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"That's not it. Man, loosen up. I mean, I don't have sex with a woman, and the magic still affected her."

"So..." Thomas trailed off, finding his curiosity peaking.

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A scream of pleasure was the answer from the monkey.

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"I sort of remember jokes about Limbani fucking anything that moves and has a cock."

"Exactly. Stories are his family has absolutely no restraint."

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Chapter 44

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The oversimplification of the plan is to go to Red Deer[I choose a city mostly at random. Was looking at google maps for something big but not too big, and in either or the two provinces directly north of Montana.], find Grant, and have Thomas teleport with him to San Francisco. Shila can then work with Grant to get him off the Chamber radar and buy Thomas a ticket back to Kansas City. Complications up front... they need to find Grant without alerting the Chamber, not cause a ruckus for the locals, and anyone who doesn't teleport back with Thomas needs to ride back in the wreckage Gilbert still insists to call his van.

Ignoring Gilbert's comments defending his baby, Thomas will ask if Shila has any ideas on where to start searching. Short answer, no. Long answer, anywhere. The fact they haven't found Grant yet means either he's on the move or he's discovered some revolutionary way to make the Chamber think he's in one location while actually being somewhere else. Which as lovely as a waste of time the later would be, the former is more likely.

Thomas wants to continue the conversation, but Olavo tags him in to keep the insatiable Limbani occupied.

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Red Deer, Thomas, Search Squad: Mood:

Thomas, in lighter moments when he feels there might be in a light at the end of the tunnel, wonders what he's going to do with his powers when this is all over. World tour was somewhere on his mind. After these past two days, he's sure of one thing. One, he'd be flying even if it was by couch. Two, he is going to make any stay in South Africa as brief as possible. [Limbani is already talking about taking him home to show him off to his uncle and nephew, maybe even recruiting him to be one of the Society members to help initiate his son. It doesn't matter if his memories of Thomas are fake, he doesn't need his powers to see them becoming friends.Oh, and remember Adesida tradition, of raising one son at a time but alongside close family as if they are brothers. So the uncle and nephew are the same age as Limbani. Not sure how many of the fathers survived the times of trouble caused by Book 5.]

Aside besides the point, once the gang reaches Red Deer[okay, so magic was involved in them crossing the border? I mean, yes, canadians are nice, but they still have to be careful at the border. then we have people from multiple nationality crossing, in a truck that even Gilbert will have to admit is being help together with cum and possibly duct tape and might get the bomb sniffing dogs going crazy.]

[any chance someone can convince Gilbert they need to borrow/lease/buy a new van for this mission? having shila make him the official owner of said vehicle would be ideal. border officers are wary of groups comeing in rented/leased vehiclesHmm... I was more thinking passports and done, but if you think it would be a problem then we can work on a better plan.]

[We can even have the border crossing take place before the info dump conversation. That way Limbani is forced to wear pants for like... thirty minutes.], they find a hotel and pull up a map of the town. There is a lot of partially forested areas strewn around the town, and dense public centers where Grant could get lost in if he was moving constantly. Trick is, if it was just a foot race, the Chamber are ahead of them. Speaking of, time to show off pictures of who they are to avoid at all costs.

Olavo thinks those locations aren't outside of the box enough. He pulls out a listing of houses for sale. Grant could be squatting at any one of those. It would keep him sheltered, out of the way, even if he would need to be ready to abandon ship whenever a realtor showed up. Gilbert has another angle. He knows how much magic he put into his own van, so he assumes Grant's truck must have been loaded even more if he lived out of the thing. Since that includes nondection scripts, he might only be sticking around in town to pimp out whatever vehicle he's acquired to get him out of town undetected.

Thomas says great. That is two objectives, and they shouldn't travel around town alone. So... which of you two are taking Limbani? No, no, your ideas, so your lead.

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Red Deer, Thomas, Gilbert: Mood:

Thomas will make it up to Olavo eventually. Right now he needs to focus on doing the job he and Gilbert set off to do. Which involves hitting up the local auto repair stores, used car dealerships, and even some chop shops. Where Gilbert got the addresses to that last one, Thomas refrains from asking.

They aren't police, so they need to make up some story about Grant

being an online friend who tweeted about his car having broken down in town and how he's doing his own repairs out of pride[Are they passing themselves off as locals? If so, how do they exp,ain their accent. I'd say that is a lost cause. But unless Grant has a Canadian accent himself, than I don't see why it would be a big concern. which begs the qwuestion, does Grant have an accent? I... have no clue. I haven't envisioned him having one. But I don't know where he was raised or even originally born. The Chamber is based somewhere in England, and he was raised by a foster father who was a Chamber member, so maybe he'd have an English accent...]. And no, of course they haven't just talked to him, because of course someone doing something out of pride isn't going to just tell people looking to help him where he is.

It's a convoluted story, but it actually gets results. Kangaroos aren't that common this deep in Canada, and one store owner actually remembers selling [insert product here] to a kangaroo who carried them out of the store and down the street rather than hauling them away in a truck. Rather memorable. So, they have a lead. Stopping in a truck stop for lunch, they call the others to give them the location of the store to help narrow down the search. With luck...

...and crude, the Chamber is right[Yes, it will be explained why later. Essentially Henry made a deal with them that involved giving them even better tools to track Grant in exchange for Thomas should he still be with him.will it be explain how the Chamber made contact with Henry? or the reverse? and how they know each other? Depends on if we let the captured Chambers members talk when interrogated. Otherwise, they'll discover the varnished wooden disks with Society scrips written on blood that should be enough of a clue to guess.]

[And as for knowing each other... Heindrick is fucking old. Everyone else looked at the footage at the gas station attack and saw Thomas teleporting. Heindrick saw the Chamber on one of their little hunts. So

he contacted them, possibly though the Richards, and made them a deal.]

[But no, I don't know how much of that will be front facing either. I do know at least some of the "Heindrick" legacy will be revealed when Gilbert regains his whole memories and can recount participating in Henry's Ceremony of Dominance as a freshmen at the frat. So the audience will have enough pieces to make the right guesses.] outside the diner window looking right at them. Gilbert is going to be happy, because things are going to start exploding soon.