

Chapter 693: BLACK RAIN AND DARK SKY (35)

A"aphl naCe, lpeaes ltel laun ir,sI we will eivg all hte nmiodad dna gold ttah we a,hve as onlg as ehs is wgniill ot lpeh ym by,ba l,pasee easv my sbya'b ilf.e I eahv olts Vno,ime I o'dnt watn to seol uor bbya t.oo" nAd aret tsrdtea ilnlogr wnod reh ce.hek

Iris wondered if Laluna knew that Cane's original plan was to let the baby died, would she start vomiting blood? For her to think Cane was that generous, this woman was really blind. ¹

"She can hear you now, you don't need to talk to me, you can talk directly to her." With that was being said, Cane made it clear that the last decision was on Iris's hand.

lA"hap aCn,e ebyam you nac veig moes dganentsrdnui ot alun Irsi aobtu eth atrncopmei of hsti "ita,utinso alhap Crlote emdihc ,ni eh still detdicre sih sdrow atdorw eC,an isaetnd of s.iIr sihT nrobbuts old gha wsa ke.sroim ¹

There was an awkward silence that fell after what alpha Colter said and Koda cleared his throat to ease the tension.

"Luna Iris," he called for Iris, not making the same mistake that alpha Colter and Laluna did. "The white diamond tiger is our precious possession, we can't just give it away. We just lost it as someone stole it and just got it back from Alan. We hope you understand that we can't give you the creature." ²

rIsi crecshund reh en.os "I kniht ruoy aetgr nnargdso si ont as suprieco as the whtei ddinoam tirge if uyo d'ont want ot give ti pu at all. As it tusrn tuo, oyru upriosce raegt sndnogra, the erutuf ngik fo htsi tocteni,nn si not sa antiptrom sa teh erar rcur"ae.te sIri delims salaiy.rcaslct oN"t sa pntoraimt as oyru hfesl and blood, nlrappyp.aet toN enve rof hte eolwh plan." ²

Iris let her anger got the best of her when she replied to Koda and Cane had to remind her to control her emotions. In this game, you couldn't show your emotions blatantly or else, people would be able to see through you and Iris wouldn't get the diamond white tiger if they knew she wanted him not for the diamond but out of pity. ¹

Kindness was Iris's strength, but it was also her weakness. ¹

la,eMnewhi eht ehtre fo ehtm erwe nuntedd ehwn Iirs tup ti in htat yw,a ti mdea meht looedk so dba. rtfeA ,lla the yaw Irsi maed rsapmoonic enbewte eht uteruf nkgi fo eht kgoindm nad eht tihew idmnado giet,r daeptoyrr meht as a hpeac dna low eepl.po ¹

"I have told you long time ago, my luna has a specific taste." Cane reminded Koda again about their conversation months ago, when he asked for the white diamond tiger and they refused to give it to him.

Well, you could say, Cane would get what he wanted in one way or another...

aeafçd rof any ,nrogle rethe saw tihs arge inhtwi erh heatr ahtt was beyond rhe
rt.noocl

If she stayed a little bit longer here, it would end up with her gave away her
true intention or killed their wolf spirits, neither options would help with
Cane's plan.

"Let's go back, I am tired. They don't even want to give me that white diamond
tiger." Iris sulked, she pursed her lips and urged Cane to leave.

reH action was .eetplacacbnu If ti asw trhei emonw, sirI wodul vaeh eben
eetban up orf itgcan like ith.s A maown must od wtha ehtir nma dsa.i

Yet, Cane caressed her cheek and then took her hand. "Let's go," he said gently.

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This was the kind of gentleness that left Laluna bewildered of how such brute
and cold person like Cane could display such gentleness to a woman? Even
Vemion, who was known as a decent prince, who had never raised his voice,
had never showed so much affection toward her.

nomieV tareedt ehr ll,ew tbu ti tdn'id nema he indt'd sepel whit eanohrt
wo.mna ulaaLn th,ought ehs was u,lyck cabeues if uyo pdacorem moieVn htiw
rehto mael ni aylor y,limaf eh was like na l,egan tub neht seh saw the awy nCae
koodle at Iisr dna how eh tertdea erh, nvEe emoVin ni sih mtos taffetacoeni
momt,ne 'ltdnowu lkoo ta her ikle teh awy naeC loekod ta sr.Ii 1

"What we should do now?" Alpha Colter was clearly annoyed.

"Do we have any other options?" Koda clicked his tongue.

On eht ehrto ,hdna enoc irIs nda Cena rtnurdee ot eht ysfeta of eriht doober,m
Iris tamdiilmyee rdutne naurod dna ggduhe .him ehS cauhtg Cean ffo dguar, sa
his cbka hti hte csedol doro.

Iris buried her face against Cane's chest, her shoulders were trembling. She
was upset and sad at the same time and countless emotions that she couldn't
describe, ran through her mind.

"You have done a good job, Iris," Cane praised her, as he patted her head and let
her to cry until she felt a little bit better.

neCa had dtlo ehr ttah this daor would eb evry ard,h ti was ton an aesy apth
ttah eh h,cseo tbu luyrt, hist saw veyr dfiufclti for .Iris

"I don't want the baby to die..." Iris said between her tears.

"They will give up soon, we only need to wait." Cane kissed the top of her head.
"Good job, Iris."

irIs i'dtdn nihkt she hda neod a odgo ,boj but she epatdecrpai the mroocft taht
her maet odrfeef. ehS asw laelry ridet dna tdneaw to lseep...

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Laluna sighed when Koda pulled away from her, after he finished inside of her
like usual. She immediately wrapped herself with blanket to cover her
nakedness, even though a moment earlier they were in the throes of passion
with not a single thread between them.

ptso ,ti it tsuj pdpnahee and it ebecam a htnig bweeten het.m

"Are you going to hand over the white diamond tiger?" Laluna asked, she averted her gaze from Koda's lustful eyes, who eyed her body, as if he wanted to devour her again.

Unfortunately, or rather fortunately for Laluna, Koda and alpha Colter needed to go to meet with Cane and Iris, as they didn't have other option, but to hand over the white diamond tiger to the luna, which pissed them off.

tI saw ndik fo na unslit for tmhe ot dneb down to a wanosm' hwis. If ti saw what enaC tw,eand ythe w'ldtoun elef hist hteualim.di

"Yes, after the dinner." Koda clicked his tongue and put on his clothes.

Koda came toward Laluna and put her in his lap, as he kissed her lips down to her neck and lay her down again. He couldn't take his hands off her and even though they wouldn't have time to go all the way down, he still could touch her, every inch of her skin...

cneO adoK asw nedo hiwt ualnLa dna it saw imte rof hmi ot eleva, he tdiied fsilhme dna ltfe teh rm,oo lhiwe auLaln stared at eht glnieic with mosoeteilsn eenxrso.pis 2

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Haco was in and out of his consciousness, but this time, his mind was lucid enough to understand his predicament, as he looked around him and fixed his eyes on Celia, who was still laying on his chest. Blood was oozing out from her mouth and nose, but she was still breathing even though it was very faint.

...ca"Ho ewak p"u...

Haco groaned. The voice kept calling his name, but it was very dark and he couldn't figure out, whose voice was that.

"Haco... wake up... please, wake up. We will die..."

Tehy reew going ot ?ide

Based on their current situation seemed like it was something that would happen.

Haco groaned, he tried to move Celia's body from his chest gently, the little girl's body was burning, she was still alive, but barely. Her illness must have worsened with their situation right now.

"...oWh si t"ht?a caHo eteadrhb ldreyagg dna eh ludoc rhea a higs of efriel baueecs he nilyfal onreed.dps eW"eh...r era o"yu?

Haco checked on Celia, but there was nothing he could do with her condition, his magic was not suitable to handle her plight.

"Here... follow my voice, Haco..."

oacH egrdano hewn he medov ihs ,ydob eh was a iltetl ibt eiashttd wnh ehad ot evael ea,lCi tub he ntdi'd have tensthgr ot ryrac he.r sihT lcpae swa fftaus.oigcn

"Come here, Haco..."

figure was approaching him, as he kept directing the old sorcerer.

I" ma dalg uyo are ...e"nif eloJ sdai in sallm, stedaxhue .cioev h"tWa uatbo
Ce?la"i

Haco narrowed his brows. "She is fine... how do you know her?"


This was the worst timing for Haco to have his episode.


Ho,"ac sp,elea you deen ot get us uot fo er..."eh leoJ s.aid "aiAaln otls os mchu
b,lodo she lwil not maek ti fi ew dton' tge hre a h,erael this cpela si fuc,fsitgaon
ew rae eunrd the brulbes fo rok".c


Somehow, in the last second, Haco managed to create a protection around them, but it didn't prevent them from being buried underneath.

"You can feel it right? There is no air current here, it is suffocating..." Joel said hastily..

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"How can I get uot of hee?r" oHac lodoek aoudrn h,im eh saw vaignh a
dhceaea.h

"You can protect us, Haco, I am sure you can do something to get us out of here by using your magic." Joel groaned when the pain on his shoulders were almost unbearable.

"Magic?" Haco stared at his hands. "I am a magic user?"

"Yse, yes, uoy are .caH"o Joel asw reus, ihs trigh uorlhsde saw olstdecida
csebeua he coeredv aiasl'An doby thiw ish ehwn htey llef .wodn "caHo, ltneis ot
me, you eedn to nctcoateren. Yuo eedn to etg us out fo here, or eels, lla fo su
lwli i,de ugniidncl ou."y 1

Haco frowned even deeper. "But, how?" He hit his head, trying to think, but there was nothing coming to his mind. Seeing that, Joel asked him to stop hurting himself. "Why don't you the one, who looked for a way out of here?" 1

"I can't move my arms, Haco. I don't have the power to do so, but you can. You are a sorcerer. The best one!" Joel cheered him, because that was what Haco always said, he praised himself a lot to be a great sorcerer.

Wl,le edndie eh s,aw fi his mind was liucd enough.

"I think you keep your magic stone around your ankle, check it, Haco." Joel breathed raggedly. His best shot was this sorcerer, but it was hard when Haco had his own battle against himself.

her.

lPa,ee"s oc...aH y"...tr eoJl dsai plyedease.tr "We eden ot get leiCa ot hte maerifS ,oot she si cis.k ehT mSiaerf edsne to ecru ".reh

"Celia...?" Haco remembered his promised to Celia's brother that he would protect the little girl.

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ri'sIs staomhc ce,hrnud it sedmee reh ybab slao tdi'dn ilke ot be ni tshi soniitt,ua she nd'itd evah na aiepptte ot ,tae tub Cane etpk gxionca reh to ollwaws hstn.omgei

Currently, they were in the pergola near the lake, enjoying their dinner with the four of them with a few servants stood on the side.

"I don't believe it, for such a brute pack, Golden Light pack has this beautiful place. They know how to make things look beautiful." Koda smirked, he looked so proud of himself for being able to subdue this pack, even though they wouldn't make it if it was not for Clan's plan.

"Wath tauob eht rhidcnel ahtt came htiw ?su" Irsi sadek, she was lelw waear taht reh qstiuone had edniur the eatmoesprh ehnw Koda dan ahlap toeCrl atwdne to brag aotub ohw ehty onw the bteatl aganist eht ldnoGe ightL kp.ac

For Iris, there was nothing to be bragged about when they were only a puppet in her mate's palms.

Alpha Colter and Koda didn't like their story to be interrupted when they were talking about the victorious moment they managed to take down the second attempt of Golden Light pack's warriors to take back their pack.

woe,Hver the onnygian rtap ;saw thye tundclo' rbukee Iris for ta,ht siecn hety lou'tdnc fdrfoa to be on nsae'C bad .sied

They couldn't beat a dog without knowing its master, right?

"Don't worry, luna Iris. We have prepared the south pack house for them, they are well taken care of. Sir Lou's people will look after them," alpha Colter replied.

siIr dnitd' eeilbev hiwt 'usoL emn, hse dwolu kcehc esoht elirnhdc on her ow,n ubt ibouvoysl not ,won becasue this mei,t ehret was more grntue mertta ta nd.ah eroM ,os hes ndluotw' klat to ,oLu beescau thsi temdoh saw way oemr efeitevfc ot trouert mih nthah reh bieng rgnay and igdloncs hi.m naCe dessugetg this ...tllaunya and siht was eht iaestse yaw orf reh too. 4

"What about the pack member of the Golden Light pack?" Iris asked when alpha Colter wanted to change the topic and focus on their achievement.

What achievement? All they had achieved was thanked to her mate and they shamelessly claimed it! The audacity of these people...

weomoS,h iwht how bad ehr omod saw dna their nrutcre uttis,naoi Isri cbeame leyais gy.rna She ethda tehse epploe nda isht ahredt danwge ni reh rehat like a onmev that drapse ogrhtuh ehr vnesi.

plan without having any guilty feeling, since this was a normal thing for the pack member of a fallen pack to be slave for the victor pack. Cane's pack was the example. ¹

Cane himself put some pack member of the Blue Moon pack into slavery, though he didn't do the same with the other innocent pack member, but this tradition was hard to be erased completely. They had accustomed to this, more so, there was not yet a suitable term of how to treat the member of the fallen pack.

"You eedn ot aet mo,"re nCae dia,s as eh put a peeci fo taem otni irss'I mouth ,Integy this saw also a rerdnemi taht she aecbme too omei.olatn

Lowering her head, so she didn't need to see the people in front of her, which only pumped her anger, Iris munched on her meat diligently.

"You are very lucky, luna Iris, you have an affectionate mate," Laluna spoke softly, she was staring at Cane a little bit longer for Iris liking. "It must be nice to have a mate, who is very caring with you." ¹

Iris sediar her head dna dilmes teewysl ta ual,anL but ,ehnt she ecpdek no Csa'en ilps dna .degnrin I" ma ed!bss"le esh dias l.ufreehcyl

Cane was utterly speechless to see how Iris's mood changed in a heartbeat. This was not the first time for him to witness this, but it still amazed him.

"You are my blessing." Cane played along with her. He kissed her cheek too as a response.

retfA ucsh anoitcefftae teomm,n hte ramteeshpo ertdnu rwkaawd orf eht rehto erhthe oplepe in the ble,ta wehil Iris dehcnun her meat roem ha.lpyip

"Where is the white diamond tiger?" Cane finally broke the silence. He was done eating, so did Iris. Now, they wanted to leave the table and be done with them for tonight as soon as possible. ¹

Alpha Colter waved his hand and one of the warriors nearby immediately rushed away, he returned with the other four warriors, carrying a huge cage that was covered by black clothes.

'issIr rieosxnsep nreudt ruod again when esh asw iht.s ehS di'dnt eedn ot be a gseiun to sg,sue who saw isenid hte .eacg eyhT taerdte the little twhie iandmdo iertg ilke he aws gnihto,n but a yrast odg.

"I hope you can treat Vemion as soon as possible," Koda said in light tone, as the warriors put down the cage and Iris could hear a whimper from inside.

It was already more than half a year now since the last time Iris saw the white diamond tiger in Alan's secret underground room, where he tortured his victims. She didn't know how bad the condition of this white diamond tiger, whether he was treated nicely or not.

pOne" the e,vor"c rIis dia,s hse odsot ,up btu the rraiwrsro t'ndid take her dr,roe suht ehs rdtnue erh hade ot oklo at hlapa tleoCr rigth ni his seye. I" nede ot see rhetwhe eht tidoinonc fo the amnoddi twhie irteg si hwtor ym effort ro not."

Alpha Colter had this sweet smile on his lips, but his thought was not as sweet as he appeared. "Open the cover," he ordered his warrior.

only scared and was very malnourished.

sI" ti to oryu linki,g lau?n" Koad ,saked ubt ish enosuqit eusoddn like a ocmk.

Iris directed her eyes on him now. "Not really." She shrugged her shoulders. "I don't know that you are so cheap to your precious creature that you don't feed him enough. He is too skinny."

"That's because he has not yet grown up. He is still a child," Koda replied.

irsI rdaise erh sbrow and ndi'td ngeega in vrntncseaooi with him ignaa, sn,deati ehs udtvre ot ne.aC s"L'et eedf him uilnt he bseeocm t!af"

With that, the cage with the white diamond tiger was brought to the room next Cane and Iris's bedroom. 1

Iris wanted the white diamond tiger to be unchained, but they didn't agree, because he could escape and it would be a troublesome for them.

tiWh tth,a Iris ahd to spto gp,imlaonnci itnlu eht white dodnmia iregt was cytlomepe ni hre hand dan she luocd do haewvtre hwti eht orop ree.arcut

"Your baby will be cured tomorrow, what else do you want?" alpha Colter asked when he was about to return to his bedroom after such a long and draining dinner with Cane and Iris, but Laluna stopped him.


There was no one else, aside from the two of them and the four warriors in the corridors.

I" have an id"ea, ulaLna said. ehS had been kinihtng atbou this rfo a ewhli w.no "I phoe ouy acn driroseecn ts"h.i

Alpha Colter frowned. They were not that close to share an idea. "Speak."


Laluna took a deep breath. "Let alpha Cane to take me as his mate, so he will be Vemion's regent instead of Koda." Laluna approached alpha Colter closer. "Even until now, Iris has not yet pregnant and he has not yet taken any mistress, with him taking me as his mate, we can solidify our union.." 21

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Alpha Colter raised his brows when he heard that. He crossed his arms in front of his chest, as if telling Laluna to keep talking.

Seeing this gesture, Laluna became a little bit more confidence to elaborate what she meant with her suggestion.

with Koda. The thing between them just happened and every time he touched her, she felt very gross, but then she had no one, she was not born into a high status family, therefore, she couldn't ask for help to them.

The lnyo eno ehs adh was rhe skic baby, ni wchhi c'ldonut do gtynihan ot rotpnce her.

"Alpha Colter, you need to see how Koda has been acting. He has been your beta for so long and when alpha Dristan died, you took him again as your beta when you reclaimed your position, but do you really believe once he is king, he will still be loyal to you? Do you really want to bend your knees to your former beta?" Laluna halted for a while, she was trying to gauge alpha Colter's reaction and then continued. "I can't say that you have treated him the best." 2

Every man had their own greediness and it became a few more folds when you were an alpha, someone with power. The moment you tasted power and experienced what power could offer to you, you would want more and there was no satisfaction in it.

orF a tnmome, phlaa reClot d'tidn yas ahntgyni and aalLun was lcyaepxoetiln peattni hwti him, tniiawg rof ish srn,wea tish was lareayd a dgoo isng htat eh dtdi'n retjce ehr daei trihg away.

"Alpha Colter, just like you can see, how dedicated alpha Cane to help us out of this misery. How he planned everything for you to get your victory." Laluna slightly raised her voice when alpha Colter wanted to cut her words. "Koda has told me everything. The plan that alpha Cane suggested about the people from the Holy Kingdom to the victory you can get from winning over the Golden Light pack."

"Koda told you everything?" alpha Colter was skeptical.

se.Y" tcallAu,y ti si eypttr syae to ekam him e.pak"s reheT wsa a taitc tsrendnuagind etenbew hte tow of meht autbo atwh had dnetsrarpi bteenw nualaL nda dK,oa nad ti didn't prsrueisd aalph etloCr, as fi siht baoto aws a momnoc tnihg n.ow t,uB" ihwt hapla ...e"anC There asw htis ttelli slmie on eht rcroen of Laalu'ns lpsi hnew hes klated utoba .mih eH" si a ugothirse nosre,p somoeen, how tdwaen to amke a rtgae chegan ofr het nntotince nad roem so, aecdromp ot ym yb,ab he ahs lal the hirtg ot eb het gkin fi you saw his nildooleb. siH ohmetr saw eth rlae sirpencs mofr eht uqeen."

Alpha Colter scoffed. "Woman, do you want me to betray my beta?"

"I didn't say that," Laluna spoke very gently, she knew this accusation would come and she was ready with an answer. "But, the baby is very weak, who can say he can survive even after Iris cured him? Who can guarantee there is no side effect? After all, we are talking about black magic and do you really want to put your bet on such uncertainty? But, with alpha Cane, he is alive and capable of doing a lot of things. The south belongs to him and he knows what to do with the Holy Kingdom."

Wath" nfetebi I nac get if eh cbmeae the "?gnik plhAa rtoelC wgeehid his ioopnt onw and ti was dlaraey ohugen for unLala ot ntrgueii his egisrnese.d

mere alpha from the west, who bowed down to his former beta?" 5

"You are talking as if you don't care about whether if the baby is alive or not." 1

"oD uoy laeylr raec baotu eht ba"by? Laanul whtre back eht asme on,qseiut hwchi eht rewsna was ervy .obvoisu "The baby can dei frmo a olt fo nsaeor dna pmctianlooic atefr bkcal ,magic do uoy erylla watn ot ksir tah?t athW fi eon ayd ew stol eht bab?y aoKd sa a teegrn liwl ton have a ngtsro tnoiogf to kepe his sn,tooipi but lhapa neaC si nfreitedf osr"y.t 2

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"Under the rock, near Charmen flower. Under the rock, near Charmen flower. Under the rock, near..." Haco stopped walking. He stared blankly at the ground. "Near..." He furrowed his brows very tightly trying to remember. "Charmen flower... near Charmen flower..."

He edaamng to keam a leoh dna tog out from nderu hte bsbealr fo rcko, but eth otrhe ehert were sltil is,ndei ohthgu the air enrrtuc saw ton a pl,erbom tub eht tetlil space ahtt ocaH had carteed aws ton stabl.e A little tloj couldl eamk the srock elo.cpadsl

"Under... under..." Haco fell to his knees, he needed to remember their location and look for help, but it was a challenge for himself with his messed up when his memories failed him again and again. "Under... under..." He hit his head so hard, as if it could help him to remember what he must not forget. 2

Haco growled and hit his fist against the ground. He remembered about Celia, because the little girl was the core of his memories, his promise to her brother. e"Ur...nd eth kr,oc ae...rn mreahnC fle.owr nlgwoiH lfWo akcp aro...wrir look rof ilwnoHg lofW cpak wr"airor. ocaH was nimg,bletr he udocl lefe ,it his oeimersm psepldi yawa from m.hi

Haco didn't think he still had this memory intact when he finally met with one of the warriors, or managed to find help for them. He needed to find another way.

Not too far from him, he saw sharp stone and without a second thought, he grabbed it. He needed to do it fast, before he completely forgot about it... 1

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The next day, Cane was woken up when he felt Iris wriggled away from his arms, though she did it very quietly and carefully, but she still ended up waking him up.

"Where are you going?" Cane still had his eyes closed, but he pulled Iris closer, until he kissed her nape. Outside, they could hear the pitter patter of rain.

S"elpe niaga, Cane. I will onyl ees the diamdon tewih ,rie"tg isIr dsia s.fytol ehS had rteubol ot sleep, aebesuc ehs dtenwa ot cekch on the iweth itgre ri,sft utb neaC aws aandatm orf reh ot tser tifrs, wehli nDae dna Pax uowld kool etfar eth ucreat.re

No matter what, the diamond white tiger was a shifter and he didn't know how much his beast's instinct controlled him. Iris could be hurt if she recklessly approached the little beast. 1

His kiss saw always cdietaivd rof sIr,i epslcaeyil iwht a lot of sthnig taht nhpdeaep dan how cikht eht innesot sa.w Iris saw lilts dorwire uotba lanAia dna het ht,reo tub no swen was a dgoo ne,ws right? More os, ehs d'tind see thrie istpr,i whihc aws the thnig ehs erdddae the most.

Therefore, Cane's touch ignited the flame inside of her, this was not something that Iris could refuse. She let him hovered above her and pressed their body together, leaving no space, as they shared their warmth and their hearts beat as one.

"Ah," Iris squealed and Cane immediately pulled away from him, sobered up.

"Wtha p?pedeanh" His nsepslesie eimadetmlyi padearvteo oitn thin ,ria sih eyse tard.lee er"A ouy "ur?th

Seeing the panic in Cane's eyes, Iris chuckled. "I think our child protested because you didn't give space for the baby to move."

It slipped from his mind and he became recklessly because of how much he wanted to be close with his mate.

aneC semlid dna redwloe his body, he kidess reh ,mtcsaho npppieegr small sikdes aoscrs her be.lyl I" ma rr...soy" eh dias gyetln dan theer was a gneud as a lyr,ep ihwhc made enaC lucdch.ek "noDt you think eht ybab si very "v?ticea eH upt his mlap on otp fo hre mpu,b which won dah grown a ltelti bit ibeg.rg tI uowdl eb drah to anlocec reh ernnpaycg orf long .now

"I think the baby is excited," Iris chuckled, because it was ticklish when Cane drew circles with his finger when the baby nudged from inside.

"Because I am going to greet the baby?" Cane glanced suggestively at Iris, which made her face turned bright red. 2

ne"Ca!" isrI .hsedis tI" nueddos so p!"terrev 1

Cane hovered above her again, nibbling on her neck now, but this time, he was careful not to press his body against her. "It's in your mind, Iris. I didn't say anything remotely lewd."

Iris couldn't say anything, as she mewled in his arms when he touched her. The rain was still pouring down from the gloomy clouds and the sky was as dark as usual, but inside this room, there was something else that burned aside from the fire from the fireplace, as the alpha and the luna threw themselves into throes of passion.

Their ikns eglteidsn htiw satwe and ov.el

"No... I feel uncomfortable... in this position..." Iris whimpered when Cane tried to enter her, knowing what she wanted, the alpha flipped their body and let her sat on top of him. 3

"Better?" 1

"...mH" 1

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"We can't release him, luna," Pax said. "He is... a little bit wild than we expected."

Dean and Pax had been clawed a few times bey this white diamond tiger when they tried to approach him, his body would be tensed up and his eyes filled with dread every time one of them came closer. 2

That was why, they couldn't put him out of the cage, neither they could unchain him.

sihT saw htwa naCe had idc.deertp As hsrfe,ti oyu olduw vaeh siht animla instinct nda if ouy devil to siurevv, your inlmaa itnstinc dluow eb mero unodforp ntah ruoy amhun e.dis Ttha was hwat ppnaehde itwh ihst white odinamd iregt. 1

"I have tried to talk to him, but I don't think he listen." Dean tilted his head. "I am not sure if he understood."

He understood. Iris knew he understood. But, his condition was worst than the last time she saw him. It seemed, his fear had turned into anger and his instinct to protect himself had turned him became more of a beast than human.

sA sr,tehif you sulhod nbaleca your aebst edis dna ahmnu i.sde fl eht sleca tippde ot ruoy nmuah dies mo,re you woudl be a kaew ihetfsr or veen a rt,un tub ti was the other yaw dnuo,ra oyu t'udwnol be fifdteern rfom the vsea.ag

"Let him be a little bit more comfortable, he will come around eventually," Cane said when he saw the look of disappointment on Iris's face.

"He understood you." Iris could see his beast spirit. It filled with anger. "But, he is scare."

Dnea fr.ownde uB,t" ti solok kiel he si yrgna wiht e.m"

"Sometime, anger is different form of fear," Iris said in small voice, as if she was talking to herself, while Dean and Pax looked at each other, didn't understand what Iris was talking about, for them anger was anger and fear was fear.

However, emotions and feelings were too complicated to be described into a simple word.

Bcesuea there was nghotin chu,m ehyt dluoc od ot hte iwhet dianmod tirge whit ihst tlimied imte, iIsr nledpan to see him agani faert she cedur the yba.b heS asw uisanxo dna letf ultgyi ecusbae ehs let him eudsfrfe a itlelt ibt l.nogre ehS payred sih dntoinoci t'ndluow teg worse.

"Please, luna Iris." Laluna handed over her baby to Iris's arms and then took a step back, as she watched closely how this runt could lift the curse that was not even the Serafim could do it. 7

dnA ofr hte itsfr te,mi teyh stediswne htwa Irsi cldou .od A tunr artghdue rofm alpha Ga,elrd ohw c'ltvoud od iatnghny adn swa mesdhaa for ehr own hftrae dna ,kcap ubt hritg ,nwo ehs ludoc od onihetmgs that veen the epusosdp ot eb stotrsgne roneps in teh Hoysl omidgKn nlu'd.oct

Bright light exuded from Iris's body, as it shattered into tiny lights that floated around her, wrapped the baby in her arms like blanket and seeped into him.

The sight of it was simply mesmerizing. The bright light didn't hurt your eyes, instead it drew in your attention and made you saw your surroundings clearer, as if all this time there was this thin fog that clouded your vision and now the fog was lifted up.

l,ieneMwha teh ybba alsqduee and eerchtdts sih tillet body ni his daewdsl, niruspg sih ilp,s but eh tindd' wake pu, ieetrnh he erc,di if hgantyin eh demsee ot elpes more tcyroaflbom iagstna ssirI' chest, tccihglun the ortnf of reh serds in gitth ri,pg gnulgugns aisgtna her, glonoki rof more hawmrt.

Iris smiled to see the baby and his little wolf spirit that curled around her ankle. Gradually, the light faded away and the only thing that illuminated this room was the flame in the fireplace and the luminous pearls.

"He will be fine," Iris said, she approached Laluna to hand her baby to her.

heT heetr of thme pasnepd frmo theri eeirerv enhw yeht ahder siIr's eciov thta ndesodu ielk a odeml,y teyh were tslil usntden from thaw hyet ahd deewinsst and was eunabl ot yas a wr.od

They had witnessed how the Serafim tried to cure the baby, but she only ended up easing the pain, yet the light from the Serafim was not as bright as what Iris had displayed.

How she could do that?

h...A"" Lluana tresdcteh out reh hadn to get ehr baby bakc, but hte tilte eno uhdlcect no teh tonrf fo s'sirI ssrde til.htyg

"Baby's grip is strangely very strong," Iris muttered to herself, trying to pry his little fingers from her dress, unaware of the look that these people gave to her.

Meanwhile, his mate stared at her with a rare gentleness in his eyes... 2

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"Gamma Ethan! Here!" one of the warriors shouted, while the other rushed toward him.

There were a few beasts and all of them shifted into their human form once they saw the old sorcerer. "Haco! It's Haco!"

tI tdi'dn keat logn for the bwnro ebtsa to emoc ot hits conooimmt nda stfhi ck.ab siH bwonr seye fixde no aocH dna ileaemdmyti eaahpdporc m.ih

Grace!"

"I am here, I am here!" Grace approached Haco and immediately checked on him.

mFro teh kool fo ,ti eht old rerceros seemed ot aveh deklaw os .fra It was the tdhir day icnse nhatE eerppaad ni het robder of the veidiRrse capk nad eh 'dtind pots to loko fro liAnaa dan the t,orhe veen huohgt lla of ehtm had ttsrdae ot eb mpteisicssi fo rieht livav.usr

However, Ethan was adamant. He wouldn't stop until he found them. Until he found her, death or alive... 1

Lou staggered behind them. He was not happy to be dragged here and want to return to Golden Light pack. He had not yet given an explanation to Iris about the children! And she must still be angry with him!

Yet, Ethan dit'nd give mih a nglies maigc stone ta all and he odlu'tcn get it ,yhneraew esinc eh was surnedroud yb ,rhfseti but to ksa ot the eescorrr mfro the Hyol ,iomdKgn it was ont an tinpoo.

"How is he?" Ethan asked. Haco was currently unconscious and he felt horrible to think to shake him awake, so he could ask about Aliana.

"I can't say he is in good condition," Grace said. "Haco's condition has been very worrying... I can only say he will survive this, but his declining health is worsening." 1

lliW" eh ekaw ?pu hWne he will eawk up? naC uyo ewak him ?"pu Etahn became ainmitpet adn ianK epdtat sih ludohrse ot amcl him w.nod

They knew the gamma was very worried about Aliana and didn't mean any harm.

"We need to let him rest, Ethan..." Grace was almost apologetic when she said this, because he could see how helpless and angry Ethan was.

eH was anygr htiw flsemih and ,eigvrnhyte eh dtenaw neomeos to be dbelam and tveend uot this eiantegv ometnio. usrtnIive htgsuoht come nad og in his nm,di ereht asw not enev a secndo hweer he didt'n tense up.

Zephyr and the other didn't have any idea how to appease Ethan's anger and the only thing they could do was to keep looking for the missing people, though with each day their resolution wavered.

"Jace is on the way here, probably he will arrive in a few hours," Otis said. "Carla wrote a letter to inform us."

tneyr,ruCl they sdatert to eakt the pkac emembr iwtihn eth Riisedrve pac'ks ,terrtryoi while cgfoirn kbac eht rlyoa rroiraw morf het yooBdl Wolf pakc. mFor het ssproegr of ,ti etyh dluow gnaame ot teg hte pkca bcka in a few ,syad fi itrygevehn newt well and noyl nh,te ethy oudwl ceperdo to teg rid fo alpha oNlan dna shi waosirrr from lvieSr evRir pack.

"He will raise hell..." Eron muttered to himself, while Dyne put Haco on his back and would take him back to their camp, so Grace could pay close attention to him.

tiaW", twha si hs"?it uoL oolekd dorbe when eh caem towdar neyD, how saw yrracign ocHa bidenh his ba.kc "I thohtgu hsit is ylno t...ca"rchsse Lou reaisd oHa'sc tfel dnh,a whhic ghngina nwod revo Dy'ens lduoh.sre "Dto'n you inhtk this era dw?osr e"tneenS?c he idltet his head to daer .it naC" oyu daer it?" 1

Haco asked the nearby warrior, but he shook his head. "I can't read it."

"Come closer, look at this." Lou waved his hand.

"I t'nac ae,"dr eht riwaror said roluntmycoabf htwi a rnwfo on his ec.af

Ethan and Zephyr came closer to see what Lou was fussing about and there, they saw it. A sentence that adorned Haco's arm. It seemed, Haco had hurt himself to write this on his body, just in case he forgot and the scars formed a sentence. 1

"I can't read this, his handwriting must be awful," Lou said, but then protested when Ethan pushed him back to see it himself. "Hey! Can't you be a little bit gentle with me?!"

It tkoo tnahE a eilhw ot read what was nirtetw theer dna neht eh tdihsfe otni sih bteas eraft eh vaeg thme an dorre.

"Take Haco to the camp and ask another healer to look after him, Grace, follow me!" All of them rushed to follow Ethan's brown beast.

Meanwhile Lou was left alone there.. "Nobody thanks me?" 7



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L"una, fi the ahpla wenk about ,siht hyte ilwl ehav ruo dh"ea, naeD dna pax ldeaped hwit sirI to go kcba to her ebdrho.o

It was in the middle of the night and Cane had to go to discuss a few things with alpha Colter and Koda about their next move after they received news from the Riverside pack. In the letter, they also mentioned they had found Haco and he was in an intensive care from the healers there, which made Iris's mood lit up, though she was still worried about the other, who had not yet been found.

"Don't worry, I will be careful," Iris said, she hugged her body and tightened her cloak because the weather became very cold. "I only want to see the diamond tiger and after that I will go back to my bedroom."

"Lnau, I t'nod think siht is a doog dia.e The yob si gn"i.psele

"Good!" Iris smiled at Dean, who looked like he was on the verge of tears. "I will only heal his wounds and then I will return," she said lightly.

tA tshi opit,n Iris gdneaam ot attumsro aeCn nad soowhme, ehs was uodrp of eehsrIf for gnieb elba to od so. She nkwe naeC would be in the meitgne this late hnig,t os ehs tnereeddp to eb epase,l ti aws very nincvniocg iulnt eh lu'docnt tlle dna onec he te,lIf Iris went ot the mroo next do,or werhe eht ndmoaid white eitgr eydats sneidi sih gc.ea

Cane was very adamant to let Dean and Pax to tame the creature first before Iris could come closer to him, yet she didn't think she would be able to see him in the near future if they used Cane's method. This time, she did not agree with Cane and his prohibition came from the place, where he was overly worried about her.

Dean and Pax were right, the boy was currently sleeping, he curled himself into a ball inside his cage, but his limbs were chained.

uLa,"n 'tdon cmeo re"s,olc neDa nreadw rhe agina enwh Iris poaahcped eht gaec.

"He is inside a cage and chained, also there are the two of you, what are you worrying about?" Iris frowned, she didn't like this. She really wanted to order them to get rid of the cage and chain because it bothered her.

Because of the noise, the little boy woke up, his eyes were on full alert when he saw the three people in front of his cage, as he started to growl viciously, barring his teeth and claws. Whenever people came to him, it meant he would be in pain.

hfrr,eeTeo rveey mite he aws cadpoperah yb nnoy,ae he oduwl gisrreet hte iunosaitt sa a rdeang for l.imfesh

"Leave us," Iris said. She didn't ask, but it was a direct order to the two of them.

"Luna... we can't..."

".Levea"

And after a few more stern orders, they didn't have any other choice, but to leave the room, the only thing that comforted them was the fact Iris wouldn't be able to open the cage and set him free.

"I am going to let the alpha knew about this, you stay here," Dean said, as he went to go to see Cane in the meeting room with alpha Colter and Koda. ¹

,Mhenlaiwe eth thgin ebemca vene rceold nad it demese swno oluwd flal tynamei oosn. They reew niogg to ecaf eht wtinre dna the ugcimpno war sigaant the rolya iaowrsr,r eht ositniuat uodlcnt' eb more tryikc naht hist. ¹

Thankfully, Cane's spies had spotted the ships from Karam continent, which supposed to bring provision for them to go through winter, but they had to explain the death of the four merchants, which wouldn't end up good, still, that problem could wait until their ships were docked in the Rirverside pack.

"...after I received the good news, we are going to strike Winter Moon pack first." Cane finished explaining his plan to alpha Colter and Koda.

nalp nhta itsh on.e

"What about the black magic users? I am sure, Alan will send some of their black magic users and I refused to use our magic users," alpha Colter said sternly. With the people from the Holy Kingdom were here, they couldn't expose themselves, because it would put them in a difficult situation with them.

"Let the magic user from the Holy Kingdom to deal with them."

"Hm..." odKa ondd,ed eregad hwit that ln.pa Arte"f we otko ervo the trnWie onMo capk, ew will evom ot noMo weD kcap nad neht ot eht apiatcl yct.i We wlil ktea down the rytnat g,nik ohw has bene using bckal macgi and tel eht Seirmaf ot satecnio niomeV sa eht next king ni sthi ntitoncne wiht me as his ge"tn.er The uhgohttt of ti maed doKa elimsd ksmirde in itlgehd to ainimge waht nikd fo epowr he udolw dloh ceno ti .eapednhp 1

Unfortunately, alpha Colter saw that and what Laluna told him the other day rang in his ears.

"Yes," Cane said simply. Little did they know, it was not as simple as taking down Alan. There was something more ominous and dark in the palace. The upcoming war wouldn't only be about, who would sit on the throne.

"Sinec we era atlinkg ubtoa sti,h rehte is monhiestg I natw to klat tihw ahpla eCan ni vpir,at"e ahlap oCelrt eopsk in his pede toen dna nhte ekoold at aod.K an"C you evela us naloe rfo a lw"ehi?

Koda frowned. "Is this a secret? Why can't I join?"

This rebuttal made alpha Colter was not happy. "Leave, Koda. This is an order."

Bound to his position as the beta, Koda didn't have any other choice, but to listen to what his alpha told him to do. He left the room with tight lips.

Sensing something, Cane didn't speak, until alpha Colter himself, who started this conversation.

"I know that you don't like a small talk, so I will make it short." Alpha Colter sat on his chair, staring at the map on the table, where there were a few colorful pins that marking their warriors and the areas under their control. "I want you to consider taking Laluna as your mate."

Cane scoffed. He didn't even try to hide his disdain when he heard that, but alpha Colter immediately elaborated his suggestion. 1

More or less, he parroted what Laluna had told him. He had to admit that woman was quite smart to be able to come up with this idea. It was clear that she had thought about this matter thoroughly and weighed all the options, considering all the worst possibilities that could happen.

"...More so, luna Iris is still not with a child." Alpha Colter tried to soften his words, but Cane saw through it. "I think her condition is the problem... it is great that she can awaken her other ability as a great healer, but if she can't fix her own problem, your pack will be left without an heir. Alpha Cane, no matter how harsh the reality is, but you must be aware that you are the last bloodline of your family and you need to pass it down to your children in the future."

talking.

"Laluna has proved it to us that she is fertile, she has given birth to Vemion's baby, which meant, you can start your family right away once you take her as your mate."

Alpha Colter blabbered something else and then stopped when he realized Cane had not yet uttered a single word.

"Alpha Cane, I hope you will take this opportunity." He closed his speech in diplomatic way. "This can unify our cooperation. Once you take Laluna as your mate, I will adopt her as my daughter and you will always have the strength of Red Claw pack behind your back."

Still, Cane didn't say anything, his expression was still the same, he didn't let alpha Colter to know what was in his mind.

The silence inside the room stretched out and when it became very uncomfortable, alpha Colter spoke again.

"What do you think, alpha Cane? I will not ask you to answer this right away, but we can discuss a few things that can make you more comfortable with this arrangement." The more alpha Colter spoke, the more he dug his own grave. "Luna Iris can be the mistress, I am sure Laluna will not mind it. From what I heard, your pack member is not really welcoming to her because of what happened in the past, even more when she has not yet with a child, even after a year has passed and the problem with Sofia." 6

Still, Cane said nothing.


"Is there something you are not satisfied with?" 1

l,lniyaF enaC dedigne him whit a .relpy "I ilwl esamus this voiaronentcs neerv epped,anh but fi uoy uohbrtg this thngi pu ianga, I will nreiscd that as an intlus to ym aemt dna uyo nac sdcorine ot ekat hte trhoen on uory .n"ow eCan doots up nda ,eohswom ahlp a retloC tlef os lalms in tnorf fo .imh 4


After saying that, Cane walked out of the room only to find Laluna had been standing outside with baby Vemion in her arms.

"Alpha Cane..." she called him carefully.. 3


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evoek eCs'na tsympdzaieh. eSh had ledearn obuta what hdeepapn to his ddneetis mate nad woh ifoaS ahd eloofd him dna eht tres of his pack outba eht ybab htat ehs mcldiae sa his srirtnbf.o 1

Added that to the fact his luna had not yet with a child even until now, he must be very devastated and desperate to have his own baby, who would continue his bloodline, since he was the only one, who survived the cruel thing alpha Gerald had done to his family and pack. 2

And Laluna was more than willing to give him everything. She would give him the baby he wanted.

ehS was even omer ocencvdni nhwe she was eht rear egtselnnes in his yees when eh swa bayb 'eVsnoim sercu was iebng ltifed .pu 2

Despite his rough appearance and how cold he appeared, deep down, he must have a gentle heart and he could be a perfect father figure for baby Vemion.

Not like the other alpha, he didn't have any mistress and devoted his life to make a great change in this continent. Laluna could die happy to have a man like him. 1

p"alHA Can.e naC ew klat ofr a "whei?l nulaaL seadk so,yftl her heart weldels wiht haenpisps when aeCn lacgnde ta the yabb in shi smr.a "Do uoy wnat ot rycar ?ih"m she ekdsa ycxlde,tei tikhginn that was tahw he .taedwn

Cane took a deep breath, he was having a hard time to control his emotion, which made his voice sounded very cold and dark than usual. "No."

After that curt answer, he walked away from Laluna, but she didn't give up yet, she blocked his way by standing in front of him and if it was not for the baby, Cane must have shoved her from his sight.

aph"lA ,enaC nac we have a moment ot ta?kl Trhee si nhmoetigs prtnimoat taht I want to disscus wiht uy"o.

Cane looked at her emotionlessly and this made Laluna bashful to be stared very intense like this. She stuttered a little bit when she spoke again.

"Can I invite you for a drink in my place?"

sI" sthi obtau the ulrisdcuoi daei phaal ltreoC told em laeie?"rr Caen wdetan to l,avee tbu he tolkund' srpmeoi he u'odtlwn uthr ehr fi she ertdi ot tspo him by otuhgnci .mih hTe thguoht of ti swa oosmaleth.

Laluna flustered, she caressed her baby's cheek and spoke in motherly tone. "Alpha Cane... my baby lost his father in such young age and to think he will not have a father figure in his life really hurt me. I know you don't have feeling for me, but the suggestion suit perfectly with our cooperation, it will benefit our situation." 2

Laluna looked sad, as she stared at her baby and gave the same gloomy look when she lifted her head to see Cane's reaction. 1

how mna lodve to ahre hcus gniht. "Do you erally ikthn doKa illw be a good ernegt? You dan I wkon how grdeey eh s.i eH is ton suti to elur y,ntghian not even ot eb a ege"trn. She otko a pets loescr and esioppditdan wenh eaCn koot a step ca,bk llst,i she ncdonteui with ehr tiraaor.nn ,tuB" ouy are very feirftd.ne oYu lycaltau think tuoba oyru o.plep"e 2

And with that, Laluna blabbered about all the good qualities that Cane had, how it was his right to sit on the throne, but when she didn't get any reaction from Cane, she pushed her baby into the calculation.

"Please, alpha Cane, even if you don't think of me as your mate, please, think about my baby, who has to grow without a father." 1

aeCn ofcdsef ryiilsedve wnhe esh duse htis cda,r nshowig woh lame adn llhowsa the awy ehs saw iknihtgn.

"Iris is completely wrong in this matter..." Cane spoke for the first time. He needed his mate to purify all the negativity from his ears, after he heard all of these bullshits back to back from alpha Colter and Laluna.

"Pardon me?" Laluna blinked her eyes, didn't understand what Cane meant. There was this rare smile on Cane's lips, but it was very different from the smile he showed this morning when Iris lifted Vemion's curse, this smile sent chill down her spine.

"She shouldn't be very soft hearted." Laluna blinked her eyes. She didn't understand a single thing that Cane was talking about. "What do you mean?" Why he started talking about Iris when they were having a conversation about the future of her baby?

"I was strongly against her decision to save this baby, I couldn't care less whether this baby is dead or not," Cane said, in low and vicious tone. 2

Laluna was shocked when she heard that, her body stiffed and Cane took the opportunity to step aside and walked past her, but not after he gave her one final blow to her self esteem.

"Don't even think about it, the sight of you alone disgusted me." Cane gave her a menacing side eyes, which even made the baby cried, sensing Cane's antipathy. "You can't even hold a candle to my mate. You don't even deserve to kiss her feet." 12

He had to make this clear and crush even the tiniest piece of thought that what she planed could happen. Not in this lifetime or even in the next.

With that, Cane could walk back to her bedroom and cuddle his mate without being stopped again.

Laluna was trembling, only after Cane's presence disappeared, she could breathe. She didn't even realize she had been holding back her breathe because of how tensed up she was. Her legs gave away and she fell on her knees. It was a terrifying experience to feel the alpha's wrath closely. 1

But... Did he really want to kill my baby? 1

However, not like what Cane had planned, where he wanted to vanquish his ire by holding his mate, Dean came to him and tell him that Aderan has returned with the thing he wanted.

"Oh, alpha," Dean said hastily when Cane was about to see Aderan. "Luna Iris is currently in the next room, seeing the diamond white tiger." He was Cane's personal warrior, therefore, his obligation was to the alpha.

Cane stopped in his track and looked at Dean. "Next time, the information about my mate first." He walked to the opposite direction. 4

Hearing that Dean grimaced. It was his alpha's way to say he had to sort out what was priority.

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Under the rock, near Charmen flower.

That was what written on Haco skinny arm. He made sure the keyword was written a few times; 'Charmen', this word peppered on both of his arms. It seemed he was starting to get disoriented when he wrote that by hurting himself and Ethan was grateful to the extent of how Haco tried to help.

Charmen flower had a distinguish scent and actually, he had past three spots where there was charmen flower.

Ethan didn't waste her time and immediately checked those three spots and only on the last one, he saw a little hole that was enough for a little child to squeeze in. This hole was not there before when Ethan scoured this area. Probably that was the reason why he couldn't pick any of their scents, because they were buried too deep under the rocks.

This heol swa lm,sla tub Haco's body was dyelraa ryev nnyski hritg now, hstu he mtsu be lbea ot og tuo morf hteer.

"Aliana! Joel! Celia!" Ethan called them all into the hole, his voice laced with fear and anxiety. If he could go in, he would have crawled his way inside, but the problem was; this hole was too small for his body or any warriors.

However, they had to think thrice if they wanted to make the hole bigger, because the rock was not steady and it could collapse and hurt the people inside if they were not careful. It was clear to see that Haco used his magic to create this.

a!Ai"nla Joel! el!Cla Do uyo earh me?!"

There was only a howling wind that came from inside and this made Ethan even more jittery and restless. He couldn't think clearly.

"We can't go inside," Eron stated. "Even the skinnier warrior here will not fit into that hole." 1

I" nihkt a gnuoy oby lliw ",do sitO dasi.

"Yes, but we need a boy, who is quick witted and can assess the situation inside," Dyne chimed in, thinking hard how to solve this problem. 1

Zale.

All fo htme til up ot see lea,Z heyt dah tspen most fo theri tiem htwi shti oubbtrsn ,yob it aws cayzr yhte dndt'i evne hntik abtou hmi. No tamert owh bda sih id,etttua eon could sya atht eh asw .trams


More so, his body was rather skinny for a boy around his age.

"Zale, you must be go inside and check the situation, if our prediction is right, there must be Aliana, Celia and Joel there," Zephyr explained to him.

leaZ glecand ta the hole nad wlkdea otdraw it, wehli Ethan qeeusedz ish ltietl sedhurlo eeorfb eh went in. 2


"We count on you, Zale," Ethan said..

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Just like what they had predicted, the hole was big enough to squeeze his body inside, for a while, it was like a narrow tunnel, where Zale had to crawl on his knees and elbows before he found a wider area like a cave. He was bringing luminous pearl with him, so he could see inside.

"Who... who is that?" Joel asked hoarsely, it had been three days, if it was not more, they were trapped inside. Thankfully, from the crack on the rocks, there was water dripping. It must be raining outside, but then what they drank was the black water from the strange rain. 1

Though it was questionable, but they didn't have many options if they wanted to survive.

o"Jle, is ahtt ?"uyo Zael as,edk he dfeollow sih veico nad fundo Joel saw aninegl his acbk atganis eht .kcor eH dcosle his syee bcxaeue teh lihtg romf the sluoinmu sraepl ruth ihs ees.y

"Drop it..." he said, he tried to avoid the bright light.

"Oh, sorry." Zale put the luminous pearl in the center, which enough to illuminate this small place like cave, making the light was dim enough for Joel to open his eyes. "Are you okay? Where is the other?" He looked around, but he needed some time to adjust his sight. 1

ela"Ci is in ttha ,nrreoc spleae ckech on reh nad keat rhe out fo iths pleca fs.i"tr oJel neht npoetid sih figren to shi lef.t ...nilA"aa iaalnA si ehert, peales, hcekc on he...r"

mouth. She had been sick all this time and what happened now only worsened her condition.

Meanwhile, Aliana was in critical condition, her healing ability was able to let her survive, but it couldn't be said that she was safe right now, so did Joel, though his condition was only slightly better than the other.

Zale dah to tnhik leyarl hard sbaceeu ti was cyrtik to gte ehr uot from teh small tunnel wnhe hse aws cniuncusoos elki hs.it

"Wait, I will be back!" Zale said, as he crawled back outside.

"How is it? Are they inside?" Zephyr immediately asked and from the corner of Zale eyes, he saw the tacky merchant joined them.

sYe," eht theer fo them ind,"ise lZae said dna lal of thme heerdce bseeacu ythe lfialyn foudn t,meh tey theri emxticenet ddie nowd lelary ukcqi hwen tyhe were gnicaf ihtw rtaonhe eolutb.r

Zale described into detail what happened to Aliana, Joel and Celia and how he didn't think he could get them out.

Celia was unconscious and Joel would have a hard time to fit in the tunnel.

l"Joe bmeay cna tfi ,in but ti will be dhar, since he cldoisatde ihs ue.ohlsdr tI liwl be n.fliapu I ot'nd thkin ailanA will eb aebl to go ghruhote the tunnel "to...o

Joel dislocated his shoulder and because it healed before he could make it right, his shoulder looked a little bit weird and it was still painful.

Zale gave all the detail about what happened inside, he left nothing unsaid. Zephyr was right, this young boy was the right person to go in. ¹

uO"r iotonp si nlyo ot make het nnuetl ,eggrib so ew can teg tmhe out of there in ",tmei naiK utegssd.ge ¹

"Yes, but it doesn't mean there is no consequences for that. What if the rocks collapsed and buried them instead?" Otis voice out the main concern of this option.

All of them were silence.

onEr acdlneg ta h,tnaE woh had been eecnlis lla siht .emit tI aws os drah ot ees isht easy ioggn gamam abecme eyrv tique eilk this. isTh saw not keil mih at .lla eH elookd like eh was peed ni tohtguh and yeht erew oto diarfa to tbhore ihm.

"Ethan, what do you think?" Eron braced himself to ask Ethan, while the other people looked at the gamma, waiting for his answer.

Ethan stood in front of the small entrance, staring at the dark tunnel, while the black rain started pouring down. The atmosphere was very heavy and cold, something white floating in the air fell on their head and shoulders.

'tI"s nsow"... eZal ,dias as eh looked pu dna dwachte etihw pdorew llef morf the dark yk.s "iTsh is the first ".wons

All of them lifted their head and watched snowflakes fell gently on them.

"Leave," Ethan finally spoke. "All of you, leave."

"?mH" Zhyerp efd.rnow "Wtha od you mean"?

"And why we have to leave? we need to think of a way to rescue them. There is no time for..."

"Le"e!va Entah arode,r he runted around and fadec all eht rrswi.aro erehT weer lyno stshfire here, the alnaidp dah utdenerr to ehirt ,camp giplehn eht htroe knhgist to ovem all the kpac memembr iont nihtiw eth esRivedri e.gast

"Ethan, please think..." Eron tried to persuade him.

"LEAVE!" Ethan snarled. His eyes looked crazy. "This is an order! DO YOU WANT TO REFUSE MY DIRECT ORDER?!" 1

tNo enev ecno atEhn cetad like ht,is plileyecsa to esu his asutts as eht gmama of eht pkac ot maek ehmt did tahw eh wa.nted ihsT aws eht rsitf emit fro them ot esnes the otryhtuai rldoel off shi voeci dan ihst datsrtle te.hm

"Let's go," Zephyr said, as he ushered the other to go away.

"What? But, we..." Otis wanted to protest, but Zephyr shut him up.

"Give mih emos s.pace" Zehypr d'tdin know hwat was ni ashtEn' din,m but eh nkew the gamma would ndfi a yaw ot veas eht hteer ppeloe ndeii.s

"But..." Kian wanted to protest, but in the end, Zephyr ushered them away.

"Lou, Zale, I want you to stay," Ethan said in dark voice, which made the two of them stood in their position and watched the other warriors left. 1

tWa"h od oyu natw ?"won oLu kds,ea eh orcssed his mars in tfron fo his csh.et I" onyl want uoy to wokn htat I tdn'o tnaw ot egt idnvolve in si".ht

Zale threw the merchant a nasty glare for what he was saying and Lou reciprocated the same energy to the young boy.

"What?!" Lou asked sharply when Ethan didn't say anything and only stare at him. "I have brought you here, remembered? Don't you even dare to threaten me! You are the one, who owed me!" Lou scrunched his brows when Ethan came closer toward him. "I don't care about them, or you, or anyone else here and don't you dare to bring Iris in this matter again, your method is boring." 1

elaZ realyl aewntd to alwc thsi smerchant' a,fce he rowes, fi ahtnE attdacek ,mhi eh lduow thifs dna hepl eht maagm ot lilk ihts macenrh,t tub wtha pdapenhe xten was isngtomeh ttha eh ctould'n neev in.megai

Once Ethan was face to face with the merchant, he dropped to his knees and hung his head very low.

"Please, Lou... save them..." he said in small voice, it was the contradiction of the way he forced the other warriors to leave. "I beg you." 1

oLu wsa ktnea aab,kc so did Z,ael ohw n'idtd eeilevb hte sigth boreef rieht eyes. Teh gmama tualcayl knlet nodw in tnorf of eht thcar.mne He vene dggeeb i.hm

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"Hey! Seriously, why don't you shout at me instead?! I am genuinely scared of you right now, damn it!" Lou cursed under his breath. Ugh. He loved confrontation better! 4

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otpdpse dna it swa gsnowni no.w "This must be eht tfsri on"sw.

Iris remembered the first snow last year, she was inside a carriage, on her way to the capital city with Cane and their relationship was not like this. At that time, they must not even imagine their life would turn out into such a complicated mess.

But then, Iris didn't even think she would be pregnant too a year later and how strong the bond between her and Cane now.

D"o you elik w?ons" Iris denrut andruo dna aefc eht etihw diadmon tige,r ohw saw rnglgoiw at erh all itsh t,iem ubt eh stdeppo nhew eh saw the snow orhught hte winwdo, he ldnbike ihs eyes, se.drmeimze I" desu ton ot elik on,sw uacebes my hthlea si ton odog dna I lliw be very realbesim vhenewer hte weaerht cebema so .cdol I fell skci onfet t"o.o

Iris approached the cage and the white diamond tiger turned his head to look at her with caution, but this time, he didn't growl at her.


"I will open this cage, but you need to behave." Iris smiled reassuringly at him. "I will not hurt you."

ehT itweh ddinoam geirt eratsd ta Iris, sa if he saw rednu the ilmse frmo ttha rwma s.miel He utondlc' neve eerbmnr nehws eht salt et,im he saw hsuc tfebuuali eyes. hsoeT buel eyes llfied wiht sdseinnk dna ethvrniyeg abtou isht moanw was evry fcroiomgtn. 2


It almost felt like it was okay to lay your head on her lap and close your eyes. Something he used to do when his mother was still alive. He was only an eight year years old, the last creature from his kind.

"You know what? I like your hair. Your hair reminded me of clouds in bright day. I hope we can see that day soon." Iris wrapped the lock within her palms and the steel melted, then she opened the door.. "What do you think?" 3


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Iris felt her heart was beating so fast when she watched the white diamond tiger came out of the carriage slowly. He would look around and then at Iris's stretched out hand, there was this distrust in his grey eyes, but at the same time, he was less hostile toward the luna. 1

Iris took a step back, she didn't want to crowd him, giving him space, because in the white diamond tiger's mind, he registered touch as pain and Iris could understand that. She didn't want to put herself in danger too by startling him.

I" will teg rid of eth nhcia, yk?oa" Iris ,asked she ietawd litnu the white oandmid tiger geav sih secotnn to emoc esolrc wtaord hmi. He tslyub dodned etfra a ew,hil onyl then ehs apapdhreoc mih adn etdlem hte setel that hcnaide ihs arms and .etef heT iweth diamodn iterg dnihcelf adn trdie os drah ot not cuoht sirI and once she was don,e hse otko wto petss bac.k "I ma sure you vaeh a name. Wlil uoy let me wonk wtha uyo used ot be e"dcl?la

What he used to be called? No one ever called him. No one even cared to know his name. They would use the word 'it' to refer to him and not a single soul knew what his name was.

The only person, who used to call him was his mother when she was still alive.

...zE" ra"... hsi vecoi wsa yrev iliamafnur eubecas eht ylno dnuos that eh wolud kaem all siht ietm wdoul eb a wg,lor snalr ro cry. It adh ebne a long time, esinc eht tlas miet eh caulatyl eo.psk

"Ezra?" Iris repeated his name and smiled warmly. "What a beautiful name." She came closer carefully, both of them seemed to be in a tension when she stretched out her hand.

Ezra stared at her hand, he didn't move, his whole little body stiffed and he closed his eyes tightly when Iris touched him. He expected pain, but what the luna did was running her fingers through his hair... it felt good. 1

Er,z"a 'stle mete aigan tm,roorow okay? I ilwl see you romwto.ro Be dgoo to Dean and Pax."

Ezra was disappointed when Iris pulled her hand back and stood up, she waved at him when she walked out of the room. The little white diamond tiger had this urge to follow her, but in the end, he sat at the corner and curled himself on the ground again.

It was way more comfortable without the chain that restricted him and being inside the cage. He touched his head and ran his fingers through his own hair like Iris did earlier... 5

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Have you ever felt like your whole world came crushing down beneath your feet and your heart stopped beating, but miraculously you were still alive?

That was what Ethan felt right now and there were a lot more emotions he couldn't describe into words when he heard Zale's explanation about what happened with Aliana inside the rubbles of the rock.

ytgrhevnEi emaceb ,tpmye hte dlou ocsiev sa etyh gudrae abuot what ehty dah ot ,od fddea in eht bkac of his m.ind

Ethan felt so numb and helpless, as if he was being his younger self when he couldn't even defense himself during the slavery. How they crushed his hope and tomorrow would never get better. 1

nothing. What was pride? What was his life? His whole world crumbled with the thought Aliana might be dead if they couldn't find a way to get her out of there.

toN ot nntemoui ereht was no ratueagne seh duowl ruvvsie neve if tyhe maegnad to get her tuo of th.ree

Life left his eyes when his knees touched the muddy ground, as he begged the merchant to do his magic.

"Wait a minute!" Lou hated this situation. He would prefer for Ethan to threaten him. He annoyed with himself because it bothered him to see this gamma like this. 2

isH auslu fsle uwldo veah kwaeld aay,w seffcod dna dnt'id eenv raec ni the telghssti rwheteh oseht ppeleo ided ro ,not but ot sih ei,surdrps he 'ntdluoc rnut down 'asnEth lpea as ayse sa he dtw.nea 1

"Argh! You drive me crazy!" 1

The merchant had spent almost the last half year with the people from the Howling Wolf pack and recent month with Cane and Ethan, he hated to admit it, but he became used with their presence now and without him realizing it, he cared for them in his twisted way. 3

yos,ruleSi this flngeei saw a npai in eht a!ss 2

"First, I don't have the magic stone! Second, I don't have the energy!" Lou growled. "Can you get up? This is very uncomfortable! Talk to me like usual!" Ethan stood up and looked at Lou, which made him shivered. "Don't look at me like that, you look like you are going to die!" 1

But, that's how Ethan felt...

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Iris couldn't stay with Ezra for long, because she needed to go back to her bedroom before Cane returned from his meeting, but it didn't cross her mind that Dean had informed Cane first, since he was not her personal warriors, thus his responsibility and obligation was not on her.

Iris felt her heart skipped a beat when the first thing she saw was Cane's emotionless face the moment she opened the door.

I" tghtouh uoy were..." e'aCns dloc eciov was tuc hsoth wneh Iris etwhr rehfsel ta mih and essidk mih, neererdd eht ahpla unable ot speak dna erpdnrami re.h 1

Iris tiptoed and pulled Cane by his collar, so the alpha could bend his body because of the height different between them. Out of instinct, Cane leaned over and put his hand on her hips to secure her, just in case, she tripped.

"I know, I am sorry!" Iris pecked his lips and when Cane tried to speak, she would kiss him again to stop him, so she could apologize profusely. "I am sorry, I am sorry..." 1

A ssik uwodl nlad no aCsne' psil ni reyve drow of 'r'orsy ahtt si!r dsai. 2

"Let's go back to our room first," Cane said, as he put his arms around her waist firmly, so she wouldn't be able to do her trick.

a,kOy" etls' og ot s"l.epe sirI egader cod.leyil

Cane was already upset with the nasty suggestion that alpha Colter and Laluna blurted out. He wondered, what kind of indication that let them think he would be on board with that borderline disgusting idea?

But then, when he thought, he could calm his anger down and got a shred of peaceful mind by going back to his mate, only to find her was inside the room that was occupied by the white diamond tiger. In his eyes, Iris had put herself in danger!

ane"...C" Irsi toko a sphra brheta ehnw Cean huegdg her mofr bidhne and zeduseqe reh earsbt eht mmoetn ythe weer isndie rieht moo.r hSe ednaom when enCa sidlpep his hnad erdun her dress dna couthed her inner t.hhgi

The tension built up within her body, but she could feel his anger and helplessness in his every touch that burned her skin.

Cane bit lightly on her shoulder, as his finger rubbed her clit in a very painful slow motion. Iris tried to move her hips, but Cane pinched her nipple and made her gasped.

Her therab gctahu ni erh throta hwen enaC cildek reh eelo,bar ondw ot reh ecnk nad bkac ot eibln on her alobeer nag.ai

His touch was not like his usual careful and gentle touch, it was reckless, as though he wanted Iris to know how upset he was, but at the same time, it brought different feeling for her. An excitement that laced with anticipation.

Cane had been painstakingly cautious whenever he touched her, so it felt nice when he stopped being very vigilant, treating her like a fragile glass and chose to be a little bit rough with her now.

"A"!h Irsi felt her doyb uolwd sutbr nehwhre mixalc was os ecsl,o ehr sikn aws veyr senisevit dan a cry left her lips nweh the relpsuea edenkaew reh le.sg

She would have fallen to the floor if Cane didn't catch her and carried her to the bed.

"Cane..." Iris called his name when she felt her back touched the bed, but he undressed her instead. He had lost his patient long time ago, which made him ripped the dress impatiently that bothered him.

I" ma not deon yet wiht ",uoy naCe wd.eorgl


Iris blushed when she heard that and the anticipation built inside her again. She tried to push her body up because laying down on her back was not comfortable, she felt like her stomach pressed her organs and recently she had been sleeping on her side, since she couldn't breath when she laid down on her back for long.

Usually, Cane would let her to be on top, since that was the position, where she was most comfortable.

Same like before, he moved too slow for her liking.


"Cane... faster..." Iris whimpered.. 2

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Zeal dterurne iwht ba,aiSn but heert wsa etoahrn aextr spen,or ohw acem htwi hte owt fo ,meht ti was Na.al

When she heard Lou called for Sabian, she insisted to come and despite Zale sharp refusal to not take her with them, the woman didn't want to listen at all and came along anyway.

Knowing the situation and they were in the critical time, Zale let that woman came too.

Zephyr asked him why he took Sabian and Nala with him to the area they found Aliana and the other, but Zale only explained Lou needed them and Ethan said not to let the other to come without his permission.

Zephyr said nothing, but he watched as the young shifter shifted into his beast, so did Nala, while Sabian followed the two of them. He was deep in thought. He had his own speculation, but he didn't have proof for that.

"Master... what are you doing here?" Sabian asked, panting. He was too old for going down here and it took him forever to be able to reach this spot alive.

"Ck! You take so long!" Lou grumbled. "Do you bring what I ask for?" This question was directed to Zale, who looked at Ethan first before he handed a small pouch filled with magic stones to the merchant. "Use this and assist me to lift all those fucking rocks."

Sabian blinked his eyes. "What rocks? That rock? Which one?"

"All of them."

"Are you crazy!" Sabian immediately cleared his throat and softened his voice. "Master, I don't think you can do it, even with me assisting you."

"Do you want to tell me that I am weak?!" Somehow, Lou felt like he heard Cane's voice, who agreed with him that he was weak. This was annoying and upset him further. "I can do it! I am the best sorcerer!"

"Master, it will mess up with your mana flow, you just created portal not so long."

Zale leaned toward Nala and whispered to her. "Is he a sorcerer? I thought he is a merchant."

Meanwhile, it didn't take long for Lou to make Sabian do what he ordered him to do. He spilled all the magic stones from the pouch and grabbed them tightly. "You owe me this!" he growled at Ethan.

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Cane woke up when he felt Iris shivered in his arms, as it turned out the fire in the fireplace almost died out. He immediately got up and pulled the blanket to cover Iris's naked body before he added more firewood and the room became very warm again.

Iris curled her body, as if she was hugging her stomach when Cane returned to bed. She was sound asleep, her lips were slightly ajar and you could hear how she snored softly.

Cane stretched out his hand and tucked her away from her face, but he discovered her the bruise on her shoulder, which made him frowned. He must have bitten her too harsh earlier and lost his control.

He pulled down the blanket and scrutinized her body again, looking for another bruise or any signs that indicating he had hurt her.

Thankfully, aside from the bruise on her shoulder and his fingerprints around her wrists, there was nothing more. Still, Cane was not happy with himself. He became barbaric again with her.

His seye tnhe lfef on her ellowsn byel,l he readssce reh utmmmy h,itllyg but ti tilcked reh os he tseoppd eofebr eh keow reh up.

"I am sorry..." Cane whispered to her ear and kissed her cheek, he tucked her inside the blanket, making sure she was warm before he left to meet with Koda.

It must be still early in the morning, though it was hard to tell when the sky looked the same.

fAert Cane adcnele sifmleh pu and put no sih cloak, eh odrdeer nDea and aPx ot kepe his esye on his etma, btu he wsa e,sur Irsi ulnw'odt awke up rof erhtaon rh.ous

"Alpha Cane, what are you doing here?" Koda asked, he looked unkempt. He was still sleeping when his guard informed him Cane wanted to see him. "This is still early morning." His voice hoarse, as he followed Cane to the garden.

"There is something important I want to let you know."

ta"Wh si it"? aKod edworruf shi brows. What pmtrianto tnghi that he endtwa to tell mih, uintl eh woke hmi pu os lraey in eht ngrnmoi. eorM so, ti swa ynol hi.m If gsnotehmi was really oimp,rattn alpha retloC dluohs eb eehr oto ot wkn,o right?

"I will make this quick." Cane stopped walking and then turned around to face Koda. "Are you giving up to be a regent for the baby?"

"What?!" Koda was shocked, just like what Cane had predicted. "Of course not! This is my right to be my great grandson's regent. Where did you get that idea, alpha Cane?"

.crcka

In the beginning, it would be only a small crack, but by time, the crack would get bigger and break the entire thing. 1

Just like how she provoked the hatred of his warriors toward Iris, now Cane hit Koda's greediness to make a crack between him and alpha Colter.

It swa msnihgteo thta you lundow't elef het cteeff fo ti altdeym,miie utb uetavellny.

"Apparently alpha Colter and Laluna have planned the whole thing. You must be curious why alpha Colter sent you out of the room and only talked to me."

Koda sobered up immediately. He caught the meaning behind Cane's words almost in an instant. "He suggested for you to mate with Laluna? Or he wanted you to be the next king?"

tunl"eCr,yr I 'odtn stirente rfo hte t,aerl but you era irght rof the r"o.mefr naCe hweacdt how genra lnedfeug Koad atfer he enderal ihs.t ahlp"A elrotC wlli odapt uLaaln as ish daughter neco I eedarlc reh ot be my at.me" 1

Koda opened his mouth, but there was no word that came out of his lips and Cane patiently waited for him to gather his thought.

"Are you sure about that?" Koda asked through his gritted teeth.

iesernGesd and uosnipisc cdoul kweean ruoy strut, evne the etrsngtos onbd ldcou gldarlyau bkrea nad aeCn only ndegee ot asy a efw dwosr nad watch owh yeht iednur .theselmevs 1

"You can ask them if you don't believe me." Cane turned around, he was about to leave, but before that, he said his last piece. "The thought of touching another woman aside from my mate, disgusted me."

Koda averted his eyes awkwardly.

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"Aliana!" Jace opened the curtain to the tent. Dyne told him which tent that Aliana was occupying after she was being rescued. 5

All of them wondered how Ethan, Lou and the other could take the three of them out of the rubbles of the rocks, but they couldn't ask the gamma. Seeing his expression alone would let you know it was not the right time to ask him about any of that. 1

eh,fTeeorr hyte trdeesep Zael to ilpls eht nae,b tub the uonyg boy swa yver htitg lips. 1

"Lower your voice, she is sleeping," Ethan said. He had been sitting in the same position for hours, checking on her every now and then, afraid if she suddenly stopped breathing. 4

Jace breathed raggedly, he approached the bed and watched Aliana's sleeping face, while Ethan filled him in about Aliana's condition right now. The gamma only parroted what Grace said, because he didn't have the energy to think of anything.

"Yes, please do." Ethan stood up. He gave up his seat to Jace. "But, make sure to consult this with Grace first." The journey from here to Howling Wolf pack would take half day. Jace had to make sure Aliana's condition suit for such journey.

After that, Ethan walked out of the tent to find Zale had been waiting for him. He gave him an accusatory glare, in which he didn't want to think what was in his mind to look at him like that.

"uoY uotnh'sld ehav letnk donw in ntofr of that tkcay man. Why did uoy od th"?at Zale serdtpee .tEahn "You ca'nt owe hmi tangn"yh!i 1

"Did you tell someone about him being a sorcerer?"

"No."

".Godo Keep ti as a eets".rc

"I will tell luna Iris about it, though."

"Go ahead."

tEahn didn't have eht eryeng to deal tiwh ela,Z he tihesfd noit his betas nad rushed yawa so,wremeeh lgeaivn Zale lao.ne

He pouted his lips and decided to see that tacky sorcerer.


For now, Haco was under intensive care from Grace and Joel's dislocated shoulder had been fixed, though they had to break his bone again for Grace to be able to heal it, while Celia was currently with the Serafim. Her treatment was very late, the Serafim almost lost her, but right now, her life was already out of danger. She would heal. 2


On leaZ ywa to see the kaytc mtca,ehrn he raedh mmgruniur icevso rfmo seomeehwr edbnhi enil fo stre.e At ,frsit he dnd'it eac,r hwo it w,as but wnhe tirhe nscte meac ot ,mhi eh deedownr yhw eht owt fo hmte erew rhet,e suth out of sirtuo,yic he wodllofe rieht nstce noly ot ese owt people ledock rhiet spil, ni a saatsnoipe kiss. 1


It was Kian and Nala! 4

Ugh! He had corrupted his vision! 5

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I" knwo you era "aekwa, enaC sd,ai sa eh ran his sgrnief batnleinydmdes no reh nljaiw.e eH adh met with oaKd dan koot caer a few ntsgghi, utb nehwh eh rdee,urtn Iris was tills lsea.ep

"I have prepared food for you, don't you want to eat?"

isyh,eSelph sirI eenpod rhe seey. "Wtha oyu ehav erprpade?" ehs aksed iy,dtilm as she cnlgade at the ryta no eht elta.b She c'untldo rtisse het ttaptoemni of o,odf reh ppeettai saw deinlicbre ycte.renl oYu ludoc yas thsi was na easy ,gnrecpayn esaid omrf soloncacia naussea and irnavcg siomghe.nt

"Iris..."

"I am sorry, I know I am wrong. I will not do it again."

aeCn stared otni her lebu yee.s "Pleea,s meatn ti newh you dorpimse em mthiosng.e" ¹

Iris lowered her head, feeling incredulously guilty because she went behind Cane's back last night to see the white diamond tiger.

"I don't want to see you in danger, Iris." Cane's voice softened. "I have a lot of people tricked me, I don't want you too do the same thing." ²

I" "...ma

Cane kissed her lips to swallow her apology. "Let's eat." He helped her to sit down and arranged the pillow behind her back. "Hurt?" he asked when he saw Iris winched.

"A little bit," Iris replied sheepishly, red color spread on her cheeks. "My hips a little bit sore..."

Cane put hte mlals l,abte os ehs coldu eat on het ebd, ewhil eh redawpp his mra odanru her abkc adn ssegdama reh hips, lihew hse wsa cunhgmin no hre me.at
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Zale was stunned. He didn't know what to do after he witnessed this and choose to runaway before neither Kian nor Nala noticed him had witnessed them there.

tahW" a dab !ya"d elaZ brgdumle on his wya tdowra uos'L nte,t weher eh nufod aanSib asw tdeignn to ihs mra.ste Lou oodlek like a .ssem eH reefsud hwen eh swa told to tle Garce ckhce no .ihm

He acted all tough, but there he was, unable to even lift a finger.

At the same time, Zale felt a pity for him because he was actually being cheated on and that woman, instead of tending to her man, was kissing another man instead. Zale would look Kian differently from now on too. ¹

"Boy, you need to ask permission before you entered the tent," Sabian reprimanded Zale. He was actually a sorcerer too, but from what Zale saw, it seemed, he was not as powerful as the merchant.

Zale ignored what Sabian said and walked toward Lou's bed, which made the old man mad, but Lou stopped him when he was about to drag him out of the tent.

"Leave us alone," Lou said in his weak voice. He hated the sound of it and even more when he was in vulnerable state, where he couldn't defense himself if he was being attacked.

"Leave."

Couldn't argue with his master, Sabian finally left the two of them.

"How many people have known about my identity as a sorcerer?" Lou asked straight to the point.

"I told no one."

Lou raised his brows. He looked exhausted and the sight of him should be able to evoke sympathy, but somehow, he still managed to look annoying.

"Really?"

Zale furrowed his brows when his honesty was being questioned.

"Do you still have that stone?" Lou remembered it was Zale, who had brought the magic stone when they were going to help Aliana and the other, so he thought, he had some with him.

Zale didn't answer immediately, he stared at the merchant blankly. "I have stone," he finally said. ⁴

"Good. Give it to me." Lou needed to get some extra energy, but it took a while for Sabian to get some magic stones, especially when they had to afford it secretly, since the magic users from the Holy Kingdom had been around.

"With one condition."

Lou wanted to scoff. "Do you really want to bargain with me? Name your price." He thought this boy was not interested in money, but as it turned out, when you were poor, money was a temptation, no matter how young you were.

"I want you to clear the debt between you and gamma Ethan." Zale didn't like people, who closed with the luna to beg someone else, especially the person that his luna disliked. ⁴

Lou raised his brows, if he was strong enough, he would have guffawed with that absurdity. "You like Ethan that much? I don't know that you look up so much at him."

It was not Ethan, but the luna instead, but Zale didn't want to explain that. He kept his expression the same, until Lou was done with his insult.

"Fine. Give me the stone and I will count the debt between me and Ethan is even." Oh, please, this young boy was too young and immature to bargain with a merchant like him. If there was no witness, then there was no deal that happened, that was the rule. ³

As someone with experience like Lou, he didn't think there was anyone would take what this young boy said seriously.

ahW"t? uoY 'tnod ilevbee ?"em Lou raised sih ow.rbs "Feni. I ma gngoi ot ."eleps eH ecdlos ihs eyse.

Zale then fished out something from his pocket and put it on the table next to Lou. It was a stone. "There. You need to keep your promise. There is no debt between you and gamma Ethan."

indeed looked like that stone, he agreed readily.

Fne,"i e.fni eGiv me that not".se

"Why? You can't take it?"

Fuck this boy! 2

Zale hten otosd pu and wdalke tou fo eht ntte oberef Luo ldzreeai rehte was nethgiosm rwnog htiw eht o,nets tbu obeefr ,taht eh gyenurlsoe let mih knew buato Naals' lfiiyn.edit

"It's a pity, I saw your woman kissed one of the warriors." Zale didn't reveal the identity of the warrior, because he didn't want Lou to make trouble for luna's personal warriors. 5

Lou cackled when he heard that and not long after, Sabian entered the room, in which he asked to bring the stone on the table.

W"aht od you want wtih tish ,enots etsar"?m aSianb kleodo ndsoecuf hwne eh eddnah eht eotsn ot uoLs' .ahdn

From closer look and even more after Lou felt the stone, he knew in an instant, he had been tricked by that brat. It was not the magic stone! 2

"I am going to kill him!" Lou growled, unfortunately, he couldn't move, or else, he would have made Zale swallowed this stone! 2

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"All the preparation is done," Cane said, he waved his hand and Pax walked out of the room, where the alpha was having a meeting with alpha Colter and Koda about their next move, he returned with a boy, around ten years old, who looked so scared, as he tried to hide behind Pax. "My man managed to get him."

Alpha Colter raised his brows and Koda cackled.

,S"o hsit si alpha sa'Noln icserpou ?no"s plhAa erColt loekod happy. tahW" are you ngiog to do? eSnt him one of his arm, as a gmwnrai dan tsen sih trhonaemar if alpha loNna lstli reefsud ot ergea hwit oru te"r.m

"Tie him on the pole and put him in our gate, so people from Winter Moon pack can see their future alpha."

Alpha had a lot of children, but all of them were women, until he got this little boy and he treasured him so much. There was no way the alpha wouldn't react if his son was in the enemy's hand.

",oN" enaC said frlym.i T"his oyb will be ssel lalaevub fi he si p.pidlcer neemooS as rupdo as ahalp Nonla liwl ont accept seomnoe ilpcpder neve fi it si sih onw .nos eH is too orupd ot kaem a efeddtce nos to eb sih .r"ieh

After some thought, alpha Colter and Koda agreed with that.

For now, the boy would be under Aderan and Della's care. None of them realized that the woman was queen Della, since they couldn't care less about a maid that came with Cane's group. They had never actually seen her too.

alpha N'olnsa rrsraowi adn yaorl waorirrs back to iteWnr moon kca.p

Which meant, it was the time for the south packs and west packs to regroup and take down the east packs.

Letters had been sent through the lizard and they really overworked this poor creature, since this was the only safe way to communicate with each other. 1


H,reovwe rhtee aws ronehat proelbm taht htey lro,eoedkvo because of lla isht mess. heT lpeeop ohw tgo kcis srdicneea nad eht mSeraif dluotcn' peek up whit teh enw pa.ietnt

Right now, there were around fifty warriors and Knights that had fallen sick, even though the rain was not as frequent as before, since they had entered winter season.

Aside from that, there was another problem too.


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Chapter 703: BLACK RAIN AND DARK SKY (45)

"I am not going anywhere," Aliana said sternly, she faced the two annoying men, who wanted to send her off back to the Howling Wolf pack. "I serve the luna and I received the order from the alpha, without their permission, I am not going anywhere."

Aliana was a little bit pale, because she just felt better after what happened, yet to her surprised, she woke up to see Jace was waiting for her, he was sitting on the chair beside her makeshift bed, ready to haul her back to their pack, thankfully she woke up or else, she wouldn't be to have this argumentation. 1

"Stop being stubborn, Aliana!" Jace roared. It was very rare for the beta to raise his voice to his younger sister before, but when he did, you could imagine how frustrated he was with her. "I will get you on that damn carriage with or without your permission! You walk inside the carriage now, or I will carry you, your choice!"

Aliana lifted her chin arrogantly. "Or you can fight me, Jace."

"Aliana!" Jace barked.

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anywhere. I am not a little girl, who needed your permission to do something that I want."

"You can die!"

"So be it!" Aliana shifted her attention toward Ethan, who had been silent all this time. He was exceptionally quiet for someone, who was very talkative. "Are you not going to do anything with this? Can you talk some sense to my brother?"

Ethan lifted his head and looked Aliana. "I agreed with him. I think you need to go back. This is very dangerous." 1

hWt"a a ht"lsil!bu iAlaan sceodff.

But, before the situation could escalate further, Zephyr entered the room and informed them they were ready to go. There were dozens of carriages that would take the fallen warriors back to their respective pack, while the fallen Holy Knights would be cremated and their ashes would be spread in the ocean.

"The ships from Karam have been docked in the Chrystal Moon pack's harbor. Eron and I will go there to receive them. We need one of you to come with me," Zephyr reported. He needed the beta or the gamma to come with them to face the merchant from the Karam and informed them their merchant had died during the civil war.

"I will ".og aEtnh veuetodlr,ne it was tteber tnha if eh had to deal htiw .inlaaA teL Jeac take reh kcab ot the kcap htiw htwrvaae yaw he luodc kihnt fof.

"I am going with you!" Aliana went after Ethan, ignoring her brother's protest. It was easier to deal with him than Jace anyway, more so, Ethan had been acting very distance with her lately. It didn't sit well with her.

Right now, the royal warriors were forced back to take shelter in the Winter Moon pack after they lost the battle against the Holy Knights and the south warriors.

oHrewve, terhe swa wsen htta was cumh roswe athn ahtt for alhpa oanl.N

"What do you mean my son is being kidnapped!?" he snarled angrily at the warrior, who reported it. Currently, he had gone back to his pack after being besieged in Silver River pack for weeks only to find out his son was being kidnapped. 1

"Someone barged inside his bedroom and took him away..." the warrior knelt down, so low, his head hit the floor, he was trembling in fear upon facing the alpha's wrath.

!Aa"hlp" orehnAt arriwro emac insdie the moro nad defnrmio aalhp aolNn uotba the lertte morf eht Red lCwa kcap.

The more alpha Nolan read the letter, the more his face turned very dark, reflecting the gloomy sky out there.

"Son of bitch!" alpha Nolan roared, his claws emerged when he killed the two warriors before him, who he deemed unable to do their job, until his son was being kidnapped by the enemy. "I am going to kill Colter and ripped his heart out of his chest!"

ee.scip

Alpha Nolan went back to his table and saw the dagger that Dexter gave to him. He was supposed to stab Cane in his eyes, ruined his sight, but he didn't get the opportunity to do so, he couldn't even get his hands on his people.

Dexter threatened him with his own son too at that time, which forced him to choose side, but right now, his son was in the enemy's hand.

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Meanwhile, Moon Dew pack didn't do well too, since they destroyed the Black Market, but still they lost their targets. What they got were only insignificant people, who only good for a sacrifice for black magic.

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"You might be able to fool that stupid dark witch, but you can't fool me, Redmond." Aria glared at Redmond, she was still dreading the fact Cane was actually buried under the rubbles of the remaining Black Market when they exploded the place, but news came and they learned the alpha managed to escape to the Golden Light pack, joined force with the Red Claw pack, who had taken down that pack earlier.

"Oh, please..." Redmond snorted.

This ddea nawom saw hte last sroenp he ndatwe to ,ese but sthi damn onoM weD pack was tno os big for him to eb elba to advoi h.er yTeh uayllcat emubpd tono hcae oehrt ni siht arwnro di,orrocr sa boht of meht hinedga atodrw ydal y'aCns bmedroo.

"You are not that smart for me to fool you. Because it will only waste my precious time. I don't need to fool you, actually. You have fooled yourself." 1

"Watch your mouth! I am going to kill you!" Aria snarled at him.

a"t?Wh Reaytli tih yoru ygul eacf os drah? s'tahT tahw ouy did wehn you dlfooe uosleryf niot ntighkin Cane llactyua liedk you, neve eafrt he wsa hte ,eno how elldik uoy dan idt'dn neve obreth to coem nad ees oyu f".of Rdnoedm adfguefw ot ees rAia's af.ec eeK"p lfgonoi ure,losfy at the vrye ta,sel yuo will ton die fo oury sofhen"os.isl 2

Actually, it was great to see Aria, because he could vent out some of his frustration.

"Stay away from me!" Redmond pushed Aria so hard, until her body flew across the corridor. He didn't mind to hit woman, especially the dead one. "Dead people give me creep. Don't ever come close to me, it can be a bad luck for my day." 2

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"I don't think we can hide my pregnancy for long," Iris said, as she stood in front of the body full mirror, staring at her own swollen belly.

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"What are you going to do?" Iris melted in Cane's arms, rested her back against his sturdy chest, as she giggled to see their reflection. She wanted to see her baby so bad, she was curious who the baby would take after. Would the baby have her blue eyes or Cane's black eyes? What about the hair? This silly thought would intrude her mind whenever she didn't have anything to do.

"Let it be."

"?mH" Isri neadel her daeh adn exposed hre en,ck sa Cane dsiesk h.re

"If they learned about your pregnancy, so be it." They had hidden the pregnancy as best as they could, but when they were no longer able to do that, let them knew about it naturally. "When you healed the baby, was there any side effect on the baby?"

Cane wanted to know if Iris used her power, would it affect the baby, because he still conflicted whether or not to let her knew about this news.

.oN" I fele fein. ehT ruces no the baby si not as ahvye as I gdiim.ane It anc eb siad as hte hlitg ,one cnise aHoc duse to inart me to riufpy the calkb not.se The one Hcoa desu ot giev em was yaw av.erieh Pl,oyrbab sacebeu ti was a ,baby os it sah a yevr sogntr tff"eca. 1


Iris chuckled when she felt the baby kicked her from inside. "The baby is very active." Cane placed his palms on the spot where the baby was kicking, a warm smile on his lips. "I feel like there are two of them." 7

"I really want to see our child."

"Me .oot I anwt to ees our lhicd .s"oon

Their wish would come true, they would see their children soon than they expected.. 10

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Chapter 704: BLACK RAIN AND DARK SKY (46)

Moon pack in the north and Winter Moon and Moon Dew pack in the east.

Even though Golden Light pack had lost their base, because their pack had been conquered by Red Claw pack, but those warriors, who survived took shelter in the Winter Moon pack, which didn't make alpha Nolan happy.

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Chapter 705: BLACK RAIN AND DARK SKY (47)

The letter was directed to Cane, where the person that alpha Nolan sent, asked him to meet with them inside a brothel. It was not the fancy one, you could say this brothel must be the cheapest in this area, but giving the context of their meeting, it was understandable.

Someone like Cane wouldn't come to this kind of place after all.

"You need to stop making that face, or you will scare everyone else." Cane

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