

Triplet Alphas Gifted Luna Novel chapter 114

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"Vampires!" Conri yelled over mind link to Delta team, Alpha Ulric, and Beta Walter.

"We're coming," everyone said over mind link.

Conri alerted the patrolmen but told them to stay at their posts and keep watch in case vampires attacked from other areas.

The Delta team guards closed in on Thea and the girls.

"No, guys," Thea said over mind link. "There's someone who needs help. I can feel it."

"Thea, we're almost to the border," Alaric said. "Your necklace is glowing. We should turn back. At least wait for backup."

"It's okay," Thea said. "There's no ill will." Thea crouched down, the girls slid off her back, and she shifted back to her human form. "I'm going," Thea said out loud.

Caleb growled.

"Come with me if you want," she said. "Girls, stay behind the wolves." She walked toward the pull. "I'm here!" Thea called out. "It's Thea. I'm coming!"

The whole pack felt something supernatural try to

cross the border into their land, but the forcefield acted as a barrier. Thea felt the exact location it tried to cross over.

“So that’s what it does,” Thea said. She looked where she felt it and saw someone off in the distance. Her eyes trained in on him.

“It’s Xavier,” Thea whispered, shocked.

“I thought he was supposed to be dead,” Conri said in mind link.

“They lied?” Alaric said in mind link.

“Garret didn’t lie. He believed he was dead,” Thea said, thinking. “That’s why I didn’t recognize the presence. My necklace is glowing because he’s a vampire. He did die. You have to die to become a vampire. Goddess, can’t you smell him? He smells like death.”

“Then he’s a newborn, and he’s going to rip us to shreds,” Kai said over mind link.

“No, he won’t,” Thea said. “He can’t penetrate the forcefield.”

Thea hurried and reached the border, wolves pacing around her. She looked into Xavier’s eyes. The irises were red.

“Kill me,” Xavier said. He fell to his knees. “Please.” He was filthy, caked in dirt. He started whispering. It

sounded like a mantra he'd been chanting for hours.

"Xavier," Thea said. "Did you know you would turn? Did you do this on purpose?" Thea said.

Xavier shook his head. "Sometimes, I'd take vampire blood in the city. It's a high. Like a drug. I forgot about it. I didn't think it would still be in my system. I didn't expect to have my canines ripped out. I didn't expect to die. I didn't plan anything. I don't want this. Please, kill me. I can't do it myself."

Thea felt into him. She had never sensed a vampire. He was different for sure. He didn't feel like a werewolf. A small amount of Life magic permeated Xavier. She couldn't sense much else to him. No heartbeat, no pulse. She couldn't even sense brainwaves in him. It was like he was dead, but the Life magic was animating him.

Was that what vampires were? Dead things utterly sustained by Life magic? Did they feed on Life magic? Thea knew there was power in blood. The oath ceremony had shown her that. Vampires must absorb the Life from the blood when they feed.

She could tell Xavier needed more of the Life magic. He would need to feed to build it up.

She wondered if he could feed on Earth energy. The Earth was alive, after all. She could funnel it to him. Then she had the thought that maybe that's why

vampires had stolen goddess-gifted wolves in the past. She shivered.

Thea felt into Xavier's thoughts and intentions. He didn't intend for this to happen. He wanted to die. He was terrified that he wouldn't be able to stop himself from feeding. The Need was so powerful. He couldn't handle killing another person.

"Why did you come to me?" Thea said.

"I couldn't risk walking through my pack lands," Xavier said, looking down. "There are too many people to feed from. I don't want to hurt anyone else. The people I hurt shouldn't have to see me again. I know I hurt you too, but you're the strongest wolf I know. Please. I need you to kill me. My father shouldn't have to kill his son twice."

"When did you turn?" Thea said after a moment.

"As far as I can tell, yesterday."

"Three days from when you died," Thea said. "It shouldn't have taken that long. You must have only had a trace of it in your system."

Xavier nodded.

"Why didn't you feed on any of the animals in the woods?" Thea said.

"I didn't want to add to my strength in case instinct makes me fight to survive. I just want you to kill me."

Kai shifted into his human form just as Alpha Ulric, Beta Walter, Alpha Sharpe, and the rest of Delta team came bounding up to the group in wolf form.

“Why does any of this matter?” Kai said out loud.

“Look at him,” Thea said. “He’s filthy. Dirt under his fingernails—he clawed himself out of his grave—but there’s no blood on him. He hasn’t fed. He’s a newborn, and he hasn’t fed.”

Before anyone could react, Thea stepped over the threshold, off pack lands, and beyond the safety of the barrier. She kneeled in front of Xavier. He looked at her, hopeful.

Kai followed Thea and stood next to her, ready to fight. Caleb and Axel moved behind Xavier, ready to pounce. Everyone else came closer, ready to attack.

Xavier pulled off his dirt and blood-stained shirt and offered it to Thea. It was the shirt he wore while he was tied to the poles, blood leaking from the holes where his canines used to be. They buried him in it. Thea took it from his hands and put it on, appreciating the gesture the new Xavier was making. Thea was naked, after all.

“Thank you,” Thea said.

She started pulling energy from the Earth and pushing it into Xavier. Some of her own magic started

to flow into him as well.

“See? He’s not even salivating,” Thea said. “Much less trying to eat us.”

“He’s a vampire. He’s asking you to kill him. Can we get on with it?” Kai said.

“No,” Thea said. “If he were still broken like before, maybe, but he’s not. He has a conscience now. He feels remorse for the things he did.”

“He was sentenced to death for the things he did,” Alaric said over mind link. There were murmurs of agreement from everyone over mind link. Thea could feel their desire to maim Xavier for what he did to her.

“And he paid that price,” Thea said. “He died. Whatever powers that be saw fit to bring him back. Maybe he needs to prove his penance. Maybe he deserves a real life. The life he didn’t get to choose because he was broken. He has a second chance. I didn’t give it to him, but I won’t take it from him.”

“Xavier is a vampire?” Alpha Ulric said over mind link.

“Yes,” Thea said out loud. “And he hasn’t fed. In fact, he has no interest in biting any of you. The thought disgusts him. He has control, and he’s good now. He won’t hurt anyone.”

Xavier looked up at her. “How can you say that?”

“I know what you’re thinking and what you’re

feeling. I feel the Need you have, and I feel the other thoughts and emotions that are keeping you from feeding. I'm not going to kill you, and I'm not going to let you get yourself killed."

"Why?" Xavier said.

"You're not who you used to be," Thea said.

"You want to bring him back with us, don't you?"
Alpha Ulric said in mind link.

Thea looked at Alpha Ulric's wolf and nodded.

Cassandra approached Alpha Ulric's wolf. "Alpha?" she said softly.

He turned to her and bent down to her level. She whispered in his ear. Alpha Ulric's wolf turned back to Thea. 1

"We should keep him in the dungeons to be safe,"
Alpha Ulric said over mind link.

"Agreed," Thea said. She turned back to Xavier. "Do you feel different?"

"The Need is less," Xavier said. "How did you—"

"We'll get to that," Thea said. "We're going to take you to our dungeons. You won't have to worry about maintaining control there. Then we'll sort everything out. Okay?"

Xavier didn't know what else to do. "Okay," he said.



They stood up. Kai was tense.

“Come with me,” she said. Still funneling energy and magic into him, she reached out and pulled Xavier onto New Dawn’s territory.

The whole pack felt him step onto their land.

“Did everyone else feel that?” Alpha Ulric said over mind link.

“Yes,” everyone said.

“So if one of us invites them in, they can cross the threshold,” Thea said over mind link. “And everyone feels it.”

The whole group was uneasy. They expected Xavier to attack and start feeding, but like Thea said, he wasn’t even salivating. He had no desire to feed on any of them.

Thea mind linked the patrolmen. “At ease. We have the situation handled. It was just one vampire, and he’s not a threat. Everything is fine.”

“I wouldn’t say everything is fine,” Conri mind linked Thea. “Xavier is a vampire, and he’s coming home with us.” 1