

Egg Hunting?

(S3)

by Mel

"Are you looking something, Diana?" Vincent asked.

Diana blushed at having been caught. "Oh sorry, I was just thinking."

"About what? You just finished a case."

"Yep, case was on the captain's desk this morning," Diana said. "I was thinking about Easter. It's coming up."

Vincent nodded. "Yes, we celebrate all holidays. I believe Willaim is making Matzo ball soup tonight for the Seder. I'm hoping you'll stay."

Diana nodded even as her eyes continued to roam. The cement and dirt walls of the tunnels were all secure and locked around them. It made her feel like she was in a tube at times with no escape route or places to hide anything.

"Now what is it you're searching for?"

"The best locations to hide Easter eggs."

"I believe Mary and the others take the children to the park Sunday afternoon."

Diana glanced over at him. Her steady blue eyes were taking him in anew. Over the past six years, she had grown so accustomed to his feline appearance, she sometimes forgot the challenges and limitations Vincent must have faced as child - never being able to partake in what every other child and parent took for granted during the holidays.

"Have you ever been on an Easter egg hunt yourself?"

"As you can see there aren't a ton of places to hide Easter eggs... that wouldn't get in the way of other stuff." Vincent smiled softly at a memory. "Devin tried once to get me included and always gave me any candy he found within the eggs. And the Easter Bunny did come until I was about five. But it just wasn't the same..."

As being out in the sunshine, spring air, Diana finished silently.

"And now," Vincent smiled. "I think I'm a little too old."

"Never too old to have fun..." Diana's blue eyes lit up with mischief before she poked Vincent lightly in the chest. "And no peeking or using that Bond with Jake. Sunday, I'm taking you on a hunt."

Vincent laughed. "I know you're great at catching prey huntress, but ..."

"But what?" Diana grinned. "We'll see how good of a hunter you are without a Bond to guide you. Jake is on my side this time."

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