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Xavier's eyes went wide in surprise too.

"It's the metaphor that came to mind," Allegra said. " Vampires are not my area of expertise."

"He is physically stronger than I've ever heard of a vampire being," Thea said. "And obviously, he's mentally stronger."

"The full potential," Allegra said.

"That's part of what my magic does," Thea said. "Whatever the potential is, it makes it the best version of itself."

Allegra nodded.

"Without another vampire to compare him to," Thea said. " I'm at a loss to understand what's going on with Zay. Can you sense what happens when he feeds on my blood?"

"Luna," Xavier said. "I shouldn't feed from you while you're pregnant."

"I think it's fine during this first week," Thea said. "The pups don't require much from me yet."

Xavier nodded reluctantly.

"Yes, let's try it," Allegra said.

Thea cut her wrist, and Xavier sucked gently. He didn't want to take too much. After a moment, he stopped. He licked the blood from her wrist, and the cut closed.

"There's something there," Allegra said. "Now we know vampires feed off Life energy, which they've always absorbed from blood, but it's possible to absorb it from other sources. Earlier, when you were funneling the Earth energy into Xavier, he was pulling it in as well. As far as reactions inside him, there wasn't a big difference between that and your blood. They both sated him. Neither one made the Need more intense, right?" Allegra looked at Xavier.

"Her blood tastes amazing and gives a euphoric feeling, like a drug," Xavier said. "But the Earth energy sated the Need too. Neither one made the Need more intense."

"He might be able to survive feeding on Earth energy alone," Allegra said. "He may not need blood."

"That's something," Thea said. "I assumed he had to have blood. It's the one thing everyone knows about vampires. Did you know you were pulling the Earth energy in, Zay?"

"No, but I've mostly been ignoring everything to do with my new condition—being a vampire."

"Maybe feeding on Earth energy is something any vampire could do," Allegra said. "But the Need is so overpowering, they never get to the point of control it would take to recognize it as an option."

"Hmm," Thea said, thinking.

"I wonder if your blood has more healing powers than the

average vampire," Allegra said.

"We haven't tried anything like that," Thea said.

"I don't heal fast like you werewolves," Allegra said. She pulled her light brown hair over to one shoulder. "We could try it on me. Here, cut my wrist, Xavier. Take a bit of my blood too. I want to see the difference when you're feeding off someone else. Then give me some of your blood."

Xavier looked at Thea. She nodded.

Neither Thea nor Xavier were untouched by the utter calm and trust Allegra showed as Xavier—a newborn vampire—sliced Allegra's wrist with one of his razor-sharp fingernails, then sucked a little blood from the tiny wound. Allegra wasn't worried that he would lose control and drain her dry. She just focused on what was happening with the energy.

He released her, then cut his own wrist and held it out to Allegra. She brought his wrist to her mouth, and the cut on her wrist instantly healed. There wasn't even a scar.

"I'd say you're more powerful than a regular vampire in every way," Allegra said. "It feels like your blood does more than heal physically. I feel more awake and alive like you've energized my aura, maybe my soul."

"Wow," Thea said.

"I think angelic may be the perfect word to describe him," Allegra said, her eyes moving over him. Xavier didn't know what to say.

"There was a difference when he fed from me," Allegra said.
"Did you notice, Luna?"

"He had to alter the energy he absorbed," Thea said, nodding. "That's how it is when he eats other types of blood. We figure it's the vampire version of digestion."

"Yeah. I imagine your blood is pure Life magic. No need to alter it," Allegra said.

"Xavier, how did her blood taste?" Thea said.

"A little better than human blood," Xavier said. "Like a kale smoothie with sugar."

Allegra looked at them questioningly.

"He doesn't care for blood," Thea said. "He hadn't tried witch blood yet."

"Fascinating," Allegra said.

Thea knew Xavier was uncomfortable with all the attention. She changed the subject. They talked about Thea's gift, what she knew of it.

"So your goddess gift is Life-based," Allegra said. " Fascinating."

"Yes. When I first got it, my wolf told me my gift was Life and that it was part of me. I was in tune with it. I could read

it, interact with it, manipulate it, understand it. I'm not even close to understanding it yet. My gift or Life."

"I'd be concerned if you thought you did at this point," Allegra said.

Thea laughed. "It is a vast and daunting topic, and no one here knows anything about magic. I've been feeling around in the dark."

"The forcefield around your pack lands," Allegra said. "That comes from your magic."

"Yes. I didn't mean to put it up. It just happened while I was marking one of my mates," Thea said. "I'd like to see if I can make shields on purpose and what they do."

"We can practice that," Allegra said. "I'd like to see how your magic functions. Life is not a magic that many have."

"What do you mean?" Thea said.

"I told you how witches will have an affinity with different types of magic," Allegra said.

"Yes."

"Life magic is not usually one of them," Allegra said. "
Occasionally, someone will get a specialty within Life, like having an affinity with plants—helping them grow, knowing what herbs will do. I've even heard of witches being able to communicate with the plants. Someone else may have an affinity with animals, someone else an affinity for helping

with pregnancy and birth. I've never heard of someone having an affinity for Life in general. The consensus is that it would be too overwhelming. Life is abundant on Earth. I don't know how you're keeping everything separate."

"I think it's more about what I'm focused on," Thea said. "We don't think about breathing, but it's always happening. We can put our attention on it, but we don't have to. There's Life stuff buzzing around me, but I can focus on whatever is at hand unless something intense happens. Like when Xavier had his canines ripped out. I couldn't ignore that."

"You felt that?" Xavier said, concerned.

Thea looked at him. "Yeah. It was awful."

Xavier looked shaken that she had to experience it. It was another way he had hurt her.

"Speaking of," Thea said, turning back to Allegra. "I can feel when others are in pain or if something bad happens to them. Is there anything I can do to block feeling the bad stuff?" Thea said, thinking of the summit meeting plans.

"If you're attuned to Life, it seems unlikely," Allegra said. "
Anything you did to block it would probably block your gift
completely. Though, if it's a part of you—literally inside your
blood—you may not be able to block it at all."

Thea chewed her lip. "Any advice on how to deal with excruciating pain?" Thea said.

"Try to relax," Allegra said. "Let it flow through you and past

you."

Thea nodded.

"What is your affinity? Your magic specialty?" Thea said.

"I've been training to be the next high priestess of my coven since I was young," Allegra said. "So I have been trained in all the types, but my natural affinity is clairsentience. Being able to perceive what isn't usually perceptible."

"That's why you can tell what's going on with Xavier?"

"Yes. Not every witch would be able to."

"I think most couldn't, right? It's a rare affinity?" Thea said.

"Yes."

"That's why you're in training to be the next high priestess."

"Yes. It's a good skill to have in that position."

"I can imagine," Thea said. "And your coven is okay with you being mated to a werewolf? Living in a pack?"

"They expect me to move back to the coven when I take over, but Bellamy will be welcome."

"Hmm."

They continued talking until Thea needed to prepare for the summit.