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I BRACED MYSELF, EXPECTING TO see the _____Proper Noun_____ _____Noun - Plural_____ appear again with some last minute ?advice.? Instead I saw _____Noun_____!?

I ran across the _____Verb - Past Tense_____ I?d appeared in and threw my _____Pronoun_____ around him. He _____Verb - Past Tense_____ me back just as _____Adverb_____ and _____Verb - Past Tense_____ me off the ground.

_____Noun_____ _____Species_____,? he said, once he put me down again. His arms _____Verb - Past Tense_____ around my waist. ?I?ve missed you.?

?I?ve missed you too.? And I meant it. The last couple days and their _____Adjective_____ events had completely _____Verb - Past Participle_____ my life, and being with himeven in a _____Verb - Present Tense_____ comforting. I stood on my _____Noun - Plural_____ and _____Verb - Past Tense_____ him, enjoying a small moment of _____Noun_____ and peace as our _____Verb - Past Participle_____ met.

?Are you okay?? he asked when I broke away. ?No one?ll tell me much about you. Your old man says you?re _____Adjective_____ and that the Alchemist would let him know if anything went wrong.?

I didn?t bother telling Adrian that that probably wasn?t true, seeing as Abe didn?t know we?d gone _____Determiner_____ with some backwoods _____Species_____.

?I?m fine,? I assured Adrian. ?Mostly _____Adjective_____. We?re holed up in this dive of a town. I don?t think anyone will come _____Verb - Present Tense_____ for us. I don?t think they?d want to.?

A look of _____Preposition or subordinating conjunction_____ spread over his _____Adjective_____ face, and it occurred to me just how _____Verb - Past Tense_____ he was. ?I?m glad. _____Proper Noun_____, you can?t _____Verb_____ what it?s like. They aren?t just _____Verb - Present Tense_____ people who might have been involved. The guardians are making all sorts of plans to hunt you down. There?s all this talk about _____Adverb_____ _____Noun_____.??

?Well, they won?t find me. I?m somewhere pretty _____Adjective_____.? Very _____Noun_____.

?I wish I could have _____Preposition or subordinating conjunction_____ with you.?

He still looked concerned, and I pressed a _____piece of a body_____ to his _____piece of a body_____. ?No. Don?t say that. You?re better off where you areand better not to be associated with me any more than you already are. Have you been questioned??

?Yeah, they didn?t get anything useful out of me. Too tight an alibi. They brought me in when I went to find Mikhail because we talked to?

?I know. Joe.?

Adrian?s surprise was brief. ?Little _____Species_____, you?ve been spying.?

?It?s

hard not to.?

?You know, as much as I like the idea of having someone always know when you?re in _____Proper Noun_____, I?m still kind of glad I don?t have anyone bound to me. Not sure I?d want them looking in my head.?

?I don?t think anyone would want to look in your head either. One _____Noun_____ living _____Proper Noun_____ _____Proper Noun_____ life is hard enough.? _____Proper Noun_____ flickered in his eyes, but it faded when I switched back to business. ?Anyway, yeah. I overheard Lissa?s . . . um, _____Noun_____ of Joe.

That?s serious stuff. What did _____Proper Noun_____ say? If Joe lied, that clears half the evidence against me.? It also theoretically _____Verb - Past Participle_____ _____Proper Noun_____ alibi.

?Well, not quite half. It would have been better if Joe said you were in your room during the murder instead of admitting he?s a _____Noun_____ who doesn?t remember anything. It also would have been better if he hadn?t said all this under _____Proper Noun_____ compulsion. _____Proper Noun_____ can?t report that.?

I sighed. Hanging out with _____Noun_____ users, I?d started to take compulsion for granted. It was easy to forget that among Moroi, it was taboo, the kind of thing you?d get in serious trouble for. In fact, _____Proper Noun_____ wouldn?t just get in trouble for illicitly using it. She could also be accused

of simply making Joe say whatever she wanted. Anything he said in my favor would be suspect. No one would believe it.

?Also,? added Adrian, looking dismayed, ?if what Joe said gets out, the world would learn about my mother?s _____Noun - Plural_____ acts of _____emotion_____.

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?I?m sorry,? I said, putting my _____piece of a body_____ around him. He complained about his parents all the time but really did care about his mother.

Finding out about her bribery had to be tough for him, and I knew Tatiana?s _____Adverb_____ still pained him. It seemed I was around a lot of men

in anguish lately. ?Although, I really am glad she cleared you of any connection.?

?It was stupid of her. If anyone finds out, she?ll be in serious trouble.?

?What?s _____Noun_____ _____Adverb_____ then??

?He?s going to find _____Verb_____ and question him privately. Go from there. For now, there?s not much more we can do with the info. It?s useful

for us . . . but not for the legal _____Noun_____.?

?Yeah,? I said, trying not to feel disheartened. ?I guess it?s better than nothing.?

Adrian nodded and then brushed away his dark _____Preposition or subordinating conjunction_____ in that easy way of his. Still keeping his _____piece of a body_____ around me, he pulled back

slightly, smiling as he looked down at me. ?Nice _____artical of clothing_____, by the way.?

The

topic change caught me by surprise, though I should have been used to it with him by now. Following his gaze, I noticed I was

wearing an old _____artical of clothing_____ of mine, the _____Adjective_____ _____color_____ _____artical of clothing_____ I?d had on when Victor had unleashed a _____emotion_____ _____Jewelry_____ on Dimitri and me. Since Adrian hadn?t dressed me for the dream, my subconscious had dictated my appearance. I was kind of astonished it had chosen this.

?Oh . . .? I suddenly felt _____emotion_____ but didn?t know why. ?My own _____artical of clothing_____ are kind of _____Noun_____ up. I guess I wanted something to counteract that.?

?Well, it looks good on you.? Adrian?s _____piece of a body_____ slid along the strap. ?Really good.?

Even in a dream, the touch of his _____piece of a body_____ made my _____piece of a body_____ tingle. ?Watch it, Ivashkov. We?ve got no time for this.?

?We?re asleep. What else are we going to do??

My protests were muffled in a _____Action_____. I sank into it. One of his hands slid down the side of my _____piece of a body_____, near the _____artical of clothing_____ edge, and it took a lot of mental energy to convince myself that him pulling the _____artical of clothing_____ up was probably not going to clear my name. I _____Adverb_____ moved back.

?We?re going to figure out who killed Tatiana,? I said, trying to catch my breath.

?There?s

no we,?? he said, echoing the line I?d just used on Victor. ?There?s me. And Lissa. And Christian. And the rest of our misfit

friends.? He stroked my hair and then drew me close again, brushing a _____Preposition or subordinating conjunction_____ against my cheek. ?Don?t worry, little _____Species_____. You take

care of yourself. Just stay where you are.?

?I can?t,? I said. ?Don?t you get it? I can?t just do nothing.? The words were out of my mouth before I could stop them. It was one thing

to protest my inactivity with Dimitri, but with Adrian, I needed to make him and everyone else at Court think I was doing the ?right thing.

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?You have to. We?ll take care of you.? He didn?t get it, I realized. He didn?t understand how badly I needed to do something to help. To

his credit, his intentions were good. He thought taking care of me was a big deal. He wanted to keep me safe. But he didn?t truly get

how agonizing inaction was for me. ?We?ll find this person and stop them from doing whatever it is . . . they want to do. It might take a

long time, but we?ll fix it.?

?Time . . .? I murmured against his chest, letting the argument go. I?d get nowhere convincing him I needed to help my friends, and

anyway,

I had my own quest now. So much to do, so little time. I stared off into the landscape he?d created. I?d noticed trees and

flowers earlier but only now realized we were in the Church?s courtyardthe way it had been before Abe?s assault . The statue of

Queen Alexandra stood intact, her long hair and kind eyes immortalized in stone. The murder investigation really was in my friends?

hands for now, but Adrian had been right: it might take a while. I sighed. ?Time. We need more time.?

Adrian pulled away slightly. ?Hmm? What?d you say??

I stared up at him, biting my lower lip as a million thoughts spun through my mind. I looked again at Alexandra and made my

decision, wondering if I was about to set new records in foolishness. I turned back to Adrian and squeezed his hand.

?I said we need more time. And I know how we can get it . . . but . . . well, there?s something you have to do for me. And you, uh,

probably shouldn?t mention it to Lissa yet . . .?

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