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~Ellie's Point of View~

The day had passed and neither Gunner or Kai came back. I felt like trying to run off again but I was sure Kai left some type of spell over the area so I couldn't get away. I was passing the time singing some of my favorite songs.

The sun would be setting soon, and Gunner should have come back for dinner by now .. not that I was missing him but I was desperate to know what was going on. I hoped him being gone meant the Shadows were getting somewhere. But then it dawned on me ... if Kai is killed before I'm found, how would they ever know where I was?

My mind raced with all the different scenarios, and none of them seemed to end well for me. I was taken from my thoughts when I heard a woman humming. I loved it, it was so comforting and somehow familiar. I didn't even realize the maid was still here.

I followed the sound and saw her in the garden, cutting flowers. She quickly stuck her nose in the air, and began running toward me.

Had she been out here all day?

Suddenly I smelled her, it was lavender. It was so nice, so relaxing. She was now running toward me at full speed with her arms out.

"Lilly!! Lilly it's you," she said.

I c****d my head to the side in confusion, was there someone else here?

Was she seeing things? Was she crazy?

She reached me and wrapped her arms around me. She began rubbing herself all over my neck, scenting me. Scenting is something wolves do to their loved ones to show affection. Why was she doing it to me?

"I ... I don't know who Lilly is, are you okay," I said.

I involuntarily stroked her white hair, it was so striking and I had wanted to feel it. She pulled back and looked at me confused.

“You’re Lilly sweet girl, you’re my granddaughter,” she said, matter of fact.

“My name is Ellie,” I said, beginning to even question myself.

“No, no my angel. Alpha Gunner had a spell on me, on all of us this entire time. It must have just been broken! I am your grandmother Ivy. My daughter is Jasmine, your momma,” she said.

I gaped at her. She seemed so sure, so confident in what she was saying.

Was this real? Was she even real? Was I dreaming?

“Your full name is Lilly Ivy Sparks, you lived at the White Star pack with your parents and I until Gunner invaded, took us all as his prisoners and then he took you for Tyson. It was like ... I kind of knew who I was or who I had been, but he gave me this new personality and I was a mindless thing all this time. I don’t know how else to explain it. The maid Hildy that took to you so strongly, that’s your mom,” she said.

I burst into tears, and she held me tight. My mom was right with me all this time and I didn’t even know it? She didn’t even really know it?

He took everything from me and he thought my name had to be changed too!? He couldn’t even let me have my name!?

Just when I thought Gunner couldn’t have possibly been worse, when I thought he was already the worst monster imaginable ... he took away my family but had them in front of me the entire time?! I can’t even fathom how cruel that is, how wicked and simply ... insane.

I had a sudden warm feeling of being in the sun with this woman, of her hanging clothes, of her reading to me at bedtime. It all came back to me like a wave and it was beyond overwhelming. I was grateful she was still holding me because I thought my legs might give out. I instantly had a million questions, but there was one I had always wanted to know ... more than anything.

“If you’re my grandmother, do you know when my birthday is,” I asked, hopeful.

I had shifted, so I knew I was over 18, but literally my whole life, not knowing my birthday just plagued me.

She grinned and stroked my hair. "Yes sweet girl, it is April 2. So in a few months, you'll be 19! It hardly seems possible I was just twirling you around not too long ago."

I grinned wide, wow I was a lot older than I thought! She pulled back and her hand swiped over two of my marks.

"Oh Goddess! Did Gunner mark you, oh no!"

I smiled at her and shook my head.

"No, I have three mates! They are triplets! Shadow Warriors, that I hope are trying everything possible to find me," I said.

"Three mates!! Oh my heavens. Tell me everything sweet girl, I want to know all about them, leave nothing out, your old Granny needs the gossip. I feel like I've missed so much," she said.

We padded into the house and she held me the entire time. I finally had a family, my REAL family. Tears were pricking at my eyes looking at her, she just floated effortlessly and she was simply beautiful. I had family ... that was actually at Blood Claw the entire time. I still couldn't wrap my head around it.

She quickly told me that my dad was there too, and when she described him, I knew exactly who she meant. He was a warrior that often glanced at me, always careful to do so when Gunner wasn't looking. It didn't give me the creeps like when other warriors looked at me, and I'd always liked him.

I was fuming with anger, but the person I needed to direct it at wasn't here at the moment. I wasn't going to take it out on Grammy, I didn't want to waste a precious second with her.

We spent the next hour or so giggling and carrying on. She told me about my grandfather who had died defending our pack against Gunner. He had been killed by Jasper, the Beta, and I was happy to relay to her that he'd been killed by the Shadows.

I learned my father's name was Rocky and he was in fact a Beta, and a pure white wolf. He was from a long line of skilled warriors, and Gunner had

enslaved him and my brother to be fighters for him. A brother ... I had a brother! It was all so overwhelming.

Hello in there, are you ignoring me again, this is bullsh!t!

“Violet?!” I yelled out loud and I jumped off the couch.

Oh yes, it’s only me, the most important person in your life. You shut me out again!

Grammy looked at me confused and I held up my finger to her.

It wasn’t me, it was a spell. Can I shift? If I do, do you promise to shift back, I asked her.

Mates! Where are our mates, I have a thing or two I need to settle with that Dusk, she demanded. I started to giggle but I fell to my knees.

With that, my body began to contort and I felt Violet demanding to take over. It was so painful!

“Oh!! It’s your wolf! Hurry, quickly, outside,” Grammy yelled.

We made it outside just as Violet won out and I felt myself drop to the earth on all fours. Violet shook out and immediately jumped on Grammy, l!cking her.

Grammy fell over, “ohhh sweet girl hello! Let’s see if I can wake up Rose and we’ll have a proper romp. I haven’t been able to shift since Gunner took us, it’s been t0rture not having her.”

Violet sat down on her back legs and c****d her head. Grammy struggled, whimpered and m0aned. She looked like she was in great pain and I hated it but I knew it had to run its course. After a few minutes, a large light brown wolf with pure white boots stood in front of me and Violet wasted no time pouncing on her playfully.

Ohhh yeah that’s the stuff, I heard in my mind from who I assumed must be Rose.

Before I could respond Rose took off like the wind and Violet was hot on her tail.

I was quickly learning that in your wolf form, everything is just ... so much more basic. So much more ... simple. Hunt, eat, play a bit, mate. MATES! Where are my mates!

Violet began howling, calling to her mates and she was furious.

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~Godfrey's Point of View~

I looked around at all the shifters, completely exhausted by the day of fighting, but I knew they could go longer on anger alone. I stared up at the witch Katya being held by Felix, and I wanted nothing more than to squash her like a bug.

"We have to take her out, if anyone should be able to get her, harness her power for their own..." Dina said, dashing to my side.

"I agree, Felix ... squash her," I commanded, ordering her death as if she were in fact, a bug.

Felix and I had a long history and we'd been around each other on and off for centuries but he still sometimes managed to surprise me.

The demon let out a ... a laugh? I was positively astounded and almost it had me scared. It was a low rumble from deep in his belly and before the witch could register what I'd said and figure out a way out, he fiercely made a fist.

I floated up to his hand, just to see blood and other bodily fluids gushing out from between his fingers. I made a face of approval.

Good one down!! But ... we need more.

"Burn her," yelled Quinn, our council demon.

Felix quickly dropped her to the earth and blew her a kiss, lighting her right up. The shifters all eagerly jumped back and frantically moved away.

"Sorry about that Kai, couldn't be helped," I said, with a slight giggle.

Seeing Felix work still gave me chills even after all this time.

I looked up to see a pack of white wolves and ones that looked like Ellie approaching. That son of a b***h had her family here her entire life! As if I thought he couldn't be any more of a piece of sh!t.

Just then, Skyler shifted back to his human form and approached one of the larger wolves. His brothers quickly did the same and within seconds, they were on one knee in front of the creature.

I immediately understood this must be Ellie's father. No time for family reunions! More k!lling to be had! I needed to find the traitorous bastard who betrayed his oath, his fellow Warriors and his family.

"Move about, everyone! Find the she-wolves and pups, talk to everyone. I want Kai and Gunner," I bellowed.

I saw the large wolf shift back into a shorter man, and I would have never guessed by his wolf's stature that he was that short. Another wolf next to him quickly shifted back and I realized quickly he must be related as well. Maybe a brother? Interesting.

Within an hour we'd found the she-wolves and pups, many of whom had now lost their mate or father due to the battle. I wasn't sure how we would deal with that, or if any would give us a problem, but that would be Isaac's matter to resolve.

I was approached by River, and he had a small woman with him who looked strikingly like Ellie's twin.

"Sir, please, River tells me that Gunner has my daughter, Lilly. She's with my mother, he has both of them but I don't know where, what can I do," she sobbed.

The other two mutts quickly joined us.

"Gunner wouldn't even let her keep her damn name, he changed it, she's not Ellie," Skyler said.

"Your bl00d bond, can you find her," Hunter asked.

“Gunner is likely with her, he probably wouldn’t let her out of his sight, but Kai ... he’s probably long gone,” River said.

At that thought, my fangs were out and the she-wolf jumped back. I gathered myself and tried to think clearly. No emotions Godfrey, get it together.

“Do you have any idea why Gunner wants your daughter so badly,” I asked the she-wolf.

She sighed and looked at the triplet mutts. I had no patience for story hour but here we were.

“He came to us when his fated mate died, wanting to look around our pack for someone new. We’d been having to give his pack some unmated she-wolves in exchange for security for awhile.

But, our Alpha refused him, knowing his reputation and that she would likely have a horrible life. He took a girl he liked anyhow, she had just gotten her wolf the month before. But, she wasn’t even at Blood Claw for a day and she found her fated mate,” she said, with tears streaming down her face.

I didn’t care for the theatrics of it all but I knew if I told her to get to the point, the mutts would have a fit.

“Gunner was furious, but he came back telling us the she-wolf was now happy with her new mate and he needed someone else. We didn’t trust him, but it wasn’t like we had a choice. Lilly happened to be playing near where they were having their meeting ... he took one look at her and...”

She trailed off and River spoke up.

“How old was she then,” he asked.

“It was the day before her eighth birthday. About two days later we started to hear rumors he’d killed the she-wolf and her new mate. The she-wolf was ... my older sister Star. She ... was my best friend and it killed me to think it, but we all believed it to be true. The next day Gunner came back, with his entire warrior clan. He demanded I give him Lilly to mate with his son since we couldn’t provide him an acceptable mate. My father stepped in and confronted him about Star. He confirmed he killed her, and my father reached for the knife on his hip and took a swipe at Gunner’s throat. Before anyone could

even register what happened, his Beta was holding my father's head by the hair, and laughing," she sobbed.

"An act of war," I said.

I knew fully well that her father had been Beta before Rock had been. Sometimes I listened when Isaac rambled on. There would be some investigation on this matter at another time, Isaac really fvckngd this up.

"Yes, and we had so few warriors, so few resources, most surrendered. Gunner came forward with a witch and she put a spell on us all. It changed our looks and kept us from knowing each other, fully remembering our past. We were like ... mindless creatures that just moved and did as he directed. I was assigned to be a maid in his mansion, and I was with my Lilly everyday, not fully understanding who she was, and she had no clue who I was," she finished.

"What a sick fvck," Skyler said.

I nodded, but story time was over. We were wasting time.

"I'll see if I can get anywhere with our bl00d bond," I said, dashing away to find a quiet place to think.

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~Ellie's Point of View~

I'd been out running with Grammy for so long, I didn't realize the most obvious thing. We were stopped at a small creek when it hit me that we must now be miles from the house. There wasn't a spell anymore?

We have to keep going, see how far we can make it, I mind-linked to Grammy.

Yes, we must, but I'm afraid I'm so exhausted, I haven't been able to shift and run for a decade, I can't go much further today, she said.

We walked for another hour or so at a slower pace, when I caught it! I suddenly smelled the sweetest scent that made my entire body light up, the salty wind!! The ocean!! My River, he was here!

Mate, mate must get to mate, Violet yelled in my head.

I couldn't even wait for Grammy, I took off like the wind, following his scent.

I ran until I couldn't run anymore, my legs ached and my lungs were on fire. But it didn't matter, I made it. I came through a clearing and saw I was back at the house. sh!t! Wait, no! Maybe they traced me here?

I couldn't sense Grammy anymore and I cursed myself for being so stupid that I left her. Violet crept around the corner of the house and the scent was even stronger, it was coming from inside.

There was only one heartbeat coming from inside, why would he be here alone? Maybe they'd split up to look for me?

"Hello my sweet Luna," I heard.

Oh ... no ... no no no!

I looked up through Violet's eyes to see Gunner holding a t-shirt, which he quickly lit on fire.

"I stashed your idiots and Tyson on an island, thousands of miles away. Imagine my utter shock to go looking for them and find them all gone, even Tyson. Maybe they're all friends now, conspiring against me," he said.

He was weirdly calm, too calm. Violet backed up and promptly hit an invisible wall.

Damn it, that hurt, she cursed.

"You ... are mine sweet girl, and I don't care what they try, they will never get you," he said, trying to reach for Violet's snout.

She snarled at him and I realized he was wearing gloves. Why on earth would he be wearing gloves?

Just as the thought hit Violet ... Gunner wh!pped a silver chain over her! We both felt the searing pain and Gunner quickly picked us up and moved to the front of the house.

"Now you be a good girl, let Ellie shift back and I'll remove the chain," he said.

How the hell could I get the strength to shift with silver on me, I immediately thought. Violet whimpered and tried to roll around to get the chain off but it just burned us in different places.

“Lilly!! Lilly I’ll get to you, I’m trying,” I heard.

Violet turned enough and focused her eyes. Grammy was hitting the invisible wall and running around it, trying to get through.

“Ohh look, an audience. Makes no difference to me if she wants to witness us making a pup,” Gunner smiled.

~Hunter’s Point of View~

Godfrey had been gone for an hour and we were all losing our sh!t, dying to know what was going on. No one had any other news, or if they did they weren’t cooperating. We’d interrogated the hell out of all the staff in Gunner’s home. We’d also thrown Tyson around, beating him a little to try and get anything else out of him.

If we didn’t find Ellie ... or Lilly I guess, soon we were all going to really lose it. The anticipation was k!lling us.

Felix stormed toward us with a woman, and threw her down on the grass in front of Tyson. He was in his human form and I guessed the woman had no clue who she was dealing with.

“Tyson, who is this b***h,” he bellowed with a voice that didn’t at all match his look.

“That’s Sasha, she was Emily’s maid,” he said.

Felix had very obviously roughed up the woman, but none of us felt bad for her.

“He’ll come for me, he’ll come for me and burn you all,” she cackled.

Was she seriously delusional when it was obvious no one was coming back for her. He left her here, and it didn’t seem that he was here to defend her.

Katrina stepped forward, with Chance hot on her heels. She threw her hands out and for a moment she looked like Spiderman throwing a web.

“She’s got a forcefield around her now, she can’t broadcast anything,” Katrina said.

Chance wrapped his arms around her waist, looking proud. I picked up on what was slightly in the air ... only because I’m around Chance enough to know his scent so well. He smelled like sex. I sighed. Skyler looked away, and I could see the jealousy on his face since I felt it too.

“You’re all fools, stupid fools, you’ll all burn,” Sasha continued.

“Do we have to listen to this lunatic,” River whined.

Godfrey fell from the sky in the blind of an eye, and went right to the witch.

“He’s not coming back for you, get that through your head you dumb b***h, where ... is he,” Godfrey said, slowly which I knew must have been hard for him. Nothing Godfrey did was very slow.

She cackled at him. Whew, she had some balls to mock Godfrey, she clearly didn’t value her life.

“Kai is MINE, he’ll come for me,” she laughed.

My brothers and I all laughed at that. She shot us a look and before I knew it, Dina appeared, taking the girl by the throat.

“Where is my nephew, you stupid w***e,” Dina said.

Susie, the little demon that befriended Ellie came forward and put her hand on Sasha’s shoulder. I had no idea what special talent or ability this girl had but I was on edge.

“He’s here,” Susie said.

We all immediately began looking around. Some fairies are actually demoted angels, some believed that demons were the leftover spirits of fairies. It varied, depending who you talked to, but few would talk about it all. Fairies were also usually telepathic, one of their most useful talents in addition to spells and magic.

“Come out, come out little Kai,” Godfrey mocked him.

There were only a few lights from houses that we hadn’t set on fire, but there were also still numerous fires around, mostly the only light.

The Blood Claw wolves that were still alive were still caged, and they all began to howl.

The ground started shaking again and I rolled my eyes. Come on already!

Felix quickly turned into his demon and scooped up Sasha, ready to squeeze her too, just needing a reason.

Two other demons came forward and morphed, they were just as hideous and I cringed.

Fvcking glad they are on our side, Skyler said, over mind-link to River and I.

Rock stepped forward and yelled, “where is Lilly!”

Fire balls began shooting out of the sky and we all quickly started jumping around, dodging them left and right, there must have been hundreds of little hot basketballs.

Godfrey and the other vamps shot into the sky, fire is incredibly lethal for them, any little touch and they could go right up in flames. I tried to keep my eye on Godfrey and it seemed like he was doing something purposeful.

“Fae and witches, now! Focus,” Dina yelled.

I realized that Godfrey was chasing something around in the sky, what the hell?

Susie stepped forward and touched my shoulder, and I felt a warming sensation all over. She was sharing a vision with me, and it was of Kai and Sasha.

“fvck! Sasha IS who Kai wants, he was using Katya to take her powers, he has them now, he drained Katya’s powers,” I yelled.

Without a moment’s hesitation, Felix made a fist, and made soup out of Sasha.

“Well damn,” Skyler said.

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~Ellie's Point of View~

I must have blacked out, or Violet blacked out, I wasn't sure what happened. I woke up in the grass, n.aked and it was pitch black out. I sat up and slammed my legs together, I had been laying with them wide open! How damn humiliating!!

I did see the silver chain nearby and realized Violet probably got it off but maybe passed out.

I didn't notice any soreness or anything that would indicate Gunner had done anything. I got to my feet, my first thought being to go in the house for my clothes. I glanced at the house and it was totally dark, but I had no clue what might be lurking inside.

I remembered Grammy and I had shifted in the side yard and I quickly went over there. My clothes were a bit ripped up but Grammy's were okay.

I quickly put on her maid uniform which was basic black slacks and a black and grey blouse. I swam in it, even though she wasn't that much bigger than me. Better than nothing, certainly.

Grammy! Where was she??

I moved quickly around the backside of the house, opening all my senses. I didn't hear, see or smell anything. I walked with my hands somewhat out, not wanting to walk smack into the invisible wall.

I suddenly heard it, a faint heartbeat, it was in a steady rhythm. Someone ... sleeping? My hand hit the wall but I could still see through, it was dark but since getting Violet all my senses are heightened and I can see pretty well in the dark. There!

“Grammy, Grammy,” I said, trying not to yell but be loud enough for her to hear.

She ran to the wall, n.aked as the day she was born, and I tried not to notice. This nudity thing was still new to me as I hadn't been a shifter too long. But most of them didn't seem to care.

We both pressed against the wall from our own sides.

"Did you see where he went," I said, desperate for answers.

"He went in the house but there's never been any lights on or anything, maybe there's something in there, like a portal," she said.

"Every time I've seen him disappear he's been with Kai, what does a portal do," I asked, not caring if I sounded like a dumb pup.

"A portal is something a witch sets up so a non-witch can move from place to place or to other worlds," she said.

"You think I should go looking for it? What if I can't get back here to you," I whined.

"You have to try Lilly, I really don't think he's in there. I don't sense any other heartbeats or anything," she said.

I looked back at the dark house, feeling scared sh!tless. I instinctively touched my marking sp0ts and knew I had to be b.rave. I didn't see any way that I could be found here.

"I just found you Grammy, I can't lose you," I said, holding my hand up to hers.

"You have to Lilly, you have to try, go in there and see there's something. If there is, just go through it, don't come back out here or you'll lose your nerve. Your fellas are being b.rave, I just know they are, you can be b.rave too," she said.

I k!ssed the wall and she did too.

"I love you so much," I said, as a tear fell down my cheek.

"I love you more my angel, now go," she said.

~River's Point of View~

When Sasha was killed, all hell broke loose if it was even more possible to say that. It had been the longest day and night of my life and it wasn't over. I stood, seeing the dawn trying to creep in and there were so many bodies, so many injured.

Kai was beyond enraged and had begun throwing everything at us imaginable, and the battle waged on for hours. When we all thought we couldn't possibly take anymore, Godfrey came back with his head and then immediately left again, with no words spoken.

We burned the head, but there were no shouts of relief.

No celebrations.

Felix, unfortunately didn't make it. At some point when everyone was so distracted and involved with their own problems, Kai descended and froze Felix in place, then shattered the ice, scattering him into thousands of pieces. It was unlike anything I'd ever seen, and never wanted to see again.

I was beyond tired and aching to my bones, running from person to person, creature to creature, trying to offer whatever aid I could. I had to believe Godfrey was still trying to get Gunner and Ellie, I had to hold onto that. But ... I just didn't know.

"Help," I heard from a small voice.

I ran toward it and found Susie, the little demon.

She had a massive gash on her leg and it looked pretty awful. I hated to do it but I quickly took the shirt off a body nearby and used it to make a tourniquet around her thigh. I had no idea if she'd heal, what it would entail.

She motioned for me to get close to her, and I bent down next to her face.

"When I looked into Sasha's memory, I saw a portal her and Gunner often used. It has to be in his home, where no one would dare go, you need to look for it, I bet that's where Ellie is," she said, before blacking out.

I yelled for help, and one of the witches came to see what she could do for the injury.

Susie said there's a portal, likely in Gunner's house, we need to find it, I mind-linked to all Warriors.

My brothers met me and we all quickly ran to the house, some of which was burned at this point and all of it had seen better days. We made a stop in the kitchen and found some bread and fruit, and ate while we walked.

"What the hell does a portal look like," Skyler asked.

We'd always been teleported, always having a witch or fairy at our disposal.

"It can look like several things, some people make portable ones, some are fixed. I'm going to bet Gunner's is fixed, he wouldn't have trusted that someone wouldn't have taken it. There will be a strong sense of magic coming from it, and likely a spell over it making anyone who goes near it want to get away from it like a keep-away spell," Angel said.

"So, we just walk around until we feel funny," Hunter asked.

"So, we just walk around until we feel funny," Hunter asked.

"Yeah everyone spread out and us witches will try and find it our own way," Katrina added.

My brothers and I went straight for his bedroom, but that would have been too obvious. I still had to see it for myself. It was dark and reeked of him, I knew the smell from our interrogations.

"All clear," Hunter said, after moving to literally every corner of the closet and bathroom.

"There's gotta be a man cave or some sh!t," Skyler said.

We went down to the basement and roamed every inch before finally coming to a wall that made us feel like we needed to back off. Bingo.

Angel in the basement, quick, I said over mind-link.

In a flash she was there, along with Chance and Katrina.

"Just break the fvcking*g thing down," Katrina said.

With that, we all kicked the wall at the same time and it shattered. There was probably some mechanism to move it if he was coming and going all the time but, oh well.

It was a tiny room, the size of a shoe closet but the magic radiating out of it was unlike anything I'd ever felt. My instinct was to call for Godfrey, but I didn't want to wait. The sun was likely up now and I had no clue what time zone ... or world this would take us to.

I looked to the witches for answers.

"Can you see into it, without us actually going into it," Hunter asked.

"Yeah really, what if it just takes us to a swamp with giant lizards," Skyler asked.

He was always terrified of reptiles in general. He wouldn't even chase frogs as a child.

"Don't give the universe any fvcking*g ideas, after the day we've had," I said, with a serious face.

"Nah, I think Gunner's running scared, his witches are gone, his fairy is gone. He's going to be desperate, we have to move," Chance said.

We all nodded but were still waiting to see what the witches wanted to do and we were wasting precious minutes.

"We have no clue where it goes," Angel said.

Just then, Ben the warlock appeared along with Ellie's parents. Lilly's parents ... man I guess we're going to have to see what she wants to be called once we explain all this.

"I'll go," Ben offered, jumping in the portal.

"Damn it, he's always so..." Katrina whined.

fvck that, we needed all the help we could get.

"I'm going too," Hunter said and before I could even react or oppose it, he jumped in.

Skyler and I didn't even hesitate, once Hunter was gone from view, we both jumped in as well.

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~Ellie's Point of View~

The house was pitch black and I joked to myself it would be nice to have my Ipod for the lit screen. I had no clue what a portal looked like or if I'd even be able to tell what the hell it was. I was also still on high alert for Gunner or anyone else.

I crept through the front door, which was actually left open and I checked again for any heartbeats. So far, so good. I quickly moved around every corner of the living room, and I didn't notice anything weird or have any vibes. Next was the kitchen/dining room and the two bedrooms.

This is ridiculous, I could be looking for nothing! I gave up after maybe an hour, I wanted to cry, I wanted to scream. This was my only card to play, my only hope.

I ran back outside to Grammy, and thanked the Goddess that she was right where I'd left her.

"There's nothing in there, I don't think so anyhow but I don't really know what I'm looking for either. It's like there's just no way out," I whined.

"You would know, it would have a waft of magic coming off of it, but now that I think about it, portals can be portable too, like an item. So if Gunner left he likely had to take it with him," she frowned.

"I guess I'll go back in to look for something to eat, I'm starving, but I'll sleep out here tonight next to you, I won't leave you," I said.

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I awoke with a start, the sun was in my eyes. I had a pain in my neck because of how I'd been laying, even though I'd brought a pillow from the house.

I quickly j.erked my head up and saw Grammy still in front of me, sleeping. I reached out to touch the wall, wishing I could feel her again.

To my shock, my fingers went right through it! I quickly got to my feet and kicked the air, unsure. I fell forward and landed on my b.utt right next to Grammy, waking her. I beamed and wrapped my arms around her, and she immediately returned the h.ug.

“Does this mean Kai is dead,” I asked, hopeful.

“I think it must, and Gunner isn’t here, maybe he’s on the run,” she said, trying to piece things together.

We went into the house, got her some clothes and something to eat. I desperately wanted to shower but I wasn’t sure it was a priority. Grammy quickly went around the house and couldn’t find anything like a portal either.

“Well I need a shower, I’m ripe,” Grammy said.

I was glad she said exactly what I was thinking. We took turns showering and in between tried to figure out if it was best to stay or go, now that the wall was gone.

“Well we have a couple days of food, if we ration it ... but we really have no clue if we’re even in another world, dimension whatever. Or, heck we could be just a couple hours from home we would have no clue,” she said, getting frustrated.

“I say, maybe give it another night, if they’ve killed Kai, they must be getting ... somewhere you know,” I said, hopeful.

“I thought about just lighting the house on fire too, creating a smoke signal, but I can’t in good conscience possibly burn the woods down,” she said.

I wrapped my arms around her and we held each other. I was just so grateful she was with me.

~Godfrey’s Point of View~

I’d been honed in on Ellie for some time but it was not exact, even in death Kai was mocking me. He’d presented himself as the perfect mate to Katya, but he only drained her powers to harvest for himself, and was screwing her maid the entire time. fvcking*g fairies, I thought. Always horny and power hungry.

Gunner likely provided Katya his protection all those years ago, a safe haven ... in exchange for helping to put spells on Ellie and the packs he took over. I just knew I had to find her, and I then ... would find him. I couldn't rest until I had his head. If anyone else got it, I would lose my sh!t. He was MINE to k!!!.

I'd been to four different places where my bl00d bond indicated Ellie should be and she was nowhere to be found. How could this betray me? It was always sp0t on.

I'd been roaming some woods for a few hours and thankfully it was an overcast day, even though it was only a couple of hours until dark. I was just about to fly off to somewhere else when I came to a small house, and I detected two heartbeats inside.

My, my ... what do we have here? My bl00d bond called to me and I knew I'd finally found her.

I dashed to a window and listened in. Two females? One was certainly Ellie, and the other seemed someone familiar to her, someone she certainly didn't fear. Interesting.

"Ellie child, it's Godfrey," I called through the front door.

This was technically a mortal's home and I couldn't enter without an invite, which always pissed me off.

The door wh!pped open and there stood Ellie, gaping at me. I looked down to see I was covered in bl00d and guts ... well I didn't think I'd currently win a beauty contest.

"Godfrey! I've never been so happy to see you, are you, are they... the guys," she mumbled, blowing past me and looking around.

An equally small woman with bright white hair peered out from around the door, growling at me.

Ellie snapped back to her. "Grammy shh, it's okay, he's a friendly vampire."

"There's no such thing, don't you dare invite him in," she hissed.

“No need for invites, I’m here to take you back,” I said, stating the obvious.

I supposed however I had time to clean up. A shower actually sounded lovely.

“Is Gunner here,” I said, needing to move things along.

I knew he wasn’t. I didn’t smell him but I needed to see what they knew.

“No, I haven’t seen him in ... two days I think, he said I’m going to be his Luna but I’m not even at the pack, what’s going on,” she demanded.

“Well if he’s not here I’d like to clean up, is there a shower,” I inquired.

I felt pathetic having to stand here and ask a human for a favor, but I was rather a fright and it was now all I could think about.

“Yes, please come in,” Ellie said, stepping aside.

The old woman glowered at me and I dashed past her and found the bathroom, shutting myself in and getting on with things. I had some time to spare since it was still daylight back at Blood Claw and I’d been gone so long I had no clue what the weather was like.

I’d have needed to stop and sleep for a few hours if I’d not had all this human blood in the last few days. I hadn’t had human blood in so long, I felt like a new vampire. Having to go back to just animals only would be very hard and likely take some weaning.

“I have some of Gunner’s clothes, they are freshly cleaned so they don’t smell too much like him if you want them,” I heard Ellie say and she dropped something at the door.

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“I’ve told Grammy everything, she won’t give you any trouble,” Ellie said.

“Grammy ... interesting, I believe they were looking for you too,” I said, looking at the woman.

“Well go on, I need to know what’s happening,” Ellie said, dancing in front of me and waving her hands all over. She was positively annoying me.

“I have taken Kai’s head, but Gunner appears at large. We have taken over Blood Claw as well, I don’t know what the mutts are currently doing,” I said, plainly.

“Oh thank the Goddess they are okay! How did you find us, is there a portal,” Ellie asked.

“No you’ve had my blood, I can find you anywhere,” I said, wanting to get a move on.

The woman growled at me and Ellie looked in shock.

“What?! When? How? I didn’t consent—”

Oh we don’t have time for this nonsense. I waved her off. I’d just spent the last couple of days in battle, and now here I was helping a child with her homework.

“No time for story hour, let’s get a move on,” I said, walking toward the door.

“Woman, you get on my back, Ellie, I’ll hold you on the front,” I said, picking her up.

In the blink of an eye I shot into the sky and back to Blood Claw.

There were many milling about but I didn’t sense River and I needed to know if there were updates on Gunner. It was a still a bit light outside so I turned away from the wolves to dash into a building. I could however, still hear and see them once I found cover in the shade.

“Jasmine! My sweet Jasmine,” the white haired woman yelled.

She ran toward a woman that looked exactly like ... Ellie. Hmm, yes well happy ending for you all but I still have a head to take off.

I dashed to Isaac and demanded an update. He had no idea what was going on, and he was supposed to be the leader of the mutts ... worthless.

“Where is Angel,” I yelled, since I couldn’t mind-link.

All of my power and all of my knowledge, and here I was at the mercy of mortals. If I could spit, I would. It infuriated me but this was no time for a tantrum.

“Mr. Godfrey,” a voice said.

I turned to see a young shifter, maybe ... a panther? An animal is an animal.

“Speak freely,” I said.

“I’m one of Chance’s recruits. They followed a portal they found in Gunner’s basement,” he said.

“Who all went,” I inquired.

“The Black triplets, Chance, Katrina and Angel, that I know of,” he said, starting to lead the way.

“Where is Quinn,” I yelled.

“Get me a damn competent creature.”

“He’s been helping properly burn the demons and two fairies that were lost, sir,” the recruit said.

He led me to the portal and I didn’t like the looks of it. I needed to get these people out of here, I had no clue if there might still be anyone helping Gunner and I didn’t trust that a throng of holy hell wouldn’t unleash from this portal. River had to still be alive, I hadn’t felt our bond sever.

I ran back outside and began barking orders at everyone around and arranging a rescue party to go after the Warriors.