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Once Xavier was locked in a dungeon cell, Thea had the kitchen send down whatever animal blood they had. She passed it through the bars and set it on the ground of the cell.

"Drink, Xavier," Thea said. "It's pig's blood."

Xavier shook his head. "I just want to die," he said.

"I say we give him what he wants," Kai said over mind link. Everyone from the woods was in the dungeon, watching.

"I'm not going to let you die," Thea said.

"Then let me go so I can find someone who will kill me," Xavier said.

"No. I'm not letting you go until you don't want to die."

"Why?" Xavier said.

"Because you're not a monster anymore," Thea said.

"Yes, I am."

"Do you still want to hurt people?" Thea said.

"No, but now I'm a vampire, and vampires are killing machines."

"Have you killed anyone since you turned?"

"It's only been a day," Xavier said.

"Most newborns have fed on and killed dozens of people by now. You're in control, Xavier."



Xavier looked defeated.

"We need to inform your father what happened," Thea said.

"No," Xavier said. "I don't want them knowing I'm alive. A vampire, whatever."

"I can't keep this from him."

"If you kill me, they never have to know."

Thea shook her head.

"Please. I can't face my father or Garret."

"I'll tell them you're not ready for visitors, but I have to tell them you're alive."

Xavier laid down on the cot and closed his eyes.

"I'll give you some time to let things soak in," Thea said. "Is there anything I can get you? Books? Games?"

Xavier didn't respond.

"Try to eat. Take a shower. I'll have fresh clothes brought down for you," Thea said.

Still no response. Thea sighed, turned, and walked away. Everyone followed her. She stopped to talk to the guard on duty.

"If he gives you trouble, contact me immediately," Thea said.

"Yes, Luna," the guard said.

"He has control over his hunger, and he doesn't want to hurt anyone, but he also wants to die. He may act out. He can't kill himself, but he may try to hurt himself." Thea sighed. "I think, for now, just ignore him. I'll take responsibility on this one."

"Understood," he said.

"Although, if you can get him to take a shower and put on clean clothes, we'd all be happier for it."

The guard suppressed a laugh. "Yes, Luna."

Thea continued to the exit. She grabbed a shirt and shorts on her way out. Everyone else had grabbed shorts on the way in. Xavier's shirt, while filthy, fell to her mid-thighs. When everyone was outside, and the door was shut, Thea slid the shorts on underneath the dirty shirt, turned away from everyone, and changed into the clean shirt.

Alaric grabbed Xavier's shirt. "Anders," Alaric called out. "Will you burn this?"

"Yes, Alpha," Anders said.

Alaric tossed the soiled shirt to him.

"Wait," Thea said. "Don't burn it. I have a feeling that's going to be important to him later. We should keep it."

"It's disgusting," Alaric said.

"I'm well aware," Thea said. "Still."

Alaric sighed. "Your capacity for forgiveness is baffling."



"You know, people keep telling me my instincts are always right, then when I act on them, they try to stop me," Thea said to the triplets over mind link. "It's a little confusing."

"I'm sorry," Alaric said over mind link. "You're right."

"Yeah," Kai said over mind link. "You're right. I just can't look at Xavier without thinking about what he did to you."

"He's not that person anymore," Thea thought to them.

"That's going to be difficult for people to understand," Conri said over mind link.

"I know," Thea thought to them. "I'll take that, Anders," Thea said out loud.

Anders walked over and handed the shirt to Thea. Alaric reached his hand out for it.

"I'll take care of it," Alaric said.

"Thank you," Thea said. She handed it to him.

"How do you want to handle informing Alpha Knight?" Alpha Ulric said.

"We should do it in person," Conri said.

"Will you be ready to go in an hour?" Alpha Ulric said.

Thea and the triplets nodded.

"I'm going to go finish up with Alpha Sharpe," Alpha Ulric said.

They parted ways.

The triplets nodded.

"Girls, I'm sorry our ride got cut short today," Thea said.

"It's okay," Arella said. "It was exciting to see a real vampire."

"That's not what most vampires are like," Thea said. "They're not usually safe."

"He is, though," Cassandra said.

"Yeah," Thea said. "He is. I need to go take care of some things. I'll see you later, okay?"

Thea and the triplets shifted and ran to where they left their clothes.

They shifted to their human forms, put on their clothes, and walked back to the pack house. Thea texted Misty while they walked.

"Hey, I have to deal with some drama. I'll tell you about it later. You okay on your own for a while?"

"Of course. Hope everything is okay," Misty texted back.

Thea had a text from an unknown number. "Hey, this is Alessia Moon, texting you so you have my number."

Thea programmed her in as a contact, then texted back. "Thanks. I need to talk to you. Can you come to my room?"

"Sure. Be there soon."

"I need to talk to Alessia. I have to let her and anyone else he's hurt know that Xavier is here. I think I should talk to her alone," Thea said to the

