

“Mind”

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“Mind over matter.” The man scoffed. “What kind of bullshit is that?”

Danica didn't bother to glance up from her magazine. The waiting room was hardly crowded. There were plenty of seats nowhere near her and yet he'd chosen to take a seat directly across from her. That would've been fine, but then he opened his mouth to talk. She resisted the urge to roll her eyes and focused on trying to read the article.

She'd picked up the magazine at the Kindheart Coven the last time she'd been there. It had been in her bag for probably a couple of weeks. Now seemed as good a time as any to take it out and peruse it. She just didn't want the unsolicited commentary while she did.

Choosing to ignore him, Danica flipped another page.

He didn't take the hint and aimed a grimy finger at the magazine cover. “What's that mean? 'Metaphysical'? That sounds like bullshit too.”

Danica took in a deep breath and finally directed her gaze fully at him. Gods, she really didn't want to have to explain that shit. “It means 'beyond nature'.”

“You mean, like outer space? Galaxies?” The man laughed.

“More like supernatural,” Danica deadpanned.

“Sci-fi. Aliens.”

“Witches.” She straightened her spine.

“Same thing.” The man shook his head, derisive laughter still in his voice. “Spells and mind control. Is that what that 'mind over matter' nonsense is?”

Danica just stared at him, fingers clutching the magazine pages tightly. Slowly, she lowered it to her lap. She shouldn't do this, she knew it, but once the idea was planted in her mind, it took a lot of effort to stop it—and frankly, she didn't want to halt the progression of her powers.

She imagined an invisible zipper, sliding over his mouth. His lips immediately shut together. Eyes widened in alarm. His jaw moved, chin wobbled, as he tried to open his mouth and found he

couldn't.

Danica smiled a little and brought her magazine back up. Satisfied he wasn't going to bother her with any more questions or stupid comments any time soon, she replied, "Yeah. It kind of is."