

## Delicate Tendrils

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Now, because you own , you possess  
You have something that they can take  
You remember how it was when you had nothing  
You looked at the ones who had what you wanted  
And you felt strong in your need  
Brave in your limited surroundings  
Righteous in your desires for something different  
Contemptuous of those who had exactly what you wanted

You hated them because they looked weak and slightly scared  
You circled the water hole and thought about closing in  
Now you have it and you feel weak in your power to keep it  
You feel desperate to make them see that you won't let them take it away  
Because it's yours  
You never had to justify yourself and your possessions before  
I earned this  
I worked hard for what I've got  
I paid my dues  
I deserve this  
You say these things to yourself as the animals circle and wait  
Shake your fists at the hyenas  
Chase them away from your water hole  
Justify  
See them all differently...  
Now you see that they all want something  
They want exactly what you've got

You get some juice  
Human becomes prey  
Human gets scared  
You figure out that you have to become hard to keep it yours  
You have to be cruel  
You have to kill them off just for looking  
Leave the bodies by the water hole so the rest will see  
Hang spent bullet cases from fishing line outside  
All the windows of your house  
Put up signs  
Please break in  
I would love the opportunity to kill you legally  
Let the fear turn into desperate anger  
Start seeing the differences in people  
They all start looking suspicious  
They all want

The need never stops  
Out there, someone is always needing  
Always hungry  
Always looking at you

Checking your eyes for weakness  
Zeroing in on the vein in your neck  
As they circle the water hole  
And close in