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After some intimate time in their room and shower, Thea and the triplets went back to the dungeon to get Xavier out of his cell and bring him to training.

Xavier sat with Arella, Ophelia, Cassandra, and Misty and watched until Thea invited him to train with them.

"It will be good for us to see how a vampire fights," Thea said.

The Delta team members were a little nervous, not quite trusting that Xavier didn't want to eat Thea.

Xavier was also nervous, but he agreed always to do what Thea told him to do.

"I'll spar with him first," Kai said.

They squared off. Kai threw a punch, and Xavier dodged it. He tried to hit him several times, but Xavier moved out of the way each time.

"He's fast," Alaric said.

"We knew vampires can move fast," Thea said. "Zay, does it seem like slow motion to you?"

"Sort of," Xavier said. "I think my senses activate when I'm in danger. I can tell where he's going well before he gets there. Maybe it's the speed thing. Maybe I'm anticipating his intention."

"Maybe you'll be able to read minds with practice," Thea said.

Xavier shrugged and squared off with Kai again.

Kai intended one thing but did another. This time he hit Xavier in the face.

"Okay," Kai said. "So it's about not letting the vampire read you. Think one thing, do another."

"Easier said than done," Conri said. He wasn't skilled in deception.

"Alright, Zay," Kai said. "Try to hit me."

Xavier threw a punch, and Kai went flying backward. Everyone was shocked. Kai never got hit.

"I didn't think I hit that hard," Xavier said. He and Thea kneeled next to Kai.

"Are you okay?" Thea said.

"Yeah," Kai said. "That was powerful. Zay, go punch a tree as hard as you can."

Thea nodded at Xavier, and he walked over to a tree. He reared back and hit it. The tree split in half and crashed to either side. A plume of wood dust floated where Xavier's hand had hit.

Thea mind linked the rest of Delta team, told them to join them for training, and to bring some things.

The men were standing around the tree in awe when the

rest of Delta team came jogging up. Ryder handed Thea a rope.

"Thanks, Ryder," Thea said. "Everyone on one side, Xavier on the other. Let's see how strong he is."

"Luna," Xavier said. "I think you should watch, not participate since we don't know my strength."

"I will," Thea said. She knew he was thinking about her being pregnant.

All of Delta team and the triplets got in a line and grabbed the rope. Xavier took hold of his end of the rope. Thea called it, and everyone started pulling. Xavier's feet dug into the Earth and started sliding. He was strong enough to pull against the group of men, but the ground couldn't handle that much pressure. He took a step backward to try and get better traction. He pulled, and the group of men all tumbled forward.

Xavier was stronger than all of them combined. 1

"This seems unusual," Owen said as he stood up.

"I've never heard of a vampire this strong," Liam said.

"Did you even break a sweat, Zay?" Thea said.

"No," Xavier said.

"Without other vampires to compare him to, we don't know if this is normal," Thea said.

"We would have heard stories if this were the norm," Alaric said. "I think he's superpowered because you're feeding him

your magic and blood."

"Another reason we can never let vampires know about her," Xavier said.

"Maybe it wouldn't be a bad idea to have you as my bodyguard," Thea said with a little laugh. She slapped her hand on his shoulder. "How do you feel after the exertion? Hungry? How's the Need?"

"It's fine. I can feel that I used some of my energy, but I'm not hungry."

Thea nodded. "I think you should train with us, but pull your punches. You move faster than us, and I want you to keep doing that. We need that practice."

"I won't fight you," Xavier said. "I don't know my strength yet. What if I had hit you first this morning?"

"I won't participate," Thea said.

Xavier nodded. "You should—" he started. 1

"Fine," she said, shaking her head. She felt his desire for her to tell everyone she was pregnant.


She turned to Delta team. She called her mates to her.

"Since you're all here," Thea said. "We have an announcement." She looked at the triplets, smiling.

"We're pregnant," they all said together.

Delta team broke into grins, howling and hollering.

Misty came up and hugged Thea. "Congratulations," Misty

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said.

"We need to tone down training," Liam said.

"Don't I have a couple of weeks before we need to worry about that?" Thea said.

"Let's see what the doctor has to say about it," Alaric said.

"Looks like I'll be joining you in the cheap seats," Thea joked to Misty.

"It's a lot of fun to watch," Misty said.

"Oh crap," Thea said. "We need to tell our parents before they find out some other way."




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