over to me and takes a sniff and relaxes her shoulders. I didn't realize she was that tense before. She wraps her arms around me again and I pull her closer to me and hold her tight but not tight enough to hurt her. "What's your name mate?" I ask her because I want to know all about her.

"Jessica. What's yours?" She responds back to me.

"Blaze." I say back to her.

"Ok. Now that we know my sister is ok, answer our questions before I let my wolf out to have his fun with you for making my sister cry." The man named Ethan said.

"Knock it off Ethan or I will tell Beth about that time at summer camp when you were nine." Jessica said with a smug smirk on her face while Ethan's face blanched.

"You swore you would never speak or even THINK about that again," Ethan whined.

Suddenly we hear laughter ringing out from Beth. She looks like she is about to pass out from how hard she was laughing. When she finally gets herself under control she notices us all staring at her like she was crazy. Well all of us but the older woman who looks amused. The older woman looked like she was going to take pity on us when she said, "Did you guys forget that she can read minds? You basically told her yourself Ethan, and whatever it was it must have been quite amusing."

I heard a growl and Ethan marched up to Beth. I was about to intervene when I noticed that she was smirking at him so I stayed put but ready to help if needed. She is pregnant for goddesses sake so I won't let anyone hurt a pregnant woman mate or not, and I don't know these people from Adam so I want to be careful. Better safe than sorry my ma always says. "Mate. You will forget about what you heard or saw. I don't need you thinking you are mated to a mama's boy." Ethan says, but it doesn't sound like his voice. It is much deeper. I presume it is his beast speaking. Now I am curious what it

was because it sounds quite amusing considering this is an Alpha male.

"Aww Dex, but it's sweet how much you cried for your mom after hearing the ghost story at the campfire and Jess scared the crap out of you." She said with a sweet voice that sounded more like she was mocking him.

He growled again before he started to tickle her until she caved and gave in to his demands. It was quite funny and now I understand why he wouldn't want anyone to know about that. For an Alpha male that is ego suicide to have your mate learn about something like that. Before anyone else could say anything the older man cleared his throat and said, "As amusing as this all is we need to keep moving. Beth you are running out of time. We need to carry on and Link will be missing you three. That poor boy was heartbroken when he learned he couldn't come with you."

"You're right grandpa. Thank you for being the level headed one and keeping us on task. I knew it was a good idea to bring you with us." Beth smiled sweetly to him.

The older woman burst out laughing and said, "Yeah, and that is why Roman had to threaten you with Ares to make you allow us to come along with you."

"Whatever grandma." Beth said with a roll of her eyes, but there was a smile there and I could tell it was all good natured.

I am shocked that she is calling them her grandparents because they don't look even old enough to be her parents. The other thing I noticed is that she said Ares. I wonder if that is her father? Who would name their child after a god?

As I come out of my thoughts I notice everyone is looking at me now. I must have missed something. 'They want to know why

you were spying on them idiot.' My beast so kindly said to me.

"Oh. Um," I say as I scratch the back of my neck and then continue, "I was told by my father to come check out who was coming into our territory and if you were a threat to handle the situation. So what are you doing here? This is not a place I could see people taking a vacation at, so?"

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Jessica's POV

I'm talking with Alexander and Sandra just passing the time while Beth, Alexi, and Ethan say goodbye to their new son Link. He is such a cute little boy and I am glad that my brother saved him from the life he had been living. It makes me sick to think that there are people who could do that with anyone let alone children. I hope this lights a fire under Roman's ass to be more vigilant on the inhabitants of his kingdom. I

understand he has been grieving for his lost mate, but that is no excuse to let the quality of life for his kingdom go downhill.

I'm pulled out of my thoughts as I see Beth with tears in her eyes rushing my way while Roman has little Link in his arms while he is also crying. "Let's go before I change my mind and stay here with my pup." Beth says as she quickly passes me and out the front doors of the castle.

Those of us going on this adventure are gathered in the entrance to the castle gates out of sight of the front door. I walk over to Beth and wrap my arms around her to comfort her and I whisper to her, "Sweety, we will make this quick. Go there grab this flower or plant or whatever the hell the gods want you to get and then we will come back here. Roman will take care of him and Link will be ok." Beth nods to me and takes a deep breath and wipes her face and eyes free of her tears. I step back as both Alexi and Ethan

wrap her up between them to give and receive comfort.

Sandra clears her throat and says, "So I think it will be faster if we teleport to the borders of the abandoned lands. That should take a lot of the time off of our trip. Luckily for us I have been to the borders and with Beth's help I can get us all there without having to make several different trips."

"Actually Sandra, I can just open a portal and we can all walk through. Since I got the location from your mind." Beth says sheepishly as she admits to reading Sandra's mind once again.

Sandra sends a glare her way and says, "Young lady you are not too old to bend over my knee. You need to get control of that power of yours before you see or hear things you don't need to. What if I was thinking about my private time with your grandfather?"

"Ewww point taken." Beth says as she shudders at just the thought of it. While the rest of us just laugh at her reaction.

"Good. Now let's get going. My grandson wants his mommy and daddies back soon." Sandra says as she motions with her hand for us to get going.

We all stand back while Beth steps forward and starts to wave her arms around and mumbling something under her breath. Soon a swirling pool appears in the air in front of us. Beth starts to walk forward before Alexi pulls her back and motions with his head for Ethan to go forward first. "Just in case there is danger on the other side of the portal, love. This way you and the pups are safe." He explains to her and she just nods her head. I walk up to Ethan and grab his hand and say, "Together brother." He looks at me and smiles and nods. Then a look of determination crosses his face and we walk forward through the portal.

It is weird at first I feel like I am falling and all the air has been sucked from my lungs and then by the next step I feel the earth back under my feet and can breathe again. I bend over and place my hands on my knees as I try to get my bearings back. When I straighten up I notice that we are at the edge of a forest and then ahead of us is a desert-like terrain. Sand and dead trees as far as the eye can see. No wonder these lands are called the abandoned lands. Who would want to live here?

Ethan and I scope out the area to assess that there are no threats nearby and as soon as we are sure it is safe Ethan sticks his hand back through the portal and soon he brings his arm back out and he has Beth's hand in his. Alexi then Sandra and Alexander follow through and the portal closes behind them. I am glad to see that I am not the only one who was a little disoriented with going through the portal. Alexander is actually bending over a bush and retching.

Once he is done Sandra is handing him a bottle of water that I have no idea where it came from. I am still not used to the whole magic thing. I know it's weird since I am a werewolf and all but I have not been around that many witches. Even though Patricia, Duncan's mate, is a witch she usually doesn't perform magic around us and according to her her magic is basic at best. 'It is cool though. Can you imagine how easy it would be to travel the world without having to pay for transportation and you can visit several different places before lunch' Star my wolf said to me.

'It would be amazing. Maybe we can talk
Beth into some exotic shopping trips later
when all of this crazy stuff dies down. I can't
believe I am going to say this, but I actually
miss going to school. I can't believe all the
things that have happened in a short period
of time. I can't believe my birthday has come
and gone and no one else even remembered
it. It's ok though because everyone has been

so busy trying to figure all of this out.' I said back to her. I'm not lying either. I could care less if I had this big party or celebration considering everything else that has been happening, but it would have been nice if someone would have said happy birthday or something. Oh well. No use crying over things I can't change.

Star whimpers and retreats to the back of our mind. She was hurt that no one remembered us and that we haven't found our mate yet, but since we are in the vampire kingdom it is not that likely that my mate will be here. I come out of my thoughts when Ethan yells back at me from quite a bit ahead and I realize that I was just spaced out while everyone was walking away.

I blush and then jog to catch up with everyone else. I say I am sorry and they all just laugh at me. I roll my eyes and we start to walk forward into the abandoned lands. Oddly enough even though it looks like it is a

desert it is actually not all that hot. More comfortable really temperature wise.

We keep walking for a while and then Alexi and Ethan decide we need to take a break so that Beth can rest. She doesn't look like she is all that happy with being told she needed to take a break.

"So do we even know what this plant looks like or where to find it here?" I ask out of curiosity. How are we supposed to find something that we don't know what it looks like?

"So I printed out a picture of what it is supposed to look like. Honestly Ares description is kind of spot on. It almost looks like a dragon head." Beth said as she handed me a picture and I had to laugh. It really does look like a dragon head. Well at least a baby dragon. I pass the picture off so everyone else can get a look at it.

After about ten minutes of sitting Beth stands up and I can see that Alexi and Ethan are going to start in on her telling that she needs to rest more and then Alexi and Ethan start to argue about her even being in this place. Then we hear a snap of a twig and all of our heads jerk in that direction. Before any of us could register Beth was standing in front of a man. Oh. My. Goddess. He is the hottest mad that I have ever laid my eyes on. His hair was a reddish brown with copper highlights. It almost looked like it was on fire the way the colors blended together. His eyes were an emerald green. His facial structure was strong and defined with a slightly crooked nose that just added to his looks instead of taking them away.

It took me a moment to realize that I was eye raping this man when I heard Star in my head screaming mate over and over again. I couldn't believe that I have found my mate and he is in this place. What are the odds that this would happen? Then I shake my

head as I realize that the gods are probably having fun watching us all.

I start to walk forward and stop as shock is still coursing through me as I catch his scent and say "Mate". Then I notice the other scent coming off of him and I have to fight with Star not to come out. He is covered in another's lust. I am pissed and hurt that my mate didn't wait for me like I did for him.

Before I even realize what I am doing I march up to him and bring my hand back and slap him as hard as I could and say, "Who the hell were you with? I can smell a whores lust all over you." I have tears in my eyes by the time I finish saying it. I am so hurt I don't even know if he wants me and now I am acting like a jealous b***h and I don't even know his name.

This is not how I expected meeting my mate was going to go. I mean I can't blame him for having a life before me. I know most men are not like my brother and they don't save

themselves for their mates using the lame excuse of blowing off steam or being an alpha male blah blah blah.

But knowing he didn't save himself is different from smelling that he was just with someone else before he met me and didn't even bother to shower. He must be in a relationship with this woman. Is he going to reject me because of her? Does he love her? Does he even want me?

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Before I realize it I am sobbing thinking about my mate not wanting me. Then I hear him say, "I'm sorry mate. I didn't know. I have been waiting for you for a long time. I promise there is no one else but you from now on. Please don't cry, I can't stand to see you in pain." I look up and see him looking at Beth and asking her to release him so that he can console me.

I know Beth releases him after I said it was ok, and he immediately comes to me wrapping his arms around me. I was stiff at first but then relaxed as the tingles from the mate bond covered my body. I take a big sniff of his scent then wrinkle my nose as I forgot about that w***e's scent all over him. I turned to Beth and said, ""Beth can you please do a spell or something so that other females scent is off of him please," I practically begged her.

I knew this was going to be good when Beth gets a smirk on her face and before I know it I am shifted back a little ways from him and he is being drenched in water. We all started to laugh because that was funny as hell. I stopped laughing when I noticed that he was shivering. I asked Beth to dry him off and she does but not without adding her own flare to it. A tiny whirlwind was surrounding him as it dried him off. When Beth is finally done with having her fun I walk up to him and sniff him and relax my shoulders

thankful that I can only smell his amazing scent. It almost reminded me of a campfire and making smores.

I wrap my arms around him and we introduce ourselves. Blaze is a fitting name for him. His hair and scent remind me of a blazing fire. Then my i***t brother has to open his mouth so I threaten him that I'll tell Beth about the one time at summer camp when we were younger. It was one of the best pranks in my life and I knew it would be great ammunition to keep him in line.

After we all have a laugh about my brother and his younger days Alexander brings us back to the here and now. We are waiting expectantly for my Blaze to explain why he was spying on us.

"Oh. Um," he says as he scratches the back of his neck and then continues, "I was told by my father to come check out who was coming into our territory and if you were a threat to handle the situation. So what are

you doing here? This is not a place I could see people taking a vacation at, so?"

Beth opens a link between all of us and asks if we should tell him everything or just the bare minimum. I think we should tell him everything, but I am overruled by the majority who agree that he can know some, but not every detail.

"I was sent on a quest by Ares the God of War. I am supposed to come here and find a flower called strelitzia. Do you know where I could find this?" Beth says.

I felt Blaze stiffen in my arms when she said the name of the flower. He knows something. Let's see if he tells us.

"I know of the flower that you speak of, but the only person who can even access it is the leader of the clan, my father. I must take you to see him and if you pass his judgment then you will be granted access. So let's get moving. It will be dark soon and it isn't safe to be out in the open at night. I am staying in a cave not far from here that will give us shelter for the night. We'll be at my clan lands by midday tomorrow if we leave first thing in the morning." Blaze says and grabs my hand and leads us all to a cave not far from where we were, maybe a twenty minute hike.

As we get nearer to the cave I smell that same scent I did earlier on Blaze and my anger spikes up. The w***e was here with him and she is still here. Before Blaze can stop me I let go of his hand and march right into the cave and what I see guts me. She is laying on a stack of furs completely naked and she doesn't even bat an eye when she sees me. She has eyes only for Blaze who is standing behind me.

"Blaze baby. I didn't know you were bringing someone else to play with us. It was quite fun the last time, but she really isn't your type." what she says makes me turn to Blaze and slap him hard again.

"If you want to be with her then have at it. I refuse to be a part of this. You either take out the trash or I will and you will be mateless. I am not going to be played, Blaze. I deserve better than this!" After I finish making my demands I push him away from me and I turn and leave the cave and start to walk off away from everyone before I let the tears loose from my eyes. I have been holding them back since I saw her in the cave.

It doesn't take long and I hear a commotion coming from the direction everyone else was at. I was glad that no one came after me because I don't want to explain to anyone how I am feeling. I hear some yelling from my brother and some screaming from that w***e. Then there is a loud roar and then silence. I am scared for a minute because it should not be that quiet and I get up and run

back to everyone else. What I see shocks the s**t out of me. Standing there in front of my family and friends is a large red dragon. An actual f****g dragon. It takes me a minute to realize that there is another dragon standing there looking like it wanted to spit fire at us. It was smaller than the red dragon and its scales looked like the color of baby poo yellow.

It takes me a minute to register that the red dragon is my mate and he is protecting my family from the other dragon who I am going to assume is that w***e from the cave. What shocks me though is that the dragons can speak.

"Leave Arabella! I will not say it again. Do NOT come near me or my mate again. I will not let some rank bunny make my mate think she is not worthy of me. It was the biggest mistake of my life ever getting involved with you. My mate is my everything and no one is going to ever make her feel

less than the goddess she is," the red dragon says.

"How can you say that Blaze? I thought I was going to be your chosen mate. You told me you loved me." The yellow poo colored dragon who I know is Arabella now says.

"I never once said that I loved you or that I would make you my chosen mate." Blaze's dragon says.

"You're going to choose this outsider over one of your own kind? I don't think your father or the gods would approve." Arabella poo dragon says.

I have heard enough and say, "Yo poodragon. You heard my man. Get the hell out of here. Who the hell are you to say that the gods would not approve of a mating that they put in place anyway. Is your head full of poo like your scales look like?"

I hear Ethan and Alexi burst out laughing while Sandra and Alexander look mortified

and Beth is just standing there smiling, shaking her head at what I said. I swear I heard a chuckle coming out of Blaze's dragon.

Before anyone else could say anything we hear a loud screech coming from the sky and as I look up I see a dragon that is even bigger than Blaze. His scales were black as night and he looked like he was pissed. If the spray of fire he lets out in the sky is any indication to go by I would say he was pissed. It didn't take him long to land on the ground causing it to shake and Ethan and Alexi rush to Beth to make sure she doesn't fall.

The dragon shifts and I am surprised that he is still clothed. He looks like an older version of my mate except for the hair. Where blaze has red hair this man's hair is black with spots of gray in it denoting his age. "Shift back NOW!" He roars out with a command that would rival my father's.

In moments Blaze is back in human form and he rushes over to me and brings me in his arms and says, "Goddess I am so sorry Jess. I completely forgot that she was even still here. I would never have put you through that intentionally. Please believe me love."

I wrap my arms around him and say, "I know. I am sorry I just didn't expect to have her thrown in my face like that." "What is going on here? Arabella what are you even doing out here away from the clan?" The older man says.

"Chief, I was here with Blaze. He asked me to wait here for him while he went to check on the breech. When he came back these outsiders were with him and that b***h demanded that he get rid of me. Tell Blaze that an outsider can't possibly be his mate!" Arabelle the poo dragon says and even stomps her foot like a toddler throwing a tantrum.

The older man whips his head our way and I see a large smile grace his face and I release the breath I didn't even realize I was holding. He walks over to us and pulls me into a hug and says, "Finally my son has found his mate. I hope you can do a better job at getting him to listen than his mother and I have done." He laughs and I can't help but laugh with him.

"Don't worry father. She has already put me in line twice now. Before she even spoke a word to me she slapped me for being an i***t, and she did it again when we got to the cave and she found Arabella laying naked on the makeshift bed of furs. Let me just say that I don't want to feel her wrath again." Blaze says with a wink my way and I can't help the blush that appears on my face.

His father lets out a big belly laugh at that then turns back around to a screaming poo dragon. She is really throwing a fit now. "That is enough! Get your ass back to the clan and you better leave my son and his mate alone." Blaze's father says to her without any room for her to argue with him. With a huff she shifts back into her poo colored dragon and flys off. "Now that that is dealt with. Not that I am not glad my son has found his mate, but what are you and your group doing in these lands? This is no place for someone in her condition." He says pointing over to Beth who was leaning into Ethan's embrace while holding Alexi's hand.

"They are here for the strelitzia flower father." Blaze answers for us. I am surprised that his father didn't suffer from whiplash from how fast his head turned to look at Blaze when he said that.

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Marcus POV

"Father, I need your assistance at the cave you stationed me at. Arabella is causing a scene and refuses to listen to my commands," Blaze says through our mindlink. I sigh and put my mate back on her feet as I stand up. I can't wait until he finds his mate or settles down and I can repay all the interruptions he has caused over the years.

"Sorry love, but our son is asking for my help." I say with a resigned smile on my face.

"Let me guess. Arabella or another of those rank bunnies he likes to associate himself with?" Anna laughs.

"You had it right the first time, love. I don't know what that boy sees in that snake, but we both decided after the last fight we all had that nearly destroyed the roost to not interfere in his personal business and let his mate handle him when he found her." I placed a kiss on her forehead and started to head to the floor to ceiling window in my office and to the balcony. I wink at her and shift into my black dragon.

As I fly towards the southwest border where the cave that Blaze likes to stay in while on missions I wonder what the hell could have happened this time. I hope it isn't a spat between two young women that my son decided to play around with. I will never understand why he is the way he is with women. I was never that way. I am not saying I was a saint and saved myself for my mate, but I only had two other partners before I was blessed by the gods with Anna.

As I near the cave I can hear a few different voices and I see a group of outsiders behind Blaze's dragon, and Arabella in her dragon form in a threatening stance. Then I see this little spitfire of a woman walk up to Arabella's dragon and question her intelligence. Stop reading the wrong and incomplete storyline, j o b n i b . c o m has the correct and complete book. My beast and I could not help but laugh at that. A tiny woman insulting a dragon. Granted Arabella's dragon is one of the smallest I

have seen from the clan, she is still a lethal creature. I can see Arabella is about to attack her when I let out a loud roar gaining their attention. My beast decided to spit some fire out to add to the countenance we are trying to portray to delay the attack. I am sure Arabella was about to follow through on.

As I land I command them to shift after I do so. Blaze shifts first and rushes to the little spitfire and wraps her in his arms. I allow them their moment and then question why Arabella was even here. After she gives me her lame accounts of what happened and she said the word mate I whip my head towards my son and I feel a large smile gracing my lips. I know it must look like I am accepting of this, which I am, however, my smile is because now operation payback will be a go. I am happy for my son, but I am happier I can now grace him with the blue balls he has been making sure I have since the day he came from his mother's womb.

I express my happiness and subtly let her know she is going to have her hands full with him. She just laughs with me with a knowing smile on her face and then Blaze explains that she has already had to put him in his place a couple of times. I laugh and send a quiet thank you to the gods for gracing us with this young woman. Now maybe I can rest well at night knowing that the clan will be in good hands once I decide to retire.

I am brought out of my happy thoughts to a screaming Arabella. My beast wants to just set her ass on fire so she would just shut up. I tell her enough and to get back to the clan and tell her with no room for argument to leave my son and his mate alone. As she flys off I can tell that she is going to be a problem for the near future, but that can wait. I am curious what has brought this group here and ask. As I am looking at the woman who is obviously heavily with child, my son tells me they are here for the flower

that the gods have placed in our care for generations. No one has been able to pass the tests the gods have given to attain the flower and I fear the same will happen and then my son will be without his mate. My beast tells me to let them try, and that he feels the time is now for us to be relieved from our duties from the gods. I sigh and resign myself knowing that even if I wanted to I can't talk them out of it. So I nod my head and say, "Alright. Let's get you all back to the clan and we can discuss the details and we can get the rituals started in the morning. I'll shift and half of you can ride on my back and the rest on Blazes. I am not sure how safe it will be for you to ride on our backs so I can carry you in one of my claws." I say to the heavily pregnant woman.

I hear a couple growls and look at the two men surrounding her. Before either of them can speak she lays a hand on both of theirs and says, "I appreciate the offer sir. Though I will have to decline. If you allow, I can get the location from you or your son and open a portal for us all to get there quicker."

I notice the older man's face turn green. I must not be the only one because the others laugh at him. I don't see a problem with that and it will be faster and safer for her. I nod my agreement and she grabs Blaze's hand after she told him to think

of only the clan and not long afterwards a swirling portal opens in the air. They make Blaze go first and then they follow and then I come through last. As I get out of the portal I feel my stomach roll and it takes everything in me not to be beside the older man throwing up behind one of the bushes outside of the roost. I now understand his green complexion after she said portal. I will not be doing that again anytime soon if I can help it.

Anna is standing on the stairs of the roost and she smiles at me with sympathy and then winks at me. She greets our guests and

we show them where they can rest before dinner. Blaze and his mate Jessica disappear quickly and the rest of us just chuckle because we know what it is like to find your mate. I wrap an arm around Anna's waist and whisper in her ear, "Now that he has his mate we can finally get some alone time without him interrupting us all the time." She just laughs and shakes her head because she knows exactly what I mean and what is going to happen.

We lead the guests to some rooms and we let them know we will send someone to gather them for dinner in 3 hours time. Before we leave the young woman asks if it would be ok for her to port her pup here from his grandfather's because she misses him terribly and the look Anna gives me tells me that I will not deny this request. I nod and she gives us a bright smile before she hugs me and Anna telling us thank you. She took no time at all to make a portal and walk through and back out with a boy of no more than four years old. He gives us a shy smile and says, "Mama says that you awe dwagons. I have neva seen a dwagon befowe. I bet you awe cool looking."

I chuckle and my beast is preening inside being called cool from this young one. "Maybe after dinner little one I can let my dragon out and he can let you play with him," I say and watch this little boy's face light up with a bright smile. We say our goodbyes and let them get settled. After the door shuts I grab my mate and throw her over my shoulder as she shrieks and starts to laugh as I run to our room before anyone else can interrupt us.

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Alicia's POV

I can't believe that bastard was cheating on me. That omega b***h won't be able to do I throw her lifeless body into the pit where the rogues throw all the dead bodies. It surprises me how many corpses are rotting in this mass grave. The smell is awful but it brings a smile to my face knowing how easy it is around her to get people out of your way.

As I walk back to the room I have been staying in I see my sister standing at the door with her arms crossed on her chest tapping her foot impatiently. "Where the hell have you been? I have been looking all over for you." Amber screeches out. I just rolled my eyes because I knew the only reason she was looking for me was to order me around. You would think with the way she acts that she is the oldest of us.

"If you must know, I was taking care of a problem. What do you want anyway." I sass back to her.

I open my door and walk in and see that I have a backpack sitting on my bed. I walk to it and open it up to see some clothes and food and water. I look back at Amber with the question in my eyes.

She answers me by rolling her eyes while she says, "You are going on a mission. He wants you to keep that Vampire prick in line. He says that you are just the right person for that job. So I am guessing he expects you to open your legs for the leech like you do for him."

I am a little pissed that she thinks that is all I do. I am worth more than just my body. I will prove it to them all with this mission and make sure that it is a success. After I get all the details about this mission I head to his office. As I near the office I hear him yelling at someone then when I reach the door the yelling stops and before I can even knock on the door a young omega girl is running out of the room with tears running

down her face. I just smirk knowing that I won't have to deal with this one.

I walk in and see him sitting at his desk. I walk over to him and start to massage his shoulders. He was stiff at first but then he relaxed his shoulders and I heard a groan escape his lips and I couldn't help the smile. Before long I found myself on my knees pleasuring him and just as we were about to go further there were several knocks on the door. I silently screamed in my head. This has been happening every time I finish sucking him off. There is always someone who needs his attention and I have to settle with relieving myself.

He pulls his pants up and gives me a smirk like he knew exactly what I was thinking. He calls to let the person in and the vampire comes marching in the room. I straighten myself up and stand to leave, but I am stopped when I am told that we would be

leaving in the next ten minutes. I nodded and rushed out the door.

I gather up my backpack and get ready to leave when I feel a sense of emptiness in me. I try to call out to my wolf, but I can't feel her. I try again and again, but I don't get an answer from her. I shrug my shoulders thinking that she is just blocking me like she always does. She hasn't been too talkative with me since the night in the restaurant when she warned me to leave that human b***h alone. It got worse when I rejected that pathetic omega mate of mine. I would not settle for the lowest rank in the pack. Come to think about it, I haven't shifted in a while. I could probably find some time on this mission to do so.

There is no way that I will walk all that way to the abandoned lands. I am much too important to this pack of rogues than to do that. I wonder if I could convince one of

those dirty mongrels to let me ride their back like the queen I should be.

Third person POV

Little does Alicia know that her wolf has been begging the goddess to release her from this prison since the night she rejected her mate. Her wolf Astrea was a kind soul and the goddess had hoped that she would have the happy life that she deserved this time. Poor Astrea has had one bad human counterpart after the other ever since she was brought into existence by the goddess. Each human never listened to the poor wolf and did evil deeds. Each time Astrea suffered more and more each time and the goddess was afraid that if she did not remove her from her human counterpart this time before anything bad happened to her her daughter would be lost without the will to live.

So she granted Astrea's prayers and removed her from the wicked girl. Selene sat by the river of souls watching and waiting for the right one to place Astrea with. She had to be certain beyond a doubt that this soul would be a perfect match for her. Then as if it slapped her in the face she realized she already had the perfect soul to match her with. She chuckled to herself. Oh this is going to be good. She patted Astrea's head and just smiled as she thought about what would happen in her daughter's future. Her eyes held a twinkle when she looked into the river again and a bright new life was just created.

Back in the Dragon clan Blaze and Jessica had just sealed their bond and were basking in the afterglow. It didn't take long for there to be a knock on the door and Blaze's father popped his head around the door with a hand over his eyes and said that it was time to get ready for dinner. Blaze growled at his father and threw a pillow at him as his father just laughed and called out "As they say, paybacks a b***h my son."