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Chapter 71 Gift of Pain

Kaiser caught Thea when she fainted and put her in the SUV. The triplets sat with her. Her Delta team guards sat in the back. She woke up when Xavier did a few minutes later.

“Zoe? Zoe!” Thea cried out in her mind

“Darling, what’s wrong?” Kaiser thought to Thea.

“I don’t know. It feels like Zoe is dying,” Thea thought. Kaiser held her hand.

“I’m here, Thea,” Zoe said.

“Are you okay?” Thea thought.

“I’m fine,” Zoe said. “It’s not me. It’s Xavier’s wolf that’s dying.”

“Why do I feel it?”

“It’s part of your gift,” Zoe said. “You can sense what others feel. This was an intense thing to feel without any warning. I’m sorry. I didn’t realize what he was going to do, or I would’ve prepared you.”

“Can I turn it off?” Thea thought to Zoe.

“No. You may eventually be able to turn the volume down or learn to work around what you feel.”

“Zoe? Do people with gifts go insane?” She knew feeling this kind of pain long-term would warp her.

“Sometimes. They usually die before it gets that far.”

“I need you to tell me everything you know about goddess gifts.”

“I will. Right now, focus on your mates. They’ll

help you through this.”

Thea opened her eyes.

“Hey, my love, are you okay?” Alaric said. He rubbed her hand in his. The sparks lessened the pain she felt.

“No. I can feel Xavier’s pain. I can feel his wolf dying. It feels like my wolf is dying,” Thea said in mind link. “I feel his power leaving him. It’s transferring to his brother.”

The triplets looked at each other.

“Zoe said it’s part of our gift,” Thea said in mind link. She told them everything Zoe had told her since she woke up.

“So you really left last night. That’s why we couldn’t feel you,” Kaiser said.

“You don’t remember what happened while you were gone?” Conri said.

“No,” Thea said. Her hands went to her face, over her canines. “Oh, goddess! It hurts!”

Kaiser pulled her onto his lap. Six hands rubbed her legs and her arms.

“Zoe said goddess gifted go insane if they live long enough,” she whispered in mind link.

“That’s not going to be you, darling,” Kaiser said, “We won’t let that happen.”

They kept holding her and trying to soothe her. Eventually, Alpha Ulric joined them, and they drove back to New Dawn. Alaric told his father and the Delta team guards what was going on in mind link.

“Take care of her,” Alpha Ulric said. “Xavier’s wolf is likely to die in the night. If she feels that, well, I can’t imagine. She’ll need the comfort only her mates can bring. I’m going to call a pack meeting and inform everyone what’s going on with their future Luna and that they need to keep it in the pack.”

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Chapter 72 Even If I'm Like This ?

Kaiser carried Thea up to their room, sat on their bed, and put her between his legs. She leaned back against his chest as he rubbed her arms and kissed his mark on her neck. Alaric had a sundae brought up for her.

“This is what you guys smell like,” Thea said. “Vanilla, hot fudge, and caramel.” She pointed to Alaric, Conri, and Kaiser in turn. “Is this my favorite dessert?”

“Yeah,” Alaric said.

She gave a weak smile. She felt a little better the farther away she got from Xavier, but Moonlit was a neighboring pack. They were still close. She had a few bites of the sundae while Kaiser held her and Conri sat on the floor, holding onto her leg, rubbing it up and down.

“What do you need? What can we do?” Alaric said.

She looked up at Alaric. She sensed that he knew what she needed better than she did. She reached out for him.

“Come closer,” she said. He took the sundae and set it on the dresser, then stood next to her. She leaned her head against his hip and wrapped her arm around his waist. Her other hand raked through Conri’s hair. Kai held her from behind. Already the sparks from all three of her mates were combating the pain. “You guys really love me?”

“Yes,” they answered without hesitation.

“You want to be with me forever?” Thea said.

“Yes.”

“Even if I’m like this?”

“Yes.”

She sighed. Alaric's vanilla scent filled her nose.

"You feel the sparks like I do?" Thea said.

"Yes."

She let instinct guide her. Her hands went to Alaric's jeans and unbuttoned them. She pulled his pants down and looked up at him. The flutters in her heart felt good. One hand went to his cock and brought it into her mouth. The other went to his hip to steady them. The sparks inside her mouth overpowered the pain she felt in her canines. She made needy noises as he grew hard in her mouth.

"You like this, my love?" Alaric said to her in mind link.

Her thoughts were unintelligible at first. Just pure desire, arousal, pleasure.

"I don't know what we used to do, but this feels like something I need. You feel like something I need," Thea thought to Alaric, looking up into his eyes. She took him deeper, and she nearly came. He lit a fire inside every cell in her body. "Goddess, you taste so good," she thought. 2 Alaric was looking down at her, trying to temper his feelings. He didn't want to overwhelm her before she was comfortable with them. He was relieved, happy, hopeful. He put his hand on his mark on her shoulder. It sent pleasure through both of them.

"Goddess, that feels so good," Thea thought to him.

Kaiser found the tie on her dress and pulled it open. He pulled the sleeves down and off her shoulders. Thea lifted her arms out and brought her hands back to Alaric, Kaiser lifted Thea onto his legs, and Conri tossed the dress to the side. Kaiser pushed Thea's legs over his, then parted his legs, so Thea was spread wide for Conri.

"I remember you liked this position quite a bit,"

Kaiser thought to her.

“I can see why.” Thea thought she hooked her
fort behind Kaiser’s calves to anchor herself
Conni ripped her panties off and buried his face in her, breathing in deep
Hellcked, sucked, and
nubbed his face back and forth
“You taste so good, babe,” Couri said in mind
link. “You smell so good. Goddess, I love your
pussy.”

“That’s great news,” Thea thought to him.

“Because I love what you’re doing, Conri.”

Kaiser kissed his mark on her neck, and it sent shivers throughout her
body. He unhooked her bra and tossed it across the room. His hands ran
up and down her front, caressing, brushing past her nipples, sending
sparks everywhere.

“I’m going to come soon,” Alaric said in mind
link.

“Will you be able to keep going after you come?”
Thea said in mind link.

“With you? Always,” Alaric said in mind link to
her.

“Then do it. I want to taste you,” Thea thought to
him.

Alaric came in her mouth while they looked into each other’s eyes. She
sucked his cum down like he was a straw, and she was dying of thirst for
him.

“Goddess, you taste so good,” Thea thought to him. She felt sparks all
the way down her throat and into her belly. She started to come right
after him. He pulled out of her mouth, leaned down, and kissed her as
her hips rolled against Conri’s
face.

“Can you taste yourself on me?” she thought to
Alaric.

“Yes, and it turns me on tasting myself on you,” Alaric said in mind link.
“You’re mine, and I’m yours.”

Before she knew it, Conri and Alaric switched places. Conri leaned down to kiss her, and she understood what Alaric was talking about. She tasted herself on Conri, and it brought her arousal to a new level.

“Does it bother you that I just had Alaric’s cock and cum in my mouth? Can you taste it? Is it gross to you?” Thea thought to Conri.

“No,” Conri said in mind link, “I never taste Kai or Alaric on you. I only ever taste, smell, and feel you. I think we’re immune to each other.”

“Yeah, what he said,” Kaiser piped in. “I’m glad we’re immune to each other.”

“Yeah,” Alaric said in mind link. “A gift from the goddess, I’m sure.”

“Remind me to thank the goddess for that, for you, for all of this,” Thea thought.

Thea got to work getting Conri’s clothes off while Alaric ate her out. He was so different down there. Where Conri was wild, Alaric was deliberate. He put so much emotion in every movement. She felt like he was worshipping her. She could feel his love for her in every touch. She was sure he saw parts of her she didn’t know existed.

She took Conri into her mouth, and he threaded his fingers into her hair. She felt his raw emotion, unfiltered, unrestrained. The man was obsessed with her. She knew he would love her even if she didn’t get her memories back. He needed her. She wanted to show him that she wanted him too. She wanted to make him happy. She tried to share that feeling with him as she worked him.

“Where do you want me to come, babe?” Conri said in mind link.

“In my mouth,” she thought to him. “I want to taste you.”

He came then pulled out of her mouth slowly.

“I love you so much, babe,” Conri said in mind link. He leaned down and kissed her, then moved to his mark.

Alaric had her on the edge this whole time. She was grinding against him. Kaiser and Conri both bit down on their marks, and Thea cried out, freezing as her climax hit hard. Alaric helped her ride it out.

She unhooked her feet from Kaiser’s legs. He heard her thoughts and lifted her as he stood up. She turned around to face him. Thea bit her lip. Her eyes fell to his erection. She blushed as she touched it through his jeans.

“You don’t have to be shy with me,” Kaiser thought to her. “Remember, I’m yours.”

Thea rubbed him up and down, then undid his jeans and pushed them down along with his boxers. She lifted his shirt, and then everyone was naked.

“How do you like it?” Thea thought to Kaiser.

“I like it a lot of ways,” he thought to her.

“How do you want it right now?”

There was a flash of a romantic embrace, Kaiser on top of her in their bed-his hand cupping her cheek, Thea looking into his eyes, saying, “I love you.”

“I’ll take whatever you want to give me,” Kaiser thought to her.

“What if I want you to make love to me?” she thought. She wanted to give him his fantasies.

He cupped her cheek and brushed his thumb along her lower lip. He pulled it down, then took

it in between his lips and sucked on it gently.

“I will always give you what you want,” Kaiser thought. He picked her up and laid her on the bed. He kissed her then moved down her body, kissing her as he went. Soon Kaiser’s head was between her legs, and Conri and Alaric laid on either side of her, kissing and caressing her top half.

“Kaiser, I want to feel you inside me,” Thea thought to him after he made her come several times.

“I think I need to tire you out so you can sleep through whatever pain you might feel tonight,” Kaiser thought. “Or we could keep doing this all night.”

Thea felt a surge of emotion. She thought it might be love, but she hadn’t even known him for a full day How could that be ?

“I don’t know how I can trust you this much after only knowing you for a day,” Thea thought to him. “I want you, I need you closer. I want to feel you inside me. I want to feel you come.”

Kaiser looked up from between her legs. “Are you sure ?” he thought. She nodded. He got up from the bed, retrieved a condom, and rolled it on. He crawled onto the bed. Thea sat up.

“Why do we need a condom ? Are you having sex with other people ?” Thea said out loud.

“No,” Kaiser said. “You’re the only person we’ve ever been with.”

“Then why ?”

His face softened, and she immediately felt pain from all three of the triplets.

“You were injured a while ago,” Kaiser said. “We can’t try to get you pregnant until the doctor okays it.”

“Or else ?” Thea said.

“We don’t know for sure,” Kaiser said.

She could feel the fear in the triplets, the loss. “Can I have pups? Will I be able to have pups?”

“We don’t know yet,” Alaric said.

She took a ragged breath. Conri and Alaric rubbed her back.

“I don’t know why that’s so important to me,” she said, tears running down her cheeks. “I

haven’t even thought about it before now.”

“It was important to you before,” Kaiser said.

She looked into each of their eyes.

“And to you guys,” she said. She could feel it through the mate bond.

Kaiser cupped her cheek and wiped her tears away with his thumb.

“If I could fix everything for you, I would,” Kaiser said.

“So would we,” Alaric and Conri said in mind link while they kissed her shoulders.

Thea sighed. “Why do you guys love me? I can feel that you do, but I don’t understand why. Is it just the mate bond?”

“We’ve loved you since we were kids,” Alaric said. “The mate bond only kicked in when we shifted for the first time about five weeks ago.”

“We’ve loved you ever since we can remember,”

Conri said.

“The mate bond has enhanced the feelings we have for you – the sparks, the mark, feeling your

emotions, hearing your thoughts—but we’ve always loved you,” Kaiser said.

“Why?”

“The goddess made you for us, and us for you,” Kaiser said.

“I feel like I’m nothing but trouble,” Thea said.

Kaiser smiled. “I like trouble.”

She reached behind his neck and pulled him to her. She laid back down,

lip-locked. He crawled over her and gently lowered himself down, still kissing her.

“I don’t know anything,” Thea thought. “Except how you make me feel.”

“How do I make you feel?” Kaiser thought.

“Safe. Loved. Turned on.” Her legs slid up and down his sides, her fingers dug into his back. “Goddess, you have so much muscle. How can I feel so safe with you when I barely know you?”

“Because I love you,” Kaiser thought. He pushed his top half up so he could look at her face. He hovered above her, nose to nose. He could feel what she wanted, and he smiled at her. He adjusted his hips so he was at her entrance. She wrapped her legs around him, begging.

He pushed in slowly, and she gasped. The sensation was like nothing she could’ve imagined. Yes, there were sparks, but she could feel all his emotions and hear his thoughts like his soul was inside her. Like they were one. She felt complete and safe. Warm from the inside He was making up for all she lacked-in memory, in knowledge, everything. He made her whole. Tears spilled over and down the sides of her face. Conri and Alaric rubbed her sides, her legs, her arms. They caressed their own marks on her. She reached out and held their hands.

Kaiser slowly pumped in and out of her. Kaiser felt her emotions and heard her thoughts. She wanted him to be in charge, to tell her how to feel, tell her what to do, to take care of everything. He felt her trust in him, and it made his heart overflow. He felt that she wanted to follow him everywhere and have him tell her what she should do. She was at his mercy, and she wanted it that way.

“I’ll take care of you, I promise,” Kaiser thought

to her.

She surrendered completely to him. Kaiser felt Thea in ways he only dreamed. She had no walls to block him. She needed him. Wanted him. Trusted him. She was so vulnerable, and she didn't try to hide it from him. Instead, she

latched onto him, completely open. He soaked her in greedily.

He kissed her, held her face, and looked into her eyes. When she came, he was lost in her. The way her face looked, her glazed eyes, her parted lips, the sounds she made. He let himself release while he stared at her. Eventually, he kissed her again.

"I'll be right back," Kaiser said. He pulled out of her, got up, quickly cleaned up, then came back to the bed. He laid on his back and pulled Thea into him.

They fell asleep, holding onto each other.

The Alpha made an announcement to the entire pack in mind link while she was sleeping.

"Undoubtedly, you all know something is going on. Last night was interesting."

Howls in agreement.

"Your future Luna got her wolf last night. As many of you have suspected, Thea is goddess gifted. We're still figuring out what her gift is. You all remember the myths. We must keep this knowledge within the pack for her safety and our own. As you all know, there have been attempts on her life. Rogues and witches have been sneaking onto our land. She didn't shift on her birthday because her wolf knew it wasn't safe. Her wolf had to hide so the enemy would think she didn't have magic. It worked. There hasn't been a rogue or witch sighting in weeks. Her wolf sensed it was safe, and she shifted last night. However, because she left her, their bond broke. It pushed Thea out. We all called out to the moon goddess to return Thea

last night, and she did, but for the time being, Thea has no memory of her former life. We don't know if she'll get her memory back or not. Have patience and remain vigilant. I will keep you updated on any developments."

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Chapter 73 Death of a Wolf

Xavier's wolf died early in the morning. Thea was awake for it. She didn't want to bother the triplets, so she laid in their arms as they slept, tears flowing. She knew it wasn't Zoe dying, but it felt like it was. She kept asking if she was still there.

Even though she heard his father shout out all the heinous crimes Xavier committed, she felt the urge to go to him and comfort him as he slowly died in agony. She wondered if he regretted any of his actions. He didn't seem to yesterday when he attacked her.

She knew he couldn't be allowed to have the power of an Alpha. He destroyed everything he touched. The loss of any life was sad, though. Life was precious. What a waste.

Thea needed to know why he was evil. Was he always bad, or did he go bad? How do people decide that hurting others is what they should do? Or are they born like that? She didn't want to believe that. She needed to talk to Xavier before he passed.

Alaric woke up first, and she put on a brave face. Alaric kissed his mark and ran his hand over her hip.

"How are you, my love?" he said, voice deep and sexy.

“Mmm. Better now,” she said. She ran her fingers through his dark hair. “I want to mark you, but I don’t want it to be tainted with whatever’s going on with Xavier. Do you have any thoughts on that?”

“I want you to mark me as soon as you feel up to it,” Alaric said. “I can tell your canines still hurt.”

Thea nodded. “I don’t think I can use them right now.”

“I understand, my love.” He caressed her cheek above her canine

“There’s something I need to do,” Thea said.

“What?” Alaric said.

“I need to talk to Xavier before he dies. How do I make that happen?”

“We’d need to talk to his father. We can ask his brother at school today. I’m sure they’d let you.”

Thea nodded. Alaric caressed her, planting little kisses everywhere he could reach, until Conri and Kaiser woke up.

They got ready and went to school. Thea didn’t know her way around, but it didn’t matter since they had all their classes together. The triplets transferred into her third hour class to be with her nonstop.

Since Thea marked Kaiser, he felt an even greater need for her. He couldn’t stop touching her. Alaric and Conri understood, and they let him keep her close. Thea held onto Kaiser, asked him in mind link about everything. Who people were, how she should respond, where she should go. He was in heaven all day with Thea looking to him for everything.

Thea thought it was kind of weird Kaiser had her sit on his lap during classes.

“Do we usually do this?” Thea thought.

“Yes,” they all said to her in mind link.

“Usually, we take turns, but we understand the pull of the mark,” Alaric said.

“And no one has a problem with it?”

“We’re Alphas. You’re marked and mated. It’s expected. No one would say anything, even if they did have a problem with it. You’re ours, and everyone needs to know.”

“So it’s like marking your territory?”

They laughed in mind link. “I guess.”

Everyone at school was talking about Xavier. How bad a person he was, how he disgraced the title of Alpha, how he screamed when his father ripped out his canines, what horrible but fitting punishment it was, how people wish they could’ve seen it. They said he ran when he knew he was caught. He hid for a week like a rogue, but Thea Lyall found him, beat him in single combat, he submitted to her Alpha command, and she turned him into his pack for punishment, even though she could have taken him out right there. It was Thea that uncovered his crimes in the first place. His name would forever be linked with hers. A lot of people congratulated her and told her good job in the hall.

Thea didn’t pay much attention to the gossip. She was too busy feeling Xavier’s pain.

The triplets sought out Garret at lunch.

“Could we come over to your pack after school?”

Thea wants to talk to Xavier,” Alaric said.

“I’m sure it will be fine,” Garret said. “If you want, you can come home with me.”

“Perfect,” Alaric said.

“Don’t expect much,” Garret said. “He’s not remorseful. He’s not hiding his ugliness anymore. I don’t know if you’ll get anything out of him.”

“I understand,” Thea said. “How are you doing?”

Garret looked down. “I don’t know.”

Thea put her hand on Garret’s shoulder. Kaiser stifled the jealousy he felt at Thea touching another male. He could feel her. He knew she wasn’t flirting but comforting him. He had never been the jealous type.

Suddenly, he knew why Caleb and Conri had to scent Thea at the slightest provocation. He was hugging her from behind, and he tightened his hold of her.

“You’re nothing like him,” Thea said to Garret.

She squeezed his shoulder.

“Why did he turn out this way? We were raised the same, Garret said.

“That’s what I want to know,” Thea said. She gave his shoulder another squeeze then released

it. “We’ll see you after school.”

The triplets led her to their usual table for lunch.

“I can’t believe what I’m hearing,” a platinum blonde girl said as she sat down at their table. “You beat Xavier in single combat? Did you shift?”

She gasped when her eyes saw Kaiser’s neck. “You marked Kai? You did shift!”

“Kai?” Thea thought. “Your dad and Conri called you that too.”

“That’s what everyone calls me,” Kaiser thought to her.

“Should I call you Kai?”

“If you want.”

“Hmm.”

“Thea? What’s going on?” Misty said.

“Who is that? I feel the need to protect her,” Thea thought to Kai.

“Misty. She’s an Alpha’s daughter of a friendly pack and a friend,” he thought to her.

“Um, yeah,” Thea said out loud. “I guess it was

Sunday night. I got my wolf.”

Misty gasped. “Congratulations! I know how badly you wanted that.”

“Thanks,” Thea said.

Misty looked at her strangely. “You don’t seem excited. What’s wrong?”

Lizzy sat down next to Misty. “She has amnesia. Doesn’t remember anyone or anything,” Lizzy said.

“What?” Misty said. She looked at Lizzy, the triplets, Thea, then back at Lizzy.

“It’s a whole thing,” Lizzy said.

“So everyone at this school is a werewolf?” Thea said.

“Yeah, babe,” Conri said.

“Strange,” Thea said.

“Oh my goddess,” Misty said. “You guys must be dying inside. What can we do to help her get her memories back?”

“We don’t know if she will get her memories back. The mate bond is our lifeline. She trusts us, and we’re building on that,” Alaric said.

“I’ll see if I can find any information on it. People recover from amnesia all the time,” Misty said.

“It’s okay if she doesn’t, though,” Conri said. He kissed his mark on her shoulder.

“Of course,” Misty said. She looked at Thea, concern all over her face.

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Chapter 74 Using the Gift

After their last class, Thea and the triplets went with Garret Knight to his pack. His father, Alpha Knight, met them outside. He escorted them to

the dais, where Xavier sat tied to the silver pole. The closer Thea got to him, the more intense the pain became

The triplets walked away from the dais with the Knights, keeping them occupied while Thea sat in front of Xavier. The holes where his canines used to be were still oozing blood. They would never heal. There was a trail of blood, dried and fresh, all down his front.

“Xavier?” Thea said, pushing down her revulsion.

Xavier lifted his head and looked at Thea. He looked gaunt. He had dark circles around his eyes and sallow skin,

“Come to see your handiwork?” Xavier said. He coughed.

“I need to know why you treated people like they didn’t matter,” Thea said.

“I’m an Alpha. I take what I want.”

“And what other people want doesn’t matter?”

Thea said.

“Why would it?”

“Have you always thought so?”

“Whoever has the power makes the rules.”

“When you shifted and got your power, you took what was yours.”

“Yeah.”

“Your father taught you that being Alpha meant taking care of your pack.”

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“He was wrong.”

“You believe that?” Thea said. “You’re dying. You were punished in the worst way possible. Everyone despises you because of what you did.

Everyone agrees it was wrong. You still believe what you did was right?”

He stared at her. “I’d keep doing it if I could.”

“Why? Have you never cared about anyone in your entire life?”

“Care about people? Why? They’re no better than toys.”

“I know you weren’t raised to think this way. What happened that made you think this was okay? Or were you born like this? Is it a mistake in genetic coding?”

“I’m not the one with the problem,” Xavier said. More blood and saliva dripped from his mouth,

“How can you possibly not see the error in your thinking? If the whole world was like you—”

“There’d be a lot less trash in the world,” Xavier said.

“You’re going to die. You don’t feel regret?” Thea said.

“My only regret is not killing you before you made this mess.”

“Have you killed other people?”

He smirked. “No one knows half of what I’ve done.”

“You killed people. Humans? In the city?” Thea said.

“And unshifted wolves from faraway packs when I got the chance.”

“How many?” Her voice quavered.

“Like it matters,” Xavier said.

“What did you do with the bodies?”

“Wolves eat meat.”

Thea suppressed the urge to vomit.

“Is there anything left of your victims? Bones? Do you have a burial ground where the families can find closure?”

Xavier rolled his eyes.

“Even dogs eat bones,” he said.

There was nothing left of his victims. Their families would never get closure.

This wasn’t normal. Thea wouldn’t accept that Xavier chose to be this way. She needed to feel deeper.

“Alaric, come here,” Thea thought. Alaric joined her on the dais.

“What’s up?” Alaric said.

“Will you sit next to him?” Thea said.

Alaric sat down. Thea got up on her knees. She put a hand on each of their heads. She focused on their brains. Alaric felt good. Like a well-oiled machine. Xavier was different. There was less going on in his brain. Parts of it didn’t work. Why though? Then it came to her. Those parts had never worked. He didn’t get enough resources in the womb. He was a twin. The twin died in the womb and was resorbed, but it was too late for Xavier. His brain didn’t develop right.

“Zoe?” Thea thought.

“Yeah?” Zoe said.

“Can we fix his brain?”

“He’s dying, Thea,” Zoe said. “There’s nothing we can do about that.”

“I know, but is it possible?” Thea thought to her.

“Go ahead and try. I guess we can use him as practice.”

“How?”

“Feel,” Zoe said. “Your magic naturally wants to help things be their best version. Feel what’s there, make the intention that it be its best version, your magic will react to the DNA and know what to fix, then push your magic into him.”

Thea closed her eyes. She opened herself to Xavier’s brain and thought

about it being whole, all the dead or broken parts being fixed. She felt something build inside her. She imagined pushing it into Xavier's head. She felt a rush leave her. She opened her eyes and watched Xavier as the energy kept flowing out of her.

Xavier swayed and passed out. Alaric watched with a curious expression. Thea kept the energy flowing until it slowed and stopped on its own. She felt into Xavier's brain again. She coaxed the electrical currents through to the formally blank zones.

"Xavier," Thea said. She shook his shoulder.

He lifted his head. He swayed. He opened his eyes, but it took a moment for them to focus. He looked into Thea's. The harshness in his eyes was gone, replaced with confusion.

"What did you do to me?" Xavier said. His voice was different. "Oh goddess. Oh goddess. What have I done? What did I do? I don't want to feel this. I don't want to remember. Just let me die."

"What do you remember?" Thea said.

"All the people I hurt. I killed. Ugh! Like they weren't living beings. Oh goddess, What was wrong with me?"

"Xavier, your brain was damaged. You didn't have empathy. It wasn't your fault," Thea said.

Alaric scrunched his eyebrows together.

"Why did you fix me now?" Xavier said. Tears poured down his face, washing away the blood. "I don't want to know what I've done. Why didn't you just let me die?"

"Are you sorry for what you did?" Thea said.

"It doesn't matter. What I've done is unforgivable. I can never make up for what I've done. I don't deserve to live."

"Do you regret what you did?" Thea said.

Xavier looked up toward the sky. "Goddess, why did you let me do those things? Why did you let me live if I was defective? My wolf hated me. You should have killed me in the womb."

Xavier crumpled over, sobbing. Thea felt remorse, disgust, horror, and so much more in

Xavier

"I'm sorry, Xavier." Thea said "Let's go, Alaric

Alaric got up and offered Thea his arm She took his arm and got a feeling of deja vu like she'd done it before Something itched inside her brain

"What was that all about?"* Alaric said

"I'll tell you when we get home," Thea said

They walked back to Garret and Alpha Knight

"I think I reached him," Thea said. "If you want to talk to him, now might be the time."

Alpha Knight looked at her curiously

"What did he say to you?" Garret said

"I think he got a conscience in the eleventh hour He seems genuinely remorseful. He confessed to some stuff You might not want to know If you

do, maybe you should hear it from him."

Alpha Knight started walking to his son. Garret gave Thea one last look then ran after his father.