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###WARNING LANGUAGE###

Kathy was starting to feel something and realized it was the fact that she was sober. Well not entirely but as sober as she has ever been for years. She was still handcuffed to the bed by her left arm. The mean FBI lady stayed true to her promise.

Kathy told them all she could remember, well she left out her involvement in it all. Trying to make her look like she was taken advantage of due to her drinking problem. Something in the Agent's eyes though told Kathy that she didn't believe that she was innocent.

She also told them that she wanted immunity for her testimony. They never said that they agreed, there wasn't an option for them though if

they wanted evidence and a witness they were going to have to offer up a deal.

She was feeling pretty good about her chances, as long as James or Avery don't find her and mess it all up. It wouldn't matter though because she would be added to the pile of half eaten corpses at the bottom of the ravine.

Still, she had Nova anyway she would vouch for her and if things came to the worse she could always offer up Nova to James again. He would take the deal that left Avery. Blackmail will take care of his sorry ass. Either way, she intended to come out of this mess clean.

She was always very good at looking out for herself. Something she learned at an early age, everyone always harping on her to quit the

drinking. If she fucking wanted to drink herself till she was dead, that was her business.

Sheriff Avery and James were sitting in the Sheriff's truck. They had decided that it would be best if they took out the ones who had seen the most or did deals with them. That included that nosey bitch Maggi who lived a mile from James.

Avery wanted nothing connecting him with Maggi, she was a well respected woman in their small world and her disappearance will be noticed. She lived alone, so at least they don't have to worry about witnesses.

He didn't care one way or the other about her, she just wasn't his type. She had too much red hair, red hair was unique but at the same time he

thought that it was creepy.

He was going to have some fun with her anyway. Scare her really good and then drag her off into the night for the kill.

They wanted to take out the hotel clerk first but the FBI was camped out there and so it made him untouchable for now. There were also two more in town that will have to be dealt with, a couple of losers that sold drugs for Avery. No one was going to miss them though.

Avery was also going to put on the face of the angry Sheriff because the missing persons were now coming from his territory. James was going to do the killing from behind the scenes. Once it was done though he was going to hunt down Nova and make her pay. Unfortunately, he won't be able to keep her.

She and her lover will find themselves at the bottom of the ravine with the rest of his bear's dead toys.

Maggi Snyder's mother raised no fool, she was fully aware that the Sheriff and his cronies, were going to visit her. She had her car out front, around back though is her father's old truck. She had it parked and concealed as a second escape route.

She had all her weapons in places that would be of good use to her. Her handguns were both in holsters one in a shoulder harness and the other in the back waistband of her jeans. Even the crossbow was loaded and locked in the truck along with a shotgun.

Keys to her car and truck were ready to go in her pockets. She installed motion detectors and lights all over

the place including two in the path that went into the woods. There wasn't a direction that they could come at her that she wouldn't be alerted.

Maybe she was being paranoid or her happy meal was short a fry or two, But she was convinced that the bear that had been sniffing around a while ago, was somehow tied to those two assholes.

She had her cell phone with her, that was a fifty-fifty thing though living in the hills. She also had mace and a taser handy as well. She had go bags in the truck and the car. The doors were all locked as well as the windows, most were boarded up leaving an intruder the only few options, that she had made for them.

Holding her cell in her hand with that FBI Agents number on speed dial. She

didn't want to bother him till she was sure she was a target.

Turning off all the lights, she waited in the silent darkness for the attack to begin.
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Nova was over the moon she had real family, a real family that wasn't five ways to Sunday messed up.

They both had the same green eyes. She always wondered if she got them from him or some other relative. She sat back down as Jack brought her some water. She couldn't help but smile. Then she remembered that he was also FBI, it was time to tell the whole story and get justice.

"As you know my full name is November Jane Foster I am 19 almost 20. I have lived a life of shit. A mother who named her daughter

after the month she was born in and a second name from the nurse's name tag."

"I don't remember much of the early years, but I do remember a lot of stuff as I got older."

"Kathy would have one crummy guy after another, I was lucky that none of them took an interest in me. I did get slapped around some if I wasn't fast enough. I didn't always have enough to eat. I never got anything from Kathy, except her hand-me downs."

"Not a birthday present, nor Christmas gifts. Nothing. I am telling you this for a reason."

"Not one of Kathy's men ever was interested in me except for the creep she married. James Springer."

"I don't know his background or

anything really about his past, what I do know he gives me nightmares."

"She pulled out a necklace from under her shirt and handed it to David. That necklace was the very first and only present that Kathy has ever given me. It came off of one of James's victims. It is a locket."

"They didn't even have the sense to open it and remove the picture and the engraved name before giving it to me. I made the owner of that necklace a promise that I would see that she gets justice and maybe is brought home again."

"There is something off about James, I didn't put it together till after I met Jack. He told me about his bear and shifters. I think James may be a shifter too. Perhaps a bear as well."

David and Jack looked at each other, *Jack had heard most of her story

already but this part was new. Hearing it all again made Jack pissed, David was looking the same way.

David was blaming himself for not being there for her. He should have gone looking for Kathy. He could have made life different for his little girl. It made him and his bear Finnick angry as hell. Someone is going to pay. He didn't care if it cost him his job.

"There is a lot more I need to tell you, I know where you can get evidence on James, I can also tell you that the local Sheriff know's everything that James does. They are hardly ever apart."

Nova told them all about the shed and what was in it. She told them about Kathy's new earrings and that Kathy had picked them out herself as well as the necklace for Nova. She got

them off the wall of cars. Kathy may not know all the details but she was in on it.

David was about to be sick, how the hell did Kathy become like this. Yeah, she had a few problems when he knew her but nothing like this. He couldn't believe that he had a relationship with her. It pissed him off, even more, to know that this is where Nova was living.

Finnick was even more pissed, he was to the point of shifting and running down that asshole and ripping him to shreds. Finnick wanted James and wasn't going to take a back seat. Finnick always claimed his prize.

David went over and knelt before Nova, taking her hands in his.

"I am so sorry that I wasn't there, I would of never let anything like that

ever happen to you. I would have spoiled you rotten. I promise to make things right again, I will give you and the victims the justice they deserve. Nothing will stop me."

"Dad, is it ok to call you that? Don't worry I was never angry at you. I knew you didn't know I existed. It was something that Kathy had always bragged about.

"Yes, I would love it if you called me Dad. Whatever you are comfortable with." 2

David got up and was about to get another cup of coffee when his cell phone started ringing.

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###WARNING language, violence and sex###

Maggi wasn't waiting long before the first light went off. She hit the call button on her phone, left a message on the voice mail, and got into position. She had a big black bear in her sights, it was a big one too the biggest she had ever seen.

Didn't matter though, the bigger they are the harder they fall. She decided to start with the rock salt, give the asshole bear a reason to leave first. If that doesn't work well then we move up to buckshot. The last resort was slugs. If the first two do not do the job, then the last surely will.

This bear was cocky, the light should have been his first clue to go away. No, this bold asshole is coming right

up to the front door. She put the barrel of the gun in her hidden slot just to the side of the door, aimed, and let the rock salt fly, hitting him in the shoulder at least.

She heard the bear let out a scream, the last thing she saw was his ass heading for the tree line. Now to see if this was a normal bear. If it is then that is the last she will hear of it.

If it isn't then he will be coming back, she grabbed the gun loaded with buckshot and waited.

That was when her phone rang.

"Hello?"

A very loud male voice was on the other end

"YOU'RE FUCKING DEAD."

Then he hung up.

Unfortunately for the caller, Maggi had recognized the voice of James Springer.

Just as she was deciding whether or not to stay or go, a car pulled up. It looked like the FBI has come at last to her rescue not that she needed it.

James was beyond pissed how dare that bitch rocksalt him. He shifted in the woods, in terrible stinging pain. It felt like he was stung by hornets and then rubbed salt in the wounds. It was rock salt so that is exactly what it was.

He was so pissed that he reached for his pants and pulled out his cell phone and dialed that bitch's number. She is so dead now. He intended to pay her back in kind, an eye for an eye bitch. He heard

footsteps behind him and already knew who it was.

Sheriff Avery looked down at James with his shoulder looking like it had gone through a red polka dot machine.

"Well, I guess the hag was packing after all. I always suspected it but it was never confirmed."

"You sent me in there knowing that bitch was armed?"

"I didn't know she was, I only suspected. Good thing your bear heals quickly, but I should think you're done for the night. The FBI pulled up to her house five minutes ago. Probably looking for more witnesses."

"I will wait till they leave and go at her again."

"NO, you will not, not tonight anyway. Don't you think that the FBI might find it just a little odd that the person they just questioned, comes up missing? Get up I will take you home. We are going to have to come up with another strategy."

They went out through a game trail and drove off to their houses for the night. James wanted nothing but a nice long shower and a beer. He then remembered that bitch Kathy had drunk them dry. 2

Agent David hung up the phone after talking with the other Agents. They were on their way. To Maggi Snyder's house to get her out of there.

It is ok now Nova your friend is safe and on her way here. I know it is short notice Jack but it is the only place I have right now. There isn't

exactly a selection of safe houses around.

They said that she wasn't leaving without her guns, thinking that it was just one or two. The woman is an arsenal. She also reported that just before they got there that she shot a huge black bear with rock salt.

Everyone started laughing at that news, so James was on the wrong end of a salt blaster. I hope she peppered him a good one.

David wasn't laughing.

"I am happy she got her shot, however, if he is as nuts as everyone has told me he is, then he is going to be beyond pissed and will want revenge. He isn't going to care about being quiet about it either."

Agent David had one more thing to tell his daughter, he wasn't sure how she was going to take it but she did have the right to know her family heritage.

He wasn't sure how to approach it, how often do you have to tell someone that they are half Grizzly Bear Shifter? 2

He was more than aware that she was Jack's mate, he was happy about that. She knows that Jack is a shifter. She doesn't know that her father is a shifter too. Let's not forget that there is still a chance she is one too.

"Nova, perhaps you should sit down before you go on your tour with Jack."

She sat down and Jack was right there at her side.

"You know about WereBears through Jack I am sure, but what you don't know is that I am a Grizzly too. My Bear's name is Finnick. That also

means that you being my daughter could also be a shifter. You are only half so you might not have a bear, we won't know that till your first Cycle."

"WereBear females go into their cycle, it is a lot like when werewolves go into heat. Until that happens we won't know if you have a bear or if you can shift." 2

Jack will know when you start your cycle. He will know what to do. So don't worry about that.

Nova just sat there with a blank look on her face. She looked at Jack and then her Dad.

She stood up and in a low calm voice...

"There is no way in hell that I am going into heat, you mean like the heat that the neighbors cat was in, rubbing herself up against anything

that will stand still and making mew sounds and rolling around on the ground purring. nope, not doing that."

Jack got her to sit back down, he had a silly grin on his face.

"It won't be like that, Nova we are not house cats, you are not going to act like a slutty kitty. I will take care of it all. The only ones who will know will be me and you."

She calmed down after that, still unsure, but calm.

"So what does it mean that I am half shifter? What are things I should know? Is it like on the animal planet channel, the female bears are a lot bigger than the males? Am I going to start craving fish, honey, and berries?" (5

*"Am I going to be shifted fully into a

bear or is it going to be more like a half and half thing?? Is it going to hurt? Am I going to hibernate in the winter months?"

Both David and Jack started laughing at all her questions. Jack pulled her in for a hug.

"My goddess I will tell you all you need to know and so will Brutus. We will answer any of your questions, just take a breath before you pass out."

She looked at David.

"Can I meet your bear?"

"Yes, princess you can meet Finnick, he is curious about you too." 2

David went behind the door in a closet and then a huge golden grizzly was walking towards them.

Kathy heard the Agent leave the cabin and her car drive off. Now was the time to get the hell out of here. She wanted to just stay but she knew that James will get her here. She twisted her wrist in the handcuffs, using her other hand she broke her wrist.

That wrist had been broken so many times she barely felt anything at all. She knew she couldn't go home, she was going to go to Avery's and get his help. He will get her out of here or she was going to tell him everything she knows and who else she planned on telling

She didn't tell the FBI everything. If Avery doesn't help her though, well it's never too late to make a deal.

The bedroom door was locked from the outside, they have to of had a lock put in. She knew these cabins

and they didn't have that on any of the doors. She went to the window it was nailed shut.

She took the only chair and swung it at the window. It made a loud crashing sound as the glass flew out everywhere. She waited for any kind of response that she alerted someone of her escape

Nothing but silence, she didn't have shoes on but that didn't matter she had been through worse. She made her way to the road and walked in the direction, of Avery's home. Once she was down the road a bit she took a shortcut through the woods.

She ran up to his door noticing that his truck was in the driveway. She knocked on the door frantically till the light on the porch came on and Avery opened the door.

She pushed past him gaining entry

into his home. He looked confused and not fully awake yet.

"Kathy? Where have you been, James has been looking all over for you."

"Oh, cut the shit, Avery. I know perfectly well what James has been doing and it ain't got nothing to do with me. I am here because for the last almost week I have been a guest of the FBI. She showed him her broken wrist."

"I am here because I need you to help me get out of here once and for all without James or Nova."

Avery narrowed his eyes in thought, he looked her up and down. She could see the gears in his head moving slowly.

"Well my dear Kathy, if you want me to play, you will have to pay. What have you got to pay me with?"

Kathy smiled, she knew exactly what the price was men were so easy to control. She started to unbutton her top.

He let his boxers drop to the floor.

"I know Kathy, that I don't have to tell you what to do with this."

She got down on her knees, it was going to be a long night. It will be worth it if it gets her the hell out of this backwoods life.

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##WARNING Dark sexual content, language and violence##

Jack took Nova around to meet the clan, everyone was happy that Jack had found such a lovely and kind mate. His second Sam was over the moon. Now he didn't have to worry about Jack as much.

Nova was truly happy with the clan, they seemed like a really big happy family. Everyone had a task even the young adults. The cubs were playing and having fun but also learning valuable skills for the future.

She could tell that some of the houses were fairly new, while others like the main house were a bit older in their design. Everyone was warm and friendly, even the warriors of the clan. She noticed that motorcycles

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seemed to be the preferred mode of transportation.

They even had a fairly new and large clan hospital, a library, and a large school. The whole place was self sufficient. There were greenhouses and areas where she could tell were big gardens. She giggled when she saw the big area of beehives.

It was a fantastic place she was in love with it already. Jack was well loved and respected by everyone. Their kitchen staff was beyond awesome. When they returned to the main house, she was a little tired. Jack insisted on carrying her up the stairs.

She knew he was spoiling her but sometimes it made her independent nature flare up. Still, she was liking being spoiled a little bit anyway. No one had ever given this much care to

her before. It was a strange feeling and yet it was a good feeling too.

When they reached their room, Jack put her down gently on the bed. She snuggled into it like a cocoon. She was a little bit overwhelmed and needed time to process it all. She hoped that Jack didn't think she was a coward.

Jack looked at her for a little bit, examining her expression.

"What are you thinking about? Whatever it is it looks like it is upsetting you."

"It is nothing really, I just think I need time to process all the information I learned today. It is a bit overwhelming all at once. I know that you love spoiling me but sometimes it clashes with my independent nature."

"Not that that is a bad thing, it is just stuff I will have to learn and adjust to."

"My Goddess when you said you were tired downstairs, I knew how you were feeling about everything being shown to you all once. Learning about your father, learning that you are half shifter, about that serial killer, and then there is your mother."

"I understand and during these times of extra stress you have to go through, I will be here to ease it as much as I possibly can. I love you, you are my mate. It is my happy duty to see to your care and happiness."

"I know that everything is moving fast, I have some friends that are coming over for a visit tomorrow that I would like you to meet. They are shifters but not bear. Werewolf and

Werecat. They are awesome and you are going to get along great with Luna Adira."

"It sounds awesome, I don't have any real friends other than Maggi and she is much older than me. I would love to meet them. Still, for the rest of today can I just relax in here and process everything. At least till dinner?"

"Anything you want Goddess, I will even arrange for us to have a pizza sent up and we will watch movies later this evening. Just you and Me."

Nova smiled and before she knew it she was sleeping like a log. Jack played with her hair for a little bit, he couldn't get enough just looking at her, he couldn't believe that she was his.

Maggi Snyder knew more about a lot of things than she ever let on. She knew of shifters, well werewolves. She didn't think that Bear shifters were too much of a stretch though to consider. That is why she was prepared for that Bear to come back.

The first thing she wanted to know is if Nova was here and was she ok. She wasn't going to answer any questions till they answered her. She thought of Nova as family, sometimes little sister, sometimes daughter.

The little cabin that they put her in was cozy and warm. She had a kitchen, living room, bedroom and bathroom, and a little laundry room by the back porch. She had all the food and supplies she could want. 2

Mr. Sexy FBI as she liked to call him, he was a handsome man. She could perv on him all night long. Hey, she is

getting older, she isn't dead. (2

David asked her all kinds of questions about what happened and then about how she knew all about weapons. He asked her a lot of personal questions she was pretty sure were not part of the case. She didn't mind in the least, he could ask all he wanted.

She told him everything she knew about James and Avery. About what she would see them doing and places they would go.

She also invited Mr. Sexy FBI over for dinner tonight. He said that it was against regulation to have dinner with witnesses but for her, he would make an exception. 2)

She was an even better cook than she was at sharpshooting. She was even going to make an apple pie. She giggled when she went off to the bedroom to look through the clothes

she brought along.

James sat alone in his living room listening to nothing but silence. The longer he sat there the more pissed off he got. His shoulder had healed fast, but that pain he was not going to forget anytime soon.

No one did that to him. In these woods he was god, he decided who lived and who died. She was going to die. He was going to make sure it was as long and as painful as he could make it.

Nova was gone, he is going to make sure she is back and doing what he wants. As for Kathy well she has outlived her usefulness, Time for her to disappear with the rest. He has been married six times now, the first one was the only smart one.

She left him without a trail to follow, the last four were just as stupid as Kathy and they were all buried out in the desert in Arizona where he used to live. His first name has always been James but his last name has varied from time to time as he needs

1. to.

Doesn't matter anymore though, now that he is getting older he needed to settle down and turn his occupation into just an occasional hobby.

His Bear has gotten crazy mean it is to the point that James could not control him anymore. When that happens they are going to both go off the deep end and everyone will know who is doing the killing.

He needed Nova to calm them both, that way they would live a nice long life doing the things they loved. He was going to go over to Avery's

tomorrow morning and they were going to have to come up with a plan. He was getting Nova back and the FBI was going to be gone.

Kathy lay in his not-so-clean bed exhausted, he wanted to do every perverted thing he could think of. He knew that he had her right where he wanted her, there was nothing she could say no to.

When she woke up it was 3 am. Avery was in the kitchen making scrambled eggs and toast. He had two plates out as he put on the eggs and toast handing one to her.

"Got to keep up your stamina, I am not finished just yet. When we are done eating I would like to go into the woods little ways and have some outdoor sex. Never done that before."

She smiled at him he had till sunrise and then all this disgusting crap will be done. He was a nightmare naked. He liked to do it with his gun belt and cowboy hat on. She had done a lot of nasty things but this one is not going to go away by drinking.

When they were done eating he pulled out a bottle of Jack Daniels and smiled at her. Finally, something to ease the sight of him naked.

He put on his pants, his gun belt, and hat. He handed her a robe to put on and they were off walking in the woods to find the perfect spot.

She complained because she was barefoot, really how far do you have to go to have sex in the woods.

He stopped about two minutes later claiming that this was the perfect spot. A beautiful setting for their lovemaking.

She almost wanted to throw up at that statement, what they were doing was not lovemaking. In any shape or form.

She took off her robe and was going to hang it in a nearby tree, he instead wanted her to lay it on the ground and then get on her hands and knees on it. She did what she was told and cringed when he came up behind her.

He was fast and rough, Kathy pretended to make noises that she was enjoying it, he didn't seem to take much note of her gaining her pleasure, so she was satisfied that he was fooled.

Once he was done he didn't pull out like he usually did, instead, she felt for an instant something cold against her temple as he leaned forward. The next thing she knew was a blinding pain and then no more.

Avery looked down at the bitch, it was an experience to have his dick still inside her when she died. He almost came again. 2)

He wrapped her up in the robe and dragged her further into the woods. He will come back later and toss her on the pile with the rest. Well, that is one less witness, better go tell James he is single again. 2

He thought that she should be grateful, after all that was probably the nicest thing anyone has ever done for her.

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Agent David got the call from his partners that the woman Kathy Fosters had escaped and there was no trace of her anywhere. They are continuing to look but they didn't have any realistic hopes. Those types of people can disappear quickly.

He wasn't too upset that they lost that witness but they now had Nova and Maggi is turning into not only a valuable source of information but David has kinda taken a liking to her, it was against the rules but you only live once.2

He was still not happy with the way things are going, yes, they have a lot of witnesses, what they don't have a lot of is evidence. Agent David was thinking about a few things that were said by his daughter. Agent David

decided it was time to go and check out James Springer's shed.

He is going to need a search warrant as an FBI Agent, but if say perhaps a friend happens upon the shed and decides to see what is inside then decides that it was just too horrible and went to tell his FBI Buddy about it. Well, who's to say what happens next.

Agent David was more of a by-the book kinda guy, however as he got older and closer to moving on from the FBI he found himself getting sick of the bureaucrats that have to file a thousand pages to get a pencil from the supply closet.

Always wanting to put in their opinion, when they have no clue about what they are talking about.

With that, he went looking for Jack.

Jack was outside on the greeting steps waiting with Nova for their guests to arrive. He was excited to show her off and give her another chance to make more friends. He hoped that she would hit it off with Adira. He chuckled to himself, there wasn't a doubt that they won't hit it off.

Everyone in the clan is in love with their new, Luna. Luna's are a wolf thing but since the names for the female leaders of WereBears are called Sow's, the Clan decided when it was formed to call their highest rank lady a luna too.

Jack couldn't think of any female that would like to be called a Sow, even if it was supposed to be a term of respect. Frankly, he wasn't too happy with his title of Boar, so the clan changed that to Alpha as well.

At least until they could come up with more flattering terms. He was toying with the Ursa direction but had not come up with anything solid. Perhaps he should consult Nova on it.

Werebears are more of solitary creatures, they don't form big Clans. This Clan was the first of its kind. They started small but now they are almost 1000 strong in just a short amount of time. This is something that should become more of the norm with Werebears.

As he was coming out of his thoughts three SUVs pulled up in front of him. The first one out was Duncan he was all smiling. He went around the car to open the other door, helping his mate Adira out of the car. She was radiant as always.

She was all smiles too as she gave Jack a big hug. She then went over to

Nova and gave her a big hug as well. Nova was a bit surprised but she started smiling.

"You must be Jack's mate Nova, you probably have so many questions, I will answer all I can. I am Wolf though not Bear but a shifter is a shifter. I must show you all the new pictures of our pup, Alex, he is a little handful."

Others were waiting to say hello as well, Archer looking like the stoic god as always, came over and shook Jack's hand. He smiled when he greeted Nova.

"Whoa, careful there Archer don't want your face to crack."

Duncan looked at Jack and then at Archer. He started to laugh.

"Well if you must know, I have been 'informed by your sister, Duncan that

I have to loosen up more. Make myself more approachable. She has

even taken the liberty of going through my wardrobe to make it more modern."

They all started laughing, Duncans sister Marnie is a tell you like it is kinda girl. Never takes no for an answer either. Duncan was glad he wasn't on that side of Marnie anymore.

After everyone was greeted, Jack motioned for them to come inside and get comfortable. Handing out refreshments and snacks to everyone.

Duncan started right off into the subject.

"Ok, tell us Jack why have you asked us to come here? Don't tell me it was to just visit. We know you better than that."

"I, as you all know have found my soulmate. Her father is a Special Agent for the FBI. We just found that out yesterday, Nova's full name is November Jane Fosters. Her mother Kathy is a drunk and from what I know so far she neglected Nova."

"Her stepfather, I am unsure if that is legal or not. Is from what I have learned a Serial Killer and a hitman for the local sheriff. He has also I think has a claim on Nova, though it is just in his head. I think he means to get her back."

"His name is James Springer and he is a black Werebear. I think his bear is also crazy it would make sense. No normal bear would allow their human counterpart to do such evil things."

"He is going to have to be put down, the problem is he is part of a criminal investigation involving several

missing people. He can't just up and disappear. The Sheriff is going to be brought to justice too, since he is human it will be easier with him."

"I have asked you all here because I would like your help, I don't usually ask for help but our Clan is at a delicate stage right now. I would like very much if you were able to gather some much-needed evidence for the FBI."

Everyone looked at each other than at Jack.

"Of course you have our help. Do you have any ideas where we could start looking?"

It was at that moment that his second came up to him to tell him he had a visitor. It was Agent David. Jack told Sam to let him wait outside. He couldn't be a part of this

conversation, because he could be questioned in court, if it came out that he had prior knowledge of this conversation and its intent, then the whole case could be tossed out of court.

"Why don't you go and introduce Adira officially to my Luna, let them get some bonding going on. Then I will go see what my friend wants and we will go from there."

With that everyone left leaving Jack and Sam alone in the room.

"Jack you know that the whole clan will get behind you in this, they don't want anything to happen to Nova. They find the actions of this black bear disgusting, they all agree that killing him is the only answer, I had to talk several of them out of going out and hunting him down." 2

"I know but we have to be careful as

well, we can't go and have what we are plastered all over the news. Tell everyone to be ready but no going out on their own."

Sheriff Avery had drugs to deliver today and money to collect. Sometimes it's more like a trade, they have sex with him, and he gives them what they need.

These days were the ones that he loved the most, not today though he was too busy always looking over his shoulder. He didn't do any sex trade, it could come back to bite him in the ass. Everything he did he made sure it was away from witnesses and cameras.

After he was done with that, he went to his makeshift office and jail. Checking on the missing person cases looking to see if there was any clue as to how far the FBI was getting or he hoped at least they were going in the wrong direction.

Nothing, there wasn't a single thing. That was a good sign he thought. After he had some lunch he went off to visit James. It is time they get going on getting rid of evidence and making a few more people disappear.

Oh, he was going to have to tell James about Kathy too. Perhaps he should bring a bottle of something to celebrate. He was going to have to talk to James about his little shed. It is going to have to be cleaned out and the shed burned.

As for the body pile in the ravine, he was pretty sure they wouldn't have to do anything with it. You would have to know where it was. No one would just stumble onto it. Unless you fell

off a cliff.

Once everything was taken care of he was going to leave in the night and not look back. If there was anything left for them to find then James can deal with it.

Still, there is the problem with Nova, James is not going to be too cooperative if he doesn't get his prize. He was still working that out, the problem is he doesn't exactly know where Nova is. He suspects that James does, though James is not being too open about it.

It would be easier if she would have been underage, He could just walk up to wherever she was staying and demand that she be returned home.

He wondered what James's solution was for this, how does that mad piece of crap plans on getting Nova back.

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##WARNING VIOLENCE##

Nova sat in her room in the bow window looking out at the night sky. She wasn't sure what she was feeling. She was someone who was always regulated to the shadows and now she finds she is standing in the bright sunlight.

She loves the light at the same time she is a little scared. This is so new to her, there is so much to take in. It is all wonderful, especially Jack. She wasn't sure of anything else. She was sure of Jack.

It is just one of those things really, she knew that they just met, and yet at the same time she felt like she had known him forever. She had known his touch, his scent everything about him. It was comforting he was her

rock and she was his.

Just think a short time ago she was running for her life into the unknown trying to get justice for someone she didn't even know their name. Maybe it was one of those things where the spirit of that person was not only getting help from her but also giving her help as well. 2

She leaned her head on the window, this train of thinking was getting on the weird side and she was too tired to control the direction.

She heard a click as their bedroom door opened, she didn't have to look to know who it was. She smiled because she could sense Jack. It was then that something incredible happened. She heard a voice inside her mind that was not hers.

Her first thought was ok time for bed, going a bit cray-cray here. Then the voice started to laugh.

She looked at Jack alarmed, he came over to her.

"What is wrong my goddess?"

Duncan and Archer were in Jack's office, discussing what should be done. They both decided that the shed needed checking out as well as checking out the area around the property and the forest as well. There has to be more out there than what is suspected.

A serial Werebear, not as bad as the last crap we had to deal with but just as bad in its way. One crazy Werebear can do a lot of damage. With the local Sheriff helping out or directing the actions of the bear, it is twice as bad.

They decided that it was time to do a anlaamthanainananana

stakeout of the Springer property. Do a little watching. For that Archer volunteered he was the best suited for the job. He could stay hidden and watch close without anyone picking up on his presence.

He was to watch for a couple of days and then report back his findings. He was only allowed to interact with any of them if an innocent life was in danger.

Once they establish a pattern or at least a schedule of sorts then they will place cameras where ever they find potential areas of interest. Thus hoping to catch them in the act red handed.

They had special cameras that can't be detected by scent or sight. The Werebears were a crafty bunch, they invented a bunch of useful things. Their surveillance toys were top of

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the line, none were better.

Duncan was glad that they were not only friends but allies as well. It made for a very tight-knit community. They helped each other out, Jacks Clan had strength and abilities that were useful to Duncan's Pack. The same for Jack would call upon Duncan's pack for their abilities as well.

They have connected their territories thus making both stronger. It was the first of its kind. They were hoping that it wasn't the last.

Archer stood up and with a wave, he was off to find a spot to sleep, he was leaving before sun up to get into position.

Duncan was off to his room to inform Adira of all that was going on and to see how she was liking her little vacation. Duncan knew she wouldn't

want to be away from little Alex for long. Still, it was good for her to be out and about again.

Duncan liked what they called the main house, it reminded him of the old Viking halls. Huge and spacious yet warm with a sense of community. Also a sense of will and strength. Still, he preferred his packhouse. Should he ever have to rebuild though he would consider doing this design?

Agent David Whitmore found himself knocking back another piece of apple pie. Say what you want, Maggi is a bit rough around the edges but the woman makes a mean apple pie.

Not only that she makes a great pot roast too. He felt like he could put his feet up in this overstuffed chair by the fireplace and sleep for days. He

had told his fellow agents to find lodgings at the next town. He felt that anything might happen at this point.

Keeping everyone safe was his goal, he even told the motel clerk to clear out for a couple of days. He never said he would or not but, he appreciated the heads up.

He contacted everyone he could get a hold of. He did leave his car parked by cabin 3 and borrowed one of the few vehicles that Jack's clan owned.

He is going to be staying with Maggi, he told himself it was for her protection after all they came after her. So it was best she was not alone So he is now staying in the spare bedroom. Right now though he thought he would marry Maggi so he could have some more of that pie.

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and his father's wallet. He dumped gasoline all over the inside and outside of the house, lit the match, and never looked back.

When he learned later in the newspaper that his dad had burned alive, James didn't feel anything at all. He had emptied the bank account and tossed everything into a dumpster in a town he was passing through.

The money didn't last long, it did get him to his next place. Where he met a young woman by the name of Sally Henderson, she was one of those naive girls that were easy to manipulate to his will. They were married and he took out a life

insurance policy on her, two long years he waited while working a crappy job.

Sally was found in a lake she lost

control of her car and drowned in the lake. James pretended it was heartbreaking for him. In truth, he had drowned Sally in the lake first when he drove her and the car to the cliff where she went over.

The police tried to pin it on him but he had a solid alibi, some witnesses knew that James was home. What they didn't know was that James snuck out in his bear form and slipped back in the same way. No one saw him and the police dropped the investigation.

He moved out of that town three weeks later and didn't look back. The insurance policy was for 1.5 million so he didn't have to worry about money for a while.

His second wife was only his wife for three days, they went on a camping trip for their honeymoon, he was

pissed at his bear for weeks after. James didn't have time to set up the insurance policy yet. She had a couple of thousand in the bank which his name was added to but it wasn't much.

His bear hated Connie after they had sex she went out to pee and his bear took him over, he stalked her, chased her, and then mauled her to death, it was the first time his bear ate a kill.

Just before he allowed James to have control he rammed his head into a tree, when James was back in his human form he had a terrible concussion. It was his alibi. The bear attacked them and he was thrown into a tree.

They moved on after that and the rest of the wives were just one big blur. Still, he made enough money to have some fun and buy the stupid house they live in now That was when he

they live in now. That was when he met Kathy and her daughter. He thought at the time that Kathy would be an easy mark and his bear wanted

Nova.

Turned out that he was getting older and decided for the time to just live with Kathy and her daughter to make a cozy little home. Of course, it didn't curb the urges he and his bear had for the kill.

He found that having a side family was a good cover, he and his bear could do their hobby while the little woman and daughter were at home waiting.

He did take a couple of life insurance policies out on Kathy they together made a nice little nest egg should he get tired of her. D

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