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## COCKTAIL OF DESIRE

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The urge stirs deep inside my belly. It uncoils with fierce breath. It ignites my dormant spark. It skulks deep in the recesses of my body. I try to flush it out. Tempt it like I would a cat. Offer treats, encouragement, sacrifice. It doesn't care. It knows my tricks. It sees through my tease.

You can't outwit wit.

I see a flicker of movement. I feel my muscles in spontaneous flex. My mouth salivates.

I lick my lips with my salacious, fat tongue. Desire droops my eyelids. My hand slides down my belly. Too soon. Way too soon. The moist dew on my red lips shows my card too soon, and she hides again. A silent retreat into the folds of my sanctum. My veins settle. My blood cools.

It's not shy. Oh no, that's not it. It would be easy to think that. Obvious even. But that's not it at all.

It's not bored. It's too patient to be bored. It can lie there for months, years, decades even. It waits until: The time is right. The moon is full. The stars are aligned. The moment is ripe.

It waits until the yearn is too strong to resist.

I wait. My breath does not shift a wisp of air.

I wait.

I wait until I feel that twitch again. Hunger spreads my limbs of their own accord. Muscles ripple, luxuriate, stretch.

Hairs raise up to capture the mood, to feel the air brush its follicles, to prepare the body to pounce. Tastebuds uncurl, ready for the feast to come.

Groin aches with want. Thighs tighten for the ride. Toes curl in anticipation of the earth warm beneath my feet. The smell of fear and fur, sweat and piss, newborn and victory, drive the destruction to come.

The taste of surrender intoxicates my blood with a cocktail of desire.

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