



A Kiss from Alex

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...when suddenly, *something* spiked her senses— *something* she couldn't quite put her finger on, but it made her tummy tingle.

...She marveled at the density of brilliant star clusters, and humbled by the celestial vastness, she sensed the resplendent clarity was somehow— *different* tonight.

“...I'm scaring *you*?” He leaned closer... “let me ask *you* something; do you believe in weird stuff like spirits? Well I sure as hell do— *now*

“...and the dogs just layin' stone-still on their bellies; the back of their necks bristled and tails tucked 'tween their legs just starin' at them coons. It was like they were trying to tell me *something* was there with us— real close.”

...Her tummy suddenly tingled as before, but rather than dismiss the feeling, she encouraged it; her eyes glued to what seemed to be the biggest and the brightest of full moons she had ever seen