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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 are and 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.?

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 courtyard the 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 . . ."