

## Not Enough Answers Pt. 1

Chase woke up to Lexi's fingers tracing his arm. She was so damn beautiful. I needed her. I needed to connect with her. This morning's events were still pounding in my mind. She could've been hurt. I wouldn't have had a clue, and my men were spelled away by a witch. I kissed her slowly, putting all my feelings into that kiss. Her lips against mine were rearming to me that she was really here. She was real. She was in my arms. I slid down her body. I was going to make her tremble. I was going to taste her until she couldn't take it anymore. She was panting the second my tongue touched her clit. She clenched so hard around my fingers when I entered her that I barely managed to keep them moving. I couldn't stop once I started. I switched with Bolt letting him taste her and then tasting her myself. I was never going to get enough. She was everything. I wanted to spend all my time here. Listening to her sweet cries as she screamed my name. When I finally slid back up her body, I couldn't stop myself from smirking. She was so damn captivating post orgasm. Her face was flushed, her breath was coming in pants. Her eyes locked on mine. She still had a re in her eyes that I loved. I kissed her and asked if she could taste herself on me. She nodded. I smirked. That wasn't going to do. I needed to hear her voice. It was my reason for being now. I pinched her nipples telling her to verbalize her answer.

I could feel her getting wetter at her entrance. She liked me telling her what to do. That was going to be fun to play with. She spanked me. I growled. I liked a little bit of pain in bed. I told her to do it again. She slapped the other side of my ass, and I couldn't stop myself from entering her. Lexi scratched me and it just spurred me to pound into her harder. Her moans, her muttering my name, it was killing me. She was my undoing. I hooked her leg over mine. Never stopping. I didn't even know how to stop. I never wanted to do anything else. She screamed my name and shouted that she loved me when she came. I laughed because she didn't even realize she'd said it. Instead of calming down her declaration of love just gave me wings. Lexi was physically shaking by the time I came. Her eyes didn't look like they could focus. I kissed her again and walked into the bathroom. I put the stopper down and turned on her tub. I quickly pulled it back up since the water was cold. I waited until the water was warm before putting it back down. Lexi had some bath oil I threw in. I went back in to get her. She was still sprawled out in the exact position I'd left her in. Bolt chuckled, "Mate is spent." I smirked, feeling far too proud of myself. I picked her up and gently laid her in the tub. Only letting go when I was sure she wasn't going to drown before I hopped in behind her. We teased each other a little bit about that last round of passion. If she thought this was damn, she had no idea what was waiting for her on our vacation. I still needed to tell her when that was.

I asked her what happened last night. I wasn't sure I wanted to know, but I needed to. Lexi told me she'd met a vampire who was formerly a hood member. Vampires meeting their mates was oddly rare. It took some of them centuries. It's as if their goddess knew they have time. Vampires say their goddess waits for the perfect person to be born and is no rush because her children are immortal. It's actually not a bad theory. I was stunned when Lexi said her grandparents were alive. I began to doubt the former hood member.

They could be trying to mess with Lexi. Distract her so Noah could swoop in. If the vampire was working with Noah... they would've smelled a wolf all over her. They would've backed off. They respect us as we respect them. A vampire with their mate would know how precious that tie is. They wouldn't help Noah without something major in it for them. They don't need money, the vast majority of them are well off. I doubted Noah had some rare blood type. A very bad thought hit me. He could try to barter with Haley's blood. Not many vampires would be stupid enough to agree.... But some could be tempted. I was distracted from this thought when Lexi said her mother was in a physically abusive relationship. What? A hood member? Emotional abuse.... Sure. Lexi was clearly in one and so was Sally. Her mother even had to her grandfather the hood leader at the time to end it. That was not good. That would mean her mom's ex-boyfriend was from a powerful family within the hood. Or her mother would've handled it alone. She mentioned an old mark showing up. She was just annoyed by that. I winced when she said I attacked her security team.

I felt bad about that. I just couldn't stop myself. They were supposed to protect her, and they left her all alone. What was I supposed to do? Give them a high five? She wanted me to promise her I wouldn't hit them again. I was trying to take all the information in she'd just given me about her family. I now understood how she didn't notice anything amiss with her car. This was a lot of information to digest. It wasn't even regarding my family, and I was blown away. Finally I told her what happened with Kincade and Kevin. Everyone was insisting Lexi was with someone she wasn't, and shots rang out. I knew she needed me, and I couldn't get to her. If I'd marked her I'd at least have the mate bond to know something was wrong. Instead I was in her house waiting for her while she was being shot at. She still asked me not to hit her guards. Bolt snorted. "We can't promise that. When it comes to her.... We just can't." I told Lexi I would try. I would never lie to her, and this was one thing I just couldn't promise her. Lexi was not appeased but she dropped it. I carefully tried to broach whether the vampire she met was trustworthy. I inherently didn't believe it because I am a werewolf. We tend not to trust them. I could see it in her eyes though. She believed every word this woman said. Lexi said she wasn't sure, but everything rang true from their conversation. This woman supposedly thought that Lexi and Heath were with her dad's family. That didn't make sense. Didn't this woman say she'd met with her mother's parents in the last few years? Why wouldn't the topic of Lexi and Heath come up? Did she think it was a sore subject because they weren't with them? I guess that could make sense. It didn't seem like her dad's parents wanted her dad with her mom. Maybe the other grandparents were angry?

I encouraged Lexi to talk to Heath. He might hate me and be steadily becoming a thorn in my side; however, he did seem to be good at getting information. He could help Lexi figure out if any of this was true. I asked about the ex-boyfriend's name. The vampire claimed not to know. Seriously? A best friend keeping a boy a secret? Seemed unlikely. Possible I guess, but what I knew of women. Unlikely. Then the vampire said Anne knew about the grandparents... Anne the mother of Ted. That Anne? According to Matt and Lexi herself Anne was the sweetest woman. If Anne kept this kind of secret... I'm not sure Lexi's grandparents were worth knowing. Or one HELL of a miscommunication breakdown happened. Alternatively, the vampire was lying through her fangs. We needed to see if any of these claims could be verified. Lexi felt betrayed by her people. She said if this was true then she'd been lied to her whole life. I could see part of her pain was with two people she couldn't confront. Her parents. If people kept this secret in the Hood it was to honor their leaders wishes. Lexi could never ask why they did this. I comforted her the best I could. Her people may not know the truth. They may even have been told these people died. Or they knew the truth of what her family did. Or according to her dream; the family was accused of something. It had to be bad. Lexi agreed that Anne was a mother hen type. She would shield Lexi from the harsh realities of the world. I told her Matt had good instincts. It's part of being a Beta. He is rarely, if ever, wrong about someone. He truly liked Anne.

I was relieved when Lexi agreed about Anne. Less relieved when she said she believed the vampire named Susan.... Susan... at a party with the new King. Did she meet King Matias of North Carolina's mate? Lexi confirmed it was her. s\*\*t. The King's mate wasn't a very old Vampire. Not even thirty years old. Susan was known for telling everyone EXACTLY what she thought. While I was in Europe, she kicked a few of their subjects out, and they came to Europe. They said she's a straight shooter. They hoped she'd lose that the longer she was around. I didn't. It was a refreshing quality for a vampire to have. That probably meant she was telling the truth though. My heart stopped for a brief moment when Lexi said King Matias and Susan wanted her to do events for them. Bolt said, "We could go Chase. We could keep their fangs off her. It's out of state. No one would care if we were there." I smirked. Bolt was right. I could y her there. We could spend lots of time together. Matt and Ted could even come. Derrick could handle things. Or we could trade on and off, but if Lexi was going, I was going. She said King Matias offered her his plane. He would y her at night, and there would be vampires on the plane. With my beautiful mate? I think not. We'd take my plane.

Lexi teased me saying I didn't trust him. King Matias? He had a reputation of being trustworthy. It wasn't him so much as the people working for him being near Lexi. My staff would be nothing but appropriate. His would not. Not when she didn't bare my mark. Lexi didn't seem to care but agreed to take my plane to make me more comfortable. Thank god for that. Matt linked me, "GET LEXI OVER HERE. TED IS BROKEN!" I winced, "What happened?" Matt said, "I don't f\*\*\*\*g know. He's cooking and zooming around muttering intelligibly to himself. I NEED Lexi. Plus, Ted says he's cooking for all four of us." Lexi asked what was wrong. Technically nothing. Other than my Beta just tried to make me go deaf. She got up and got dressed. I linked Matt, "I have never hated you more than in this moment. I have had my mate naked all day long, and you just made her put on clothes." Matt said, "Aww poor you. My mate was a mess all day, and now he's cooking like a crazy person. GET LEXI OVER HERE!" I walked down the steps to her porch surprised when Lexi jumped on my back. Not many people were able to surprise me like that. I took off with her holding on. I should've gone slower. We arrived all too quickly. Matt was visibly relieved to see us. So much so that Lexi caught onto something being wrong. Before Matt could answer her Ted came out. He did look a little frantic when he said he cooked lunch. I linked Matt, "Lunch? He does know it's practically dinner time?" Matt said, "Somewhere along the way time stopped meaning something to him. I have no idea what's happening. He's been cooking FOR HOURS. He made a lasagna and garlic bread from scratch, and brownies. That smell amazing. He slapped my hand when I tried to eat one." I laughed.

Lexi asked if he cooked brownies. Matt said, "Can she not smell them? They have fudge layer Chase. He made twenty-four of them, and I couldn't have a single one." We both paused when Lexi told Ted to say what he had to say. Matt said, "Do you SEE why I needed her? I had no idea Lasagna means something is up. She just knew I needed to get him to talk. I thought he had a loose hair about cooking or some shit." I said, "So ask him." Matt asked Ted by simply saying his name. I linked him, "For future reference. More words are helpful. For example: Ted, is she right? What's wrong?" Matt stuck his tongue out at me. Ted said his grandparents were coming to town. I linked, "Are his grandparents like super hood assassins?" Matt said, "I have literally never heard about his grandparents. I'm guessing they don't approve of our relationship." I frowned, "Their goddess put you guys together." Matt said, "The lasagna is to butter me up? For what? So I don't kill his grandparents if they upset him? I better get one whole pan of brownies for that to work." I laughed. Ted asked Lexi to stand up for him on their wedding day." Matt said, "Do I actually have to tell you, you're my best man?" I snorted. "No." Lexi and Ted started talking wedding venues. I linked Matt, "You guys need to do this in our territory. It's typically done on the back lawn." Matt asked we could at least have it in our territory. The look on Lexi's face. Fuck... I was going to have a time convincing her to do ours in our territory. She had some idea of a place. Clearly. Ted said he talked to Haley about conjuring a place. Perfect.

Matt linked me, "I love Haley Chase. I do. The goddess blessed us all by giving Alpha Connors his mate." I said, "Me too. Maybe whenever the time comes Lexi can have her do that same." Matt said, "I bet Haley could conjure us one big pack house and main house if you and Cameron want to combine packs." I linked back, "He hasn't agreed yet." Matt tried to focus Lexi and Ted again by asking what the deal with his grandparents was. I linked, "Why do you care?" Matt said, "I need to know how hard it will be to kill them when they hurt Ted's feelings." Matt couldn't stop his growl when Ted said they were disappointed in him. Matt didn't even want them to come into our territory. I linked him, "They will be harder to kill if they stay in the shroud." Matt immediately said Ted's grandparents should meet Isabella. I snorted, "Your mom will fry their asses." Matt smirked, "I know. She loves Ted." Ted sighed and said they were all having a family dinner. Both Matt and I were startled when he said it was tomorrow. "That's a fast turnaround." Matt said, "No shit." His phone rang. He linked me, "I'm guessing somehow my mom found out. I swear the doors are all shut." I looked around, "They are. She didn't hear about it here." He answered the phone. Isabella was already yelling, "Do you know HOW embarrassing it is when your soon to be sons-in-law mother calls you to say she can't host the family dinner tomorrow, so would you please host it instead so we can still all get together? HOW COULD YOU NOT TELL ME? I don't even know what types of foods they like!" Matt explained he just found out. I linked him, "Heath probably doesn't want outsiders there with the leak going on." Matt linked me, "Genius." He dropped that into their conversation.

Ted gleefully exclaimed they couldn't have the dinner then. Matt covered the phone. I raised an eyebrow linking him. "You mom is still going to hear you." Matt ignored me and explained the venue change, but they were having dinner at Matt's. Ted looked crestfallen. Lexi immediately jumped in offering a solution to the food problem. Ted looked glad he had something to do. He immediately jumped up to make plans. Matt linked me, "She's a very good friend and Luna." I hadn't taken my eyes off Lexi. "Yes, she is." Matt told his mom it was all good. Isabella said, "Oh Lexi is apparently a mandatory member. Anne was insistent she come." I sighed. I was going to take her out since everyone was going to be busy. I had another restaurant I'd planned to shut down. I'd have to wait for another night. Lexi didn't seem thrilled she was needed but accepted it quickly. She was trying to explain about Ted's grandparents. She actually thought they would accept Ted and Matt since he was his string. She said that would hurt Ted's feelings because of how they have treated him his whole life. Matt linked me, "So there's literally no way this dinner goes well." I said, "Doesn't sound like it." I asked where they'd been this whole time. Apparently, they'd moved to Nashville, and only visited once a year. Matt linked me, "Sounds like they retired." I said, "It does." We were both surprised to hear Anne didn't like the grandparents. I linked Matt, "She's talking about the woman who cried over a mouse being released outside?" Matt said, "Yes. I'm stunned too. She's like Mrs. Cleaver."

Lexi said she should invite Haley to dinner. I sighed. Then I'd have to spend the whole evening away from Lexi. I was not surprised Haley hadn't met the grandparents. At least that gave me a shot of her not wanting to come. I asked if I could come to dinner. Matt said I had to come. He linked me, "But really. I need to know someone at the table can actually stop me from killing these people." Lexi added she could stop him. Matt linked me, "Debatable." She added that she wouldn't want to stop him though. Ted returned with the food situation xed. He was beside himself. I did not like this version of Ted. He was scattered, worried, and somehow defeated. It was unsettling. Lexi said they could get people in to clean Isabella's house, and set the table. Matt linked me, "As if a maid service could make her house cleaner. My mom could win a catalog prize." I laughed. "They don't know that. They are being nice." Matt linked, "I'll kindly NOT tell my mother they offered." I leaned over and told Lexi I loved her. I loved that every time I told her that her heart skipped a beat. Matt said, "Has she said it back?" Ted said she's super guarded." I snorted. "She has, but it's a secret we can't tell Chase." Matt cackled in our link, "She told you that night they got hammered with Ted, Sally and Haley then?" I nodded, "Yes, she also said it after the tenth orgasm I gave her today, but she didn't seem to be aware she said it." Matt laughed, "Maybe you'll get an aware I love you on your romantic Virgin Island getaway." I smiled, "Maybe I will."

After Lexi and Ted had planned every last possible detail for a Valentine's day wedding, we left. I remembered we would have Wyatt in the morning. I told Ted he'd be later for work. He didn't get it until Matt linked him. Then he actually got excited. Maybe we just needed to give him tasks all day tomorrow to keep his mind off the family dinner. Lexi asked when we left what that was about, but I couldn't really tell her. She didn't want to know about Sophia. She decided to race me home. She had a few steps head start. I slammed the door shut and tickled her onto the sofa. I had to steady it, so it didn't topple over. I wondered if she was ticklish. I discovered she was in fact quite ticklish. She was trying to get me to stop. Finally she started tickling me back. Our pups were screwed. We were both very ticklish. She nally said, "Truce?" I nodded. We both started at each other as our breaths came in heaps. I loved her. She was at the very core of me now. I needed her, and I didn't want to rush. We lazily made over while groping each other through our clothes. Everything about her drove me insane. Her little moans and the smell of her arousal were almost my undoing. I thanked the moon goddess when Lexi lifted her shirt off over her head. Even more praises when she threw off my shirt. I told Lexi we could take our time to tease her. We'd only been making out so long her lips were swollen. Lexi started to tell me about how long she'd wanted me. Bolt was sitting at attention in my mind when she mentioned dreaming about him when he'd protected her from Henrick. I almost ripped her shorts off when she said she watched me announce Ted as the Beta Male.

My mind ached to that night when she was screaming my name getting herself off. Lexi bit me down my body. She wanted me to bite me harder. I lifted my hips when she got down to my shorts. When she took me into her mouth, I couldn't stop my groan. I pictured that night and her moans as she screamed my name. This is what I'd wished was happening at the time. Before I knew it, Lexi was lowering herself on me. I didn't even realize when she'd taken her underwear off. I gripped her waist trying to hold myself back from jerking my hips up, so I was fully inside her. Her slow lower onto me was pure torture. Once she had completely taken me into her, she started to move. She was catching a groove. f\*\*k this was an amazing angle for me. There was no warning when she started using her hood speed. Bolt took over and kissed her roughly. Somehow, she didn't stop. She broke the kiss to scream my name. She pulled my hair lightly and pounded into her roaring her name. After what felt like minutes, we both stopped rocking on each other. I stared into her eyes. I was going to take her my way this time. I was about to ip her onto the oor when a large explosion sounded. Lexi jumped off of me, and we looked out the window. I growled. This had to be Noah. Matt linked me, "THE f\*\*k WAS THAT?" I said, "GET HERE NOW! THE DEAD MOTHER FUCKER JUST TIPPED THE SCALE IN MY FAVOR." The witch was convulsing in pain. Noah tried to help her, but he was thrown back for his efforts. Which saved his f\*\*\*\*g ass. I took a step forward intent to rip him to pieces. He was dead. Lexi tried to calm me down saying they couldn't get in here. Matt linked me, "Ted's on the loose with a gun. Damn he's fast. I'm right behind him. Kevin and Kincade are coming too."

Matt didn't make it before Ted. In a shot Lexi screamed, grabbed my shirt, and took off out the front door. Ted had managed to shoot the witch. Sadly he missed Noah. I was a step after Lexi. When I came into view Noah almost faltered as he ran away. He clearly had an escape route planned. I shifted and Bolt winked at him making his face contort into rage as he ran. Matt linked me, "Wow... if looked could kill. You and Bolt would be dead. Lexi is going to catch him." I said, "He's got a plan. Let's f\*\*k it up." We didn't make it though. Noah disappeared. One second he was there, the next he was gone. I growled. Ted and Lexi were darting all over. I shifted back. Kincade threw me shorts. Matt said, "It reeks of magic. It's a hollo port." I growled, "Someone get me answers about HOW THE f\*\*k he got in here! Matt, have my father in my ocerst thing tomorrow." Matt said, "Chase... he wouldn't do this. He'd never hurt her..." I said, "Oce. First thing. My dad." Matt nodded. We explained what happened to Noah with the hollo port to Lexi and Ted. Lexi was shaken they knew where she lived. I wasn't a big fan of that either. I asked if they could've gotten in. Lexi ran away. I growled and shifted again. She had just grabbed her phone inside her house when I pulled her ush against me. I told her to stop running away without me. Matt linked, "Just and FYI should you get a wild hair to f\*\*k her right now.... You did NOT close the door." I growled at him saying nothing. Lexi observed me carefully. Finally she stated that I was mad. Mad? That did not cover my feelings. Noah was in my territory, and he was not yet a dead mother fucker. He should be dead. He should have never gotten in. Lexi was stunned I was going to question my dad. I hoped it wasn't him, but he wasn't sold about us. He clearly had no respect for me. This seemed like a far stretch, but I needed to know for sure.