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"Sorry" they chorused, guilt shining in their eyes. ¹

"So we're staying!" Celeste looked at me expectantly

"Yes, we're staying"

"Yay!" She cheered, "Something is bugging my mind though"

"What?" We all turned to her.

"How did your step mom get hold of your twin?" She paused, letting her words sink in, "Also, from my theory, the hush spell won't be as effective if the caster is far away from the victim" she added.

My mind went back to how Beta Andrew had paled when he sighted Andrea, even how his body trembled on sighting her, "he even warned you of her" Ava chirped.

"The signs were there, how could I have been so blind, she's a witch" I realized.

"Not necessarily" Celeste shook her head.

"What?"



"You don't need to be a witch to cast the spell, maybe a witch helped her cast it, let's not jump to conclusions"

"The bigger question now, is why she took your sister" Eros said

My nails dug into my palms, "She is one jealous thing, couldn't pop out a pup for my dad and she resorted to theft, I'll kill—Ahh"

I felt a sharp burn on my wrists, "what's wrong?" Three worried voices asked at once.

"Noth—Ahh" I felt it again, this time it burned deeper, I raised my wrist angry red lines shone brightly on my arms,

"What's that?" Eros asked, inspecting my arms

"I don't know" I shook my head

"Let me see that" Celeste took my hand, turning it and inspecting, "I think I've seen something like this in a book somewhere—something about twin connection"

"What does that even mean?"

"Means that you both will soon start feeling when each other are in danger pretty soon" she shrugged, "basically"



"Weird, why now?" I looked at my wrist, not knowing what to feel about the mark on it. "I mean it's been almost 19 years now and I'm only feeling her pain now."

"Luna has a point," Kaden muttered.

"Yes, but you were never aware of a twin, it's more of a sub conscious connection, now you know who your twin is, it's not surprising to see you having such a reaction. It's a twins thing"

"Does that mean she gets to feel my pains too?"

"Not necessarily, especially if she's not aware of a twin, but I have reasons to believe she is, for you to feel her"

I nodded, suddenly, my heart sank, a deep feeling of unease crept into me, my chest was closing in, I found it difficult to breathe.

I felt eyes on me, three eyes specifically, watching me in awe "what?"

"Aels, you're crying" Celeste said, still staring

"What?" I choked on my tears, touching my face, true to her words I was in tears.

"What is going on?" I asked.



"Love you need to calm down" Eros comforted, "Do something" he barked at Celeste, still holding me

"Don't shout at her" Kaden muttered protectively.

"Aels, the twin connection is almost like your connection to your wolf, you should be able to shut the feelings out,"

"You're not sure?" Eros shot at her

Now, the suffocating feeling was getting worse, I could barely breathe, guilt, pain, anger, it choked me, all at once.

"It's only a theory," she said.

"You want to test your theory on my mate!" I snarled

"We don't have much of a Choice Alpha" Kaden chirped

"Aels concentrate on my voice, shut the feelings out. Focus, you can do it"

Inhaling deeply, I followed her instructions, imagining the twin bond as though it were my wolf bond, I pulled a mental wall, shutting it out.

The feelings stopped, my breathing



returned to normal, suddenly feeling better, "I think it worked" I said.

"Thank Goodness" Eros muttered.

"Aella, She's in danger" Ava said gravelly

"Lilith?"

"Yes," she replied.

"Damn any idea where she might be?"

"Lena said they were at the Beta's mansion before I lost her"

"Lena?"

"Her wolf."

"Oh. Okay"

"Ava says Lilith is in danger" I announced

"Yes, the mark on your wrist does look like rope marks," Kaden nodded.

"We need to find her, ASAP" Celeste shot to her feet.

"She said they were at the Beta's Mansion, we'll have to check it out"

"I don't know, it feels too obvious," Celeste reasoned.

"Kay, what do you think?" Eros asked



"From the mark on Luna's wrist, we can conclude that she's alive, probably locked up somewhere, possibly she was taken from the Beta's Mansion"

"Makes sense, let's split and search," I suggested.

"Okay, you should check the Beta's Mansion, you grew up there you'll be the best person to check it" Eros added, "three of us will check round the pack."

"Alright, I'll mindlink you if anything. What about the dead body in our room?" I asked.

"I'll have it cremated and inform the pack of their loss," Eros said.

"Alright, it's a deal, let's head out. Good luck guys"

They hummed in acknowledgement, we all headed our separate ways.

(At the Beta's Mansion)

The house felt odd and off as I walked in, chills crept up my spine, it was almost like a haunted house.

I walked deeper into the mansion, ignoring



the feeling, my ears perked at the sound of footsteps, quiet and rhythmic, someone was coming.

I followed the sound only the bump into Andrea "Talk about bad luck" I cursed

"If it isn't the self-acclaimed child of prophecy" her voice dripped with sarcasm.

"Hahaha, Very funny. Tell me, is that how you console yourself to sleep every night?"

Her face darkened, "something feels off about her," Ava muttered.

"Shut up, you bitch" she cursed.

"Watch it," I growled loudly, "We wouldn't want to mistakenly snap your pretty little neck before exposing your crimes, would we"

Her eyes narrowed, "what are you talking about?"

I scoffed, "no need to play innocent, I know Andrea."

A sharp glint flashed across her eyes, "I don't know what you're talking about"

I scoffed, "Really, I didn't think that stealing a baby is so easy to forget."



Relief flashed through her eyes, the panic I picked up from her, gone in a flash,

"Oh, that. It's not my fault some women don't know how to protect their children," she shrugged.

"Shut it bitch" I cursed, "where's my sister"

"You think she'll believe this crap you're saying over me, the mother who raised her for years?"

"Let me be the judge of that, now where is she?"

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