

He is not toying with you.

It is so much worse than that. He is hiding within the margins and is being protected by a concentrated effort. Animal Control. They so desperately do not want you to Parse Charles out from wherever it is they have hidden him. This is highly unusual behavior even for a hive as vindictive as Animal Control.

You're not sure what you're going to do about it necessarily, but you know you will have to be exceedingly careful or else you'll have a whole hive on your tail and you really cannot afford that right now.

You're not going home just yet though. You have three days before you absolutely must sleep. You figure you must start poking around a little bit farther away than a safe house in order to hide as well as you need to.

You will probably draft a plan after you manage to slide under the radar.