



alie...k what are oyu"?

Her first encounter with Decratic not only left the dark soul depleted from his power, but so did Iris. She was still trying to figure out her own power and her outburst at that time had backfired on her when she tried to stop Decratic from hurting her people.

Aliana's line of thought was cut short when someone knocked on the door and Reed's voice could be heard, informing her that the Serafim was already there.

lAa"ai,n the eSfrmai si here. She wtnsa ot ees het "naul. Rdee aledgnc at the fam,ireS who saw datngsin ton too far morf ehtm, nusdinurrgo by reh feiv Holy Knights.

They were speechless to see how eerily similar this Serafim with their luna, though Iris's hair was not as red as hers, but their blue eyes were the same shade of blue.

If you didn't pay close attention, you probably would be mistaken the two of them. They looked at each other, communicating what they were thinking about this Serafim and their luna.

ybbA could feel ti ahtt htye were stealnig a glance ta ,ehr tub she deirt ot ngeroi hte mo.ocsritdf

Their attention finally shifted toward the door when Aliana opened it. She was taken aback too when she saw the Serafim, but she composed herself quickly.

"Please, come in.." 4

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## Chapter 669: BLACK RAIN AND DARK SKY (11)

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Meanwhile, inside the bedroom were the Serafim, Aliana, the healer and laying unconsciously on the bed was the luna of the Howling Wolf pack, the woman, who rumored as a runt, but as it turned out, she had a great healing power, where she could heal one of the warriors from being a cripple.

"Her vitals are fine, Serafim." Penny gave the Serafim a rundown, she was a little bit stammering here and there, because she had never met someone as powerful as Serafim before.

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Penny had her head hung very low, she couldn't afford to offend the Serafim.



nothing less.

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"I only did what I have to do, Serafim." Penny beamed because someone like Serafim remembered her name and was appreciated with her effort.

"Can you leave us for a moment?" Abby spoke gently and Penny resigned herself. She went out of the bedroom and closed the door. "Can I see her?" Abby directed her attention toward Aliana, once the healer was no longer there.

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Iris was still unconscious, her face was still pale, but she looked like she was just sleeping.

However, the moment Abby fixed her eyes on Iris, her heart skipped a beat. She widened her eyes in surprised and it was very clear to see that she was not prepared for what she was seeing.

A waomn, hwo meeeds nrdoua rhe e,ga ro a tleilt tib rygnoeu naht ,erh itwh the sadeh of der ahi.r yThe could eb psdeas as s.ierts 2

Abby had heard it from Koda that the luna of the Howling Wolf pack had auburn hair and both of them almost looked similar, but she didn't think much of it. The similarity must be the color of their hair or the blue eyes that they had, though it was uncommon for shifter to have such eyes color, unless they were the color of gold, but that color only reserved for the royal bloodline.

However, Abby could see the similarity between the two of them was beyond the mere color of their hair and probably their eyes.

uY"o smut eb sekdhoc sbceaeu the two of you look os umch lkia, fare,"Smi aaAiln s,adi she ekorb siht kwdarwa lcniese that gnah ni hte a.ir "Me .too I was hodsekc nehw I saw uoy "ilr.aeer ehS tenh dedda. "I n'odt mean any etrdissc,ep fa,rmeSi but oyu loko yrev siirlma hwti our lun"a.

Abby shook her head, as if she was trying to get her mind straight and regain her composure. "Not at all. You are right. Outsider might mistake us as a sister." Abby had to admit it. "Is she... really from this continent?"

"She was born in this continent. Her father was the alpha of the Blue Moon pack and her mother was the luna."

Abby nodded. "So I heard." That was a common information and she already knew about it. "The color of her hair is not common in this continent."

"Yes," Aliana agreed, but gently she corrected her. "Even though, it's not common, but there are a few shifters or magic users with this color that I knew of. One of our warriors is a red hair."

"Oh... it seems, I need to learn more about this continent." Abby smiled at Aliana.

"That will be a blessing for our people for you wanting to know more about us," Aliana replied, she didn't mean it in sarcastic way, knowing how people in the Andelus continent saw them, shifter. "I am sorry for the trouble, Serafim, but if you don't mind, just like you can see, our luna is in strange condition. The healer said her vitals are fine, but she has not yet woken up for days and we are worried about it."

cahoots with Ethan, but then she could be very dependable like her beta brother.

Ever since, Cane had been often absent from the pack, it was Jace, who had to maintain the Howling Wolf pack and the Blue Moon pack, kept them in check. That was not an easy task to do and could only be done by someone that the alpha completely trusted.

"If you this information can help... our luna is currently pregnant, she is almost three months by now." Aliana had discussed this with the alpha and they agreed to let the Serafim knew about Iris's pregnancy beforehand, to avoid any mishap, no matter how small it was.

"Pregnant." Abby repeated the word and then sat down on the edge of the bed and stared at Iris's face. She tried to focus on the matter at hand and shook off this strange feeling she had upon seeing the luna.

"Yes, Serafim." Aliana nodded.

Abby was silence for a while, before she stretched out her hand to hold Iris's. "Let's see what I can do..."

However, Abby let out a scream the moment her hand touched Iris's, which made Aliana shocked and panic when the Serafim fell to the floor, as if someone just pushed her harshly. <sup>1</sup>

"Serafim! What happened?!" Aliana immediately rushed to her side.

And at the same time, the door was slammed opened and the five knights immediately rushed toward the Serafim with their drawn swords. Behind them were the warriors.

One of them kicked Aliana away from Abby, which made her head bumped against the table and the sight of it made the seven warriors growled at them. <sup>2</sup>

"What the hell do you think you are doing?!" Reed growled at the knight, who had kicked Aliana away and Eron rushed to her side, while the other were seething at the knights.

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"Back off!" Cedric roared at the warriors, but of course, they didn't have any intention to listen to such order after what they had done to Aliana. "WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO THE SERAFIM?!" <sup>2</sup>

Within five hundred people that they brought with them, two hundreds of them were magic users, they were enough to tear down this pack. <sup>2</sup>

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"The Serafim has arrived in the Bloody Wolf pack," Ethan informed Cane. "If the Serafim agreed to meet with Iris right away, she must have visited her by now."

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However, Lou was furious when he heard how nonchalant Cane was. "That's it? You didn't ask anything anymore and jump straight to your battle strategy again?" The merchant was in disbelieve.



and probably she wouldn't until later when there was something she could report as a result of the meeting between the Serafim and the luna.

naCe saw ritgh, hrete was no tnsieuqo clodu eb wrsn.deea

"If you don't care about her, I am going to see her!" Lou was upset with how callous the alpha was. How could he act all lovey dovey and like a lovesick teenager in one day and then a nonchalant asshole in the next day?

"And exposed yourself as the magic user to the whole people from the Holy Kingdom?" Ethan knew how much Lou hated it when one more person learned about his ability. He was not sure why he was like that, since becoming a magic user was not even something you needed to be ashamed of. But, this merchant made it sound like that. <sup>1</sup>

Not only that, he had been arrested because he had stolen the goods from the pack. Not only that, he had been arrested because he had stolen the goods from the pack.

"If that's your plan, go ahead. I want to see Iris too," Ethan taunted him, because he knew Lou wouldn't take the risk. Actually, there was another person that he wanted to see to.

Defeated, but didn't want to admit it, Lou scoffed, as he sat down again. "What else? How is it? Has she woken up yet?"

And he knew she would. He knew she would. He knew she would. He knew she would. He knew she would.

"What about Red Claw pack?" Cane asked again.

"They are waiting for your further instruction, Cane. Koda and alpha Colter have managed to settle down the ruckus in the Golden Light pack and they intended to erase the name of the Golden Light pack from this continent."

Ethan shrugged his shoulders. "This is only a suggestion, but knowing those people, they might go ahead with that plan, since they are still in euphoria for being able to control all the pack in the west part of the continent."

"Is there a reason for the war between the packs?"

"They should be arrived since yesterday, but it seems, the fact their pack has fallen caused trouble within their rank."

"Who leads them?"

"Or you?" Lou asked. "Or you?" Lou asked. "Or you?" Lou asked. "Or you?" Lou asked.

There was another silence that befell inside the tent, while Lou glared at Cane in frustration. Why would he ask about an unimportant thing when it was a critical moment for his mate?

However, little did the merchant know, it was not Cane who didn't care about his mate. He cared so much about her, until he barely able to concentrate with this complicated plan.

Cane needed to focus. He had to eat, sleep, and then he had to think about the plan. He had to eat, sleep, and then he had to think about the plan. He had to eat, sleep, and then he had to think about the plan.

"Prepare yourself." Cane stood up, his words were directed to Lou.

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"Really?" Lou widened his eyes. He had mixed feeling about it. The Black Market was kind of a home for him, but then he would be away from Iris. He didn't like that. "Are you sure alpha Gallot will not hunt us down and welcome us with open arms and his big, warm hug?"

"Maybe, you can get a kiss from him if you asked," Ethan responded with a chuckled and Lou threw him a nasty look. 1

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"Everything is ready, my lord," Zeke said solemnly, as he entered the king's bedroom, where Decratic was sitting on his bed, looked lethargic.


Even after he took Alan's blood, he still couldn't recover as quick as he wanted.

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"Good." Decratic nodded. "We will go now."

They were going to the north..

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## Chapter 670: BLACK RAIN AND DARK SKY (12)

When the Howling Wolf pack was being attacked by Blue Moon pack, Celestial Moon pack was also under constraint because of the constant monster attack in their territory, which rendered them unable to be any help for the former.

This constant monster attack also put them in tight spot, where they couldn't do much, aside from defending the north. Their hands were tight because of it, which caused their pack secluded from everything that was happening in this continent.

But later on, Cane and alpha Derick learned that king Aeon had been using Asturi Stem as his method to rile up the monsters in the north, which was the caused of their dire situation. They didn't have any idea how long King Aeon had been feeding the monsters in the north with the Asturi Stem.

However, before the matter with the Asturi Stem could be cleared up and they were able to come up with something to counter that, a lot of unexpected things happened, which brought them, to today.

And yet, the worst had not yet to come.

"The king will be here?" Alpha Derick narrowed his eyes at his son. He was his heir, the next in line for the alpha position. "What is he going to do here?" The old alpha still looked energetic, as if he could live for another hundred of years. His grey hair was tied into a bun. This was a tradition for the man in the north to grow their hair.



from the north had this strong intimidating air around them, especially the alpha.

"There is further explanation, but this time the king will stay for a little bit longer," Cezi said. He was alpha Derick's firstborn.

Alpha Derick clicked his tongue in annoyance. He indeed had pledged his loyalty to the king to save his pack, his people and his daughter also prince Kellan from being executed, but deep in his heart, he despised Alan so much. He was still Kellan's loyal supporter and was happy when the prince took his youngest daughter as his mate, this emphasized his status as a family and how important he was for this pack.

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He refused to help his pack and since then the relationship between them was a little bit complicated, because with alpha Derick pledged his loyalty to the new king and Cane supported Red Claw pack, they were standing in the opposite side.

Alpha Derick couldn't understand why Cane didn't support prince Kellan like his father did. In his opinion Cane had gone astray from what he and his best friend's belief.

".oN" eziC ooskh sih head.

"What about the situation in the southern border?" It was the area where the border warriors and Winter Moon pack pit on Cane's warriors.

"Still the same, alpha Cane took his warriors to retreat near the Bloody Wolf pack and set their defense there, until now, there is still no movement from him."

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"Father." Cezi was a little bit hesitated when he was going to inform this.

"What is it?"

"Terhe si a uorm htat niecrp nalKel del het Golden Ltigh pkca otdwar the detitablelf in the ."htuos 3

"What a nonsense." Alpha Derick waved his hand. "How he could lead a huge amount of warriors when he is having a hard time to stand?" 1

"Golden Light pack is the former pack of Lady Abigail, prince Kellan's mother, I think he still, somehow, holds some power over there. More so..." Cezi frowned when he said the next thing. "Some people saw him standing." He fished out a letter from his pocket. "Arella sent a letter to confirm that too."

"No way." haAlp ciDekr sndhceat the leettr fmro sCez'i hand dan daer it ismelhf. oN" way... hwat is phnnap?eig How cdolu tish vene eb ?sobei"lsp

"Black magic," Cezi suggested, but alpha Derick shot down the idea.

"Prince Kellan will not indulge himself in such degrading activity." 1

Y"ou 'nact eb sure about ht"t.a

"I know him so well, ever since he was a child. Why do you think I always support him? He is the future for this continent."



"eAg 'noedst tr.maet realAl si umrtea ouhneg for her age dna ti si na hoonr for us ot evah ircnpe Kanlle as patr fo rou ".ylimaf 4

"An honor for you, not for me." Cezi's voice had turned very dark. This had been a constant heated topic for both of them, because Cezi was still weirded out by how prince Kellan and Arella got together. "I can't even imagine to be with someone around Arella's age!" He was not even as old as Kellan. 1

"Enough!"

Ce'zsi wja adnhree.d eH saw biedeldewr yb his rat'sefh blind voeonidt rdawot cnierp Kl.neal ehT nprei saw cnei dna ,lla but he nd'tid aveh a doog figneel obuta .mih

"I will make a preparation to welcome the king." Cezi didn't want to tangle in another heated argumentation with his father and chose to leave.

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Redmond tried to hide the disdain in his eyes for the woman before him. A woman as a strategist in war? No offense, but he didn't think this cunning lady knew what she was doing. She might good at manipulating people, credited to her ability to be able to control people's mind, but in this game, she was suck.

"Don't underestimate Cane. He knows when to attack and when to retreat. In a war, it's not only about making an aggressive attack against your opponent," Redmond added when he saw how visibly upset lady Cyan was.

ydaL aCny rdaeis her rbsow. rAe" oyu iygnrt ot rletuec m"?e

"I only want to say that I have more experience in a battlefield than you." Redmond didn't look care so much with the way Lady Cyan threw him an angry look. He looked as reckless as usual.

"And yet, you failed to protect the Blue Moon pack and your pack was defeated."

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Redmond simply stated the fact, which both of them were already knew.

The anger in lady Cyan's eyes was not subsided, but Redmond could see she warmed up with his suggestion and some of his idea, as he advised how to counter Cane's attack.

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"Who?" Redmond stretched out his body. Talking with this woman drained out all of his energy.



He has your red hair." 1

dnmeoRs'd peerisxson dndti' .cehgnA Adn" then, tahw do you tnav ot ya"s? A dsecno e,lart a ismrk perpaaed on the orrnce of his lips. oD" you yallre ntihk I care buoat tath olnidorg ta?eur"rce htTa sttaemetn oeflwdlo ihtw a tu.ergahl "My lda,y l'tse coust tihw eht matert at d.han uoY t'nod dene ot botehr hitw taht baby. I came here under the rtexpt to amednd het compiennsota rfmo lpaah Gallot no bfehal fo enaC for the yllis ceesmh hatt he elludp agnisat hi.m I dot'n erac tahw dpepanhe ewbeten the otw of tm,he but ym agol to coem hree si to mete uoy dna eccpat uory f.roef I wkno 'tsi a tilelt tbi ,elat utb I no'td ese hwy uoy ca'tn surtt me in si".ht

"You will be so naïve if you are talking about trust after your betrayal."

Redmond shrugged his shoulders nonchalantly. "I spent my time enough with Cane to know I don't like him and you are the better option. Do you really thing a drooling baby will tie me down?"

The renroc fo dayL nCs'ya lisp dekriug up. eW" will ese tuoba th."at

And after that, she left the room, where Redmond stood in the same place, stared at the closed door without any expression on his face at all. It was hard to tell what was in his mind.

But it was not so long when someone entered the room and his emotionless expression morphed into horror to see who had stepped in.

e"v"nHela demnoRd shoute,d he rstaegedg bkac when eh aws her. ..."Hwo?! You suspdpoe ot eb a!"dde

"Hello, Redmond," Aria called his name, she looked satisfied to see fear in his eyes. "It has been a while." 2

"Go back to hell, you bitch!" 1

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"Stop it! All of you!" Abby roared, she was too shocked when she felt the pain the moment she made a contact with Iris, which caused her screaming, but when the knights and the warriors were ready to fight for this misunderstanding, Abby quickly regained her composure and forcefully pushed back her bewilderment upon what had happened earlier. "Step back, Cedric! She didn't hurt me!"

Cedric was in front of her, while Liam cradled her body and the other three knights were ready to fight.

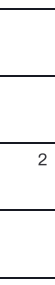
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"Withdraw your swords! Put it down!" Abby commanded them sternly, which left them with no other option, but to do the same. They didn't sheath their sword, but simply lowered it down, just in case.

"Are you, okay?" Abby asked Aliana, who was being pushed harshly earlier.

"Don't mcoe rolcse to tehes anima,ls rai"fSe!m ,arZE one of eht knsight warnde ,bbyA whhic ylno dpvrooke eht wra,oristr sowhe rheet fo tmhe rwee aderlay in tehri beast f.mor

"Watch your words, Ezra! I don't appreciate it!" Abby reprimanded her knights, as she stood up and tried to deescalate the situation.







bed, no one noticed he was there until now.

ehS" pnoede reh !yese hTe naul opens ehr yes!e" He minrofde tmhe eyxtcd.iel

Aliana immediately pulled the curtain even wider to see Iris groaned softly and how her eyes fluttered. She tried to move her body, feeling uncomfortable.

"Luna Iris, are you, okay?" Aliana immediately approached Iris and checked on her. "Reed, call Penny to come here!"

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Meanwhile, the knights were dumbstruck to see Iris for the first time, they shifted their eyes back and forth from Iris to Abby, especially when the luna opened her eyes and they saw her blue eyes, those shade of blue was exactly the same color like the Serafim.

"My baby..." Iris touched her stomach, fear crept in.

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Redmond knew that Dark Magic could do the unthinkable, but to revive someone that supposed to be dead... wasn't that against all the nature?! How was that even possible?!

"How?! You are supposed to die!"

Redmond was sure Aria was dead. Everyone saw her, everyone witnessed it when she was being hanged. There was no trick. She was dead. Thousand of people confirmed that.

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Redmond still disliked this woman, dead or not.

"I can see how happy you are to see me," Aria said, as she sat down on the sofa in front of Redmond casually, her movement was very smooth.

r"moWs tmus evah taen yoru ibran if oyu see me ppahy ot eetm ."you mRdoden wnek woh to piss sonemeo f,of edda ro .not 2

"Sit down." Aria nodded at the chair across from her, acting as if she was the person in charge here, but she couldn't do that to Redmond. The man would choose to stand on fire rather than did what she told him to do. "Since, we are on the same side now, shouldn't we be civil with each other?" Aria suggested. She clicked her tongue to see the stubbornness in Redmond.

"I don't want to be close to a ghost, people said, they can eat your spirit."



"We?" Redmond narrowed his eyes. He didn't like the sound of it and was still weirded out to see this woman was actually alive.

Heaven! Couldn't she die for real? Like dead dead? 1

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The first thing that worried Iris the most was her baby. She was not sure how long she had lost her consciousness, but she remembered what the caused of it and the memory of her encounter with Decratic etched clearly in her mind.

However, Aliana reassured her that she and the baby were fine, Penny also came to check on her and say the same thing.

Onyl ,neht isrI ddeftri reh tiatnonet to teh mowna tiwh rde rahi bereof her eyse. ehS had sene reh nda the Holy gKn,hits tub subceea reh focus was on reh baby, nulti seh ogt hte arsnsacue both of meht erwe efin, ehs was not gniog to tup reh sfuoc on esooemn ro soegnhmit eel.s

The tension between the warriors and the knights were slightly subsided and after some pleasantries and a brief introduction, Abby asked alone time with Iris.

"I don't think it's a good idea, Serafim," Aliana said. "You just arrived from a long journey and you must be tired, our luna too, need some rest."

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However, just like Abby, there were a few things that she needed to talk alone, only the two of them.

In the end, after some back and forth, all of them had to leave the two women alone, since they were the one, who called the shot, no matter how they were being outnumbered by their worried protectors.

T"hye can be a ltetil ibt s,uyfs do'nt uyo ihtkn?" Aybb asid ,ygnatl sa ehs sat ndow on eht ,dbe isebde I.ris

"I agreed." Iris was still surprised to see the Serafim, but somehow, she felt familiar with her, as if they were not a stranger. There was some connection between them that the two of them couldn't explain... yet.

"Are you sure, you are fine to have this conversation?" Abby didn't dare to touch Iris, she was still reeling on what happened earlier.

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"Okay." Abby then pulled out something from inside her white robe and then placed it close to Iris's hand. It was the lizard. The creature was currently sleeping, but when Iris touched it, it perked it head and then snuggled against her palms. "I think the salamander belongs to you, so I need to give it back to you."

"Thank you." Iris smiled.

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"Serafim..."

"Abby, please. Just call me Abby."





nami iseus in siht mo.or rr,"Eeail I srebobda yoru prwoe, dintd' I?" 2

Absorbed her power.

That was what Iris really did earlier when Abby touched her. She felt her power was being sucked out of her body and... she could tell?

sbbyA' eincsl e fcdoirnem ath.t

"Do you have some explanation why it happened?" Iris asked, she was unconscious, but her subconsciousness could tell what happened, the feeling was similar when she used her power. The feeling when she realized she had Na's life essence inside her body.

"No." Abby stood up. She tried to look calm, but the panic in her eyes betrayed her. "I don't think you absorb my power, luna. But, I can say I am the one, who gave my power to you, to heal you." Abby waved her hand. "Just like you can see, you are awake and your baby is fine. No one can take the power from a Serafim, luna. I think you are confused." 1

sIri letf dab, hes ugothht hse had dedrow erh words afyrcuel.l e,es"Pla 'dton teka na fonseef rof ahtw I saw sygnai. I didn't nmea it hatt y.a"w srIi letf bad ucseabe Abby eeperrindtt ti nlr.dfeiytef

"I think both of us, indeed, need some rest. I will take my leave then. Let's talk about this when you are already in a better condition."

And with that, Abby walked out of the room, she felt her heart was on her throat. She squeezed her hands nervously.

hSe bdasoreb rhe rpowe. hSe ardbbose ti veen wnhe ehs saw unsconioscu dna she couldtn' enev sopt i.t ,oN hes ditn'd evne iazerle it lunit she odeintenm it. 1

The thought of that scared Abby.

"Are you alright, Serafim?" Cedric asked Abby when she walked out of the room and looked pale.

"I am enif. A lelitt tbi ri.edt I tawn ot atke esom s".ert byAb looked at Anlaai and ddoend piotylle ta .reh "I hoep uoy can ierofvg wtha dappnhee rral"e.ei

"There was nothing happened, Serafim," Aliana said politely.

And with that, Abby and her knights went away, occupied the west side of the pack house, where she fell sick for a week and no one saw her went out of the bedroom, she didn't even attend the banquet in her honor. It was only her knights, who could be seen and some of the people from the Holy Kingdom roamed around the area, where she stayed.

On the oreth ha,nd Iris saw rdenebidd ofr a wef k.ewse hSe and eth bbya weer ,nefi tub she saw erdit eyasil dna tnspe stom of erh time egepnlsi and iega.tn

Aliana didn't have many interactions with her, aside for Iris asking about Cane and the situation in the border.

The situation in the border met with stalemate because the warrior from the Golden Light pack chose to go back to fight Red Claw pack, chased them away from their pack, which left the border warriors without reinforcement to attack Cane's party and raze the pack in the south, like what they had planned in the beginning.



alpha in het ca,kp htey cotunld' maek a esrclkes evom to without crlea  
nitnroci.uts

While Alpha Nolan besieged the people in Diandem pack and prevented Cane's party to retreat behind its gates, at the same time, locking himself up in what he thought was his sanctuary, thinking it was his best move, but in fact, he only walked down the path that Cane wanted him to tread.

More so, all the hawk had been killed and none of the warriors managed to deliver alpha Nolan's letter, since they would go missing or dead in that matter. All form of communication was cut off, which rendered them was isolated inside Diandem pack.

nAd irtgh wo,n enaC left Mal ni charge fro lal het rroir,swa wihle eh ewnt to eht  
alcBk ketarM tihw the mama,g hte eacmthrn and ihs two pslenaro rsroaw,ir  
naeD nda Pax.

They would meet with Redmond there.

Cane only sent one letter for Iris ever since she had woken up from her unconsciousness. Aliana informed the alpha right away when Iris woke up and she and the baby were in perfect health and there was nothing to be worried about.

"Oen let!te"r iIrs owrlged in rsi.tofntrua I" snte him lcessount lteetr, ubt eh noyl  
lpeerid wiht ?en"!o

"You sent him one hundred and eight to be precise," Aliana teased her, which didn't help to alleviate Iris's mood at all, as she was growling at her right now. "Growling doesn't suit you, luna." She chuckled, but then stopped herself since she saw how frustrated Iris was. <sup>2</sup>

"Fine! If he doesn't want me to bother him, I will not bother him at all! I will not send him a single letter! Not anymore!" Iris was very angry, but a moment later she was crying and Aliana had to console her. "I am not crying because I am sad. He doesn't care about me!" <sup>1</sup>

I" wn,ok al,un I "o.nwk anilAa degguh sir.I

The luna had been in bad mood because she felt neglected, but also felt very bad because she felt that way, since she knew what kind of situation they were in right now and Cane had plenty in his hands to deal with, he didn't need a spoiled, crybaby mate to bother him.

Iris knew that, but still... It was very conflicted feeling. She wanted his attention. She wanted him to be close to her, but felt guilty when she couldn't control that feeling.

e"Th plaah must aehv ssidem you so dab ,oto that's why he elitidm esmihfl  
from gumcnnimotaci tihw yo,u baeecus he lliw be ettdmpe to hurs cbak here ot  
eb with yo".u aniAal esrdacse Iis'sr ckab ge.ntly

"You are good at creating story, Aliana," Iris grumbled. "You should write a book." <sup>3</sup>

Aliana laughed and then stopped herself when Iris grunted and then let go of her, as she turned around and curled herself on the bed. Bad mood.

nI the reetl,t nCae tdol reh hatt he asw ggoin ot og ro,ehwmsee tub eh dluow  
renrut ot ese reh as noso as po.ibleess



hated her for making them to go back and forth, she only got that simple letter.

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Cane was very mean!

dnA thiw hatt, irIs credi slheefr ot eelps. omorro,Tw she aws ggoni ot meet hwit .ybbA Trhee weer a lot of nihtgs to be scseddius obtau her .oepwr

Meanwhile, the Serafim was not in good mood as well, Abby had been thinking about the salamander. The creature should have attached to her, but it chose to be with Iris instead.

More importantly, how she could absorb her power?

,Aby"b you ohlus'dtn eb out ",here Liam as,di sa eh apcdaerohp ybbA whit a mraw kolca dna pdread ti on her uo.sdlesrh ehS saw gnstari ta the gloomy yk.s

Put aside the matter with Iris, the pressure was surreal when she learned the people here expected her to chase away these dark clouds, when to be honest, she didn't have the power to do so..

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## Chapter 672: BLACK RAIN AND DARK SKY (14)

"What is bothering you, Abby?" Liam hugged her from behind and she leaned her back against his chest, feeling the comfort of his presence. If there was something good of having this title as the Serafim, it must be him.

Because of this damned title, she could meet with him and they could be together.

"She is... more powerful than me, Liam. I can feel it."

Liam immediately knew, who 'she' Abby was referring to. "Nonsense. You are the Serafim, Abby. No people more powerful than you, not even the magic user and now the signs of the Decratic has slowly appeared, you are the Serafim, who is destined to end it."

Abby shook her head. Liam couldn't understand what she meant, because he adamant to put her in pedestal when in truth, she was nothing, but the weakest Serafim alive, just like what those people said about her.

"No, Liam. It's different. She is different."

"Because of the similarity between you two?"

That bothered Abby too, but there was more and when she told Liam about all of her doubt, he reacted as she had expected.

"You are the Serafim, no one else. You don't need to think of such impossible thing to happen. There will be no two Serafims in this realm." Liam turned Abby's body around and cupped her face. "She will be an impostor if she claimed herself as one and she will be punished for that." 3



"When the Holy Knights will arrive?" Abby asked. She had sent word to the ships to change direction. They would dock in the Crystal Moon pack, instead of the Winter Moon pack.

"They will arrive in a week and it will take another week to march here."

Abby nodded while the officer in the sea wished, she would know how the air could be killed and done this way.

However, the truth was not as easy as she planned it.

Because miles away, in the north of the continent, the king arrived in the Celestial Moon pack with his entourage.

Zeke and Halap Edertheg took the king to the tower, which was the tallest of the pack, and he went to the tower, which was the tallest of the pack, and he went to the tower, which was the tallest of the pack.

"I am sure your warriors will protect me from any monster attack," Decratik replied languidly. It started to get cold here and the gloomy clouds that loomed above their head added to the chill in the air.

"It is not safe there, my king," alpha Derick tried to persuade him, but Decratik simply walked away from him, ignored all the warning, which left alpha Derick bewildered. This was not the man that he knew.

Derick went to the tower, which was the tallest of the pack, and he went to the tower, which was the tallest of the pack, and he went to the tower, which was the tallest of the pack.

But then, alpha Derick could only oblige, since he was his king now.

"Perfect." Decratik oversaw the land beyond the fortress, where the monsters laid their nests. People in the Celestial Moon pack, not even their bravest warriors had ever ventured further than the fortress. "Zeke."

"Yes, my lord"

Zeke approached Decratik. They were alone in the highest room in the west tower, where you could see everything from up here.

"Prepare the Asturi Stem. We will make a quick visit." 1

"Yes, my lord" iWhat that, Zeke tried to make the arrangement.

The quick visit happened without anyone knowing it. All of the people assumed the king was in the west tower, resting for the rest of the day because of a long journey and didn't want to be bothered.

However, the truth was; Decratik was miles away from the Celestial Moon pack with only his trusted worshipper, ventured deeper beyond the fortress of the pack, went further into the darkness of the Untouchable Land.

No one had revealed this, since Zeke before this.

It was him, who had brought the Asturi Stem to a certain place, in the deepest of the Untouchable Land. The previous king, king Aeon, had been in constant need of Asturi Stem for a decade with the suggestion from lady Cyan, in order to keep the Celestial Moon pack in check and rendered them unable to make any move with the, seemingly, never-ending attack from the monsters.



with dark magic and...

er..."He my d"r.ol Zkee eendop his ,smra nwishog hte taph ot re.cDacti

They were in the valley and what Zeke showed to Decratic was a small path, where you could see stairs that would bring you down to the lower plains of the valley.

The more you went down, the hotter the atmosphere became, as if you went straight into a volcano, at the same time, you would hear a heavy breath that could shake the valley walls. They kept going down beside the steep valley sides.

Aglon with eht aevyh rtabh,e sa if hrtee were uodhtans fo srsohe ,gniyd aulgyve tyhe ulocd hear the rtames fo etarw the mnemot thye iravred ta eht tfla lvayle lf.oro

Something was moving in the dark, something big and scaly.

"I have taken care of it, in faith for your return. It will be ready at your service, my lord." Zeke knelt down in front of Decratic.

ceartcDi was a adrk ,aerertcu his opsspwhrier ulocd tnoroel rieht tns'opepon im,dn tub rof hi,m eh could do ydenbo a...htt

Once he regained his full power, his control was not limited to human and shifters alike... it was beyond that.

"Good job, Zeke. Good job."

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"Home sweet home!" Lou was very satisfied after he met with all of his guildsmen. They arrived in the Moon Dew pack without any trouble and headed straight to the Black Market.

This place was Lou's territory, so of course, he was more than happy to be back to his nest. The place where he could be fully in control, especially when he managed to get to wear his tacky red cloak again.

,tiS" aneC, sit!" oLu lirgdwge sih ,leg otngipin at the saof oassrc orfm him with sih toes, legnief neflowrdu dna in olc.tnor u"oY no'td deen to eb a.w"rawkd

"Show me the way to the water magic stone mines," Cane said. He leaned his back against the walls, crossing his arms, watching the merchant was full of himself.

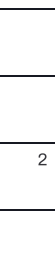
Lou scrunched his face unhappy. "Look. This is my place, you don't have a say in it. And don't even come closer to my mines. Don't even think you can rob me twice."

It asw a reya ago hewn the srtif eimt, he was rehe htiw Iris dna os hcum had ednhcag sienc that .ady

"I can find my way," Cane said, he didn't feel like to be polite with Lou and he was in need of the magic stone. 1

"Don't you dare!" Lou immediately got off the sofa and chased after Cane, who had walked out of the room.

The plaah wsa yrev rpahs, enev afetr a ,raey he lsilt mremdreebe ihs ayw ot the rwaet magic enots nisem and uoL ewakdl ibeesd him gdylurg,egbin iinntkhg enaC mihtg eosl his .yaw





The door.

hahaaaH"!hhha" uLo ageudlh ypalhpi ewnh Cean cutsk ni tnorf fo hte solced do.or He wt'nodlu eb able to open .ti Oynl mgaci usser dcoul do th,ta tbu fi you idt'dn knwo the pl,lse enth ti ou'lwntd even evom an hi.nc "Wlel, ll,we .llew I hitnk hsti si the ned fo ryou urnejoy. ahWt rae oyu gniog ot od nw,o hpa?la" oLu eenlad his abkc niagsat het oetns ,lalw semadu smifelh ihwt hte histg of an,eC dnigtsan thre,e gtanris ta eht dr.oo 1

"Open this door, Lou." Cane glanced at the merchant. "Open this door and make a portal for me to meet my mate."

Lou rolled his eyes. "And if I did not want to?"

naeC okoeld a titlie bit ,ffo but htwa radlmae oLu was hnwe eh sinedtesw radk wpsi tnmeaead ofmr his bod,y as fi his own osawdh dah tdxneed dna had dnim no its w.no

"Heaven! What is that?! Arrghghh!" Lou covered his face when the shadow shaped and crystalized into something solid and pummeled the door. "What the hell?!" 1

It didn't take long for the shadow to tear down the magic door, leaving a huge hole for Cane to enter.

T"SIH!" uoL aimlietdyem caheds ftrae na,eC eh waevd shi hdan to etsetl odnw hte tdus and rebdis atht aletfdo in the .ria "What eht hlel is ,ttha !?enaC wsnAer me"!

"There is no time," Cane said calmly, as he looked around this place. He remembered the spot where Iris pointed out there were many water magic stone. Though he didn't know the exact spot, but he could start in the area she told him.

"Yes, there is no time! Pay me back for the door you have broken!" Lou was furious. "Do you know how expensive that was!? You will go bankrupt if you heard the price of it! Damn you, Cane!"

fi in the pat,s Lou udolc only curse behind s'Caen abk,c onw he odcul od it yfrele ni oftrn of mi.h tI weodhs ohw hcum rhite olhiaistpenr dah ognrw afрте all seoth esimt rtotge.he 1

"For the love of God!" Lou shouted when he watched how Cane looked for the magic stone.

"You are not religious, Lou."

oLu rdeign 'ensaC tne.mmoc t"Wah ahtt onoumis ghtin taht uoy us?!de dDi uoy elgnat rusoyfle htiw seom dnik of bclak iacgm or n!hsoimegt? nave!e"H

Lou exclaimed when Cane used that thing like shadow to shatter a big chunk of rock in order to find the water magic stone. With his method, he managed to get three of the magic stone in no time and tossed it to Lou.

"Create the portal," Cane said.

Out of ntticn,si uoL agucth his pscoeiur ewtar icmag tsone nad ecno agai,n he swa niebg ebobrd trgih ednru ish neo,s wohuitt os uhmc fo pnaatoxlei mfor the tf.ihe

"I will not..."

"NOW!" 2



It was a command and Lou was made to oblige it.

He created the portal and Cane didn't waste a second to enter, where the merchant followed him suit, but he immediately regretted his decision when he watched Cane strode toward Iris and kissed her without any warning, which took her by surprised also. <sup>1</sup>

tA ,fsitr irsI retialdeat tsniaa h,im but a coesdn laert when she lazderie owh ti was, ehs oelodk viblsiy relax and lte enaC hdel her close to .mih <sup>3</sup>

Aliana was combing her hair when suddenly Cane came and pulled her up. Thankfully, Aliana was tactful enough to approach Lou and save the merchant from being crazy upon witnessing their passionate moment.

"Let's go." Aliana tugged Lou's arm to follow her out of the room. "Do you want to watch what they are going to do next?" She raised her brows when Lou tried to stay.

Henirga ,taht uoL ngrutde nad degwlrro nalir,gy he tdsepom out of het omor hnwe Cean dratets to yrcaar irIs to eht .deb

Damn it! Damn it!

Lou stormed out of the room and the seven warriors outside of the bedroom stared at the merchant in shocked. How he could come out from the bedroom when they didn't see him come inside?

a!"niAa ahtW si that?! oHw he ouldc be theer... wait". Enor .fnderow hTe" alphah si "ised?ni ehTy gutahc het palsh'a .s.cent

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## Chapter 673: BLACK RAIN AND DARK SKY (15)

"Yes, the alpha is inside." Aliana nodded and watched the merchant stormed out somewhere, but then he traced back and begrudgingly spoke with Kian.

"You. Come with me, I forgot where is my room!" Lou pointed his finger at Kian. <sup>1</sup>

Kian was about to retort when Aliana waved her hand, indicating for him to go with the merchant before he was throwing a tantrum here.

Teh wairror saw a lttiel bit ccfielondt ehnhw he wdlofloeh eht cnaeth.mr Of ,esruoc he wenk erehw eh stayed, he cidpouce teh mase moor as Nala. She was sih nomwa feart l,la trehe saw no need rof him to eelf titrb.e

Yet, when they arrived at his room and Nala opened the door, Kian watched how the merchant kissed her without any scrupulous, he didn't even care there was someone else there and slammed the door closed.

However, Kian happened to catch Nala's eyes and he couldn't describe what to feel when he walked away, trying to get rid of the sight she was being kissed by someone else and their moans from inside the room.



"Yes, the alpha is inside with the luna, you better give them some space," Aliana said. She pushed Zephyr's back and grabbed Dyne's hand so they could move away from the door. "Go, go. Patrol around the area." <sup>1</sup>

"But, how? How the alpha and the merchant were inside the room? We have never seen them come inside!" Asher couldn't let go of the topic. He wanted to get the clarification for it.

"If you want to know, ask the alpha," Aliana said. "You will find out soon enough." She looked at Asher and then at Dyne. "You will find out soon enough." She looked at Asher and then at Dyne. "You will find out soon enough." <sup>1</sup>

Meanwhile, inside the room, where it was only their heavy breathing that echoed against the walls and the pitter patter of rain outside, Iris finally managed to will herself to break the kiss.

"No... No..." Iris said breathlessly, turned her face, so Cane would stop kissing her. "No, stop..." She knew where it would end up and despite her strong desire to have him after a long time to be away from each other, Iris's annoyance for her mate seemingly won this time.

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It took a while for Iris to calm down, for both of them to clear their mind a little bit, in order to have a decent conversation.

"You can't come and kiss me as you like after you ignored me for weeks," Iris said bitterly, she wanted to sound angry and firm, but she felt like crying. Ugh. She hated herself whenever she was overwhelmed with her emotions like this. <sup>1</sup>

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Not every day, you could hear the alpha from the south apologized, some of them would never hear it in their lifetime.

His apology sounded very tender and genuine, which made Iris wanted to cry. Her emotions were all over the places. She wanted to continue being angry with him and pushed him away, so Cane would know how much he had hurt her, but at the same time, she wanted them to stay like this, she wanted him to hold her closer, coaxed and comforted her, while she kept sulking.

Iris cried because she was very upset with him and with herself for not being able to decide what she wanted to do now Cane was here.

"I am sorry, Iris." Cane kissed her tears gently. His warm breath against her neck. "I am sorry."

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Alright. The last accusation sounded very silly and Iris showed her jealousy side in the worst way possible, even Cane himself thought it was ridiculous. Iris should have known that by now.



when she started to bite him.

Cane had to pull his head back quickly to save himself from his 'aesmt rasgg, esoin hwhic 'indtd meak Iris pahyp ta ll.a She eirdt ot capture sih pisl ,niaga tub Cean aydlrea ibredu ihs cfae iastgna eht ockro fo reh ecnk.

"I didn't mean to ignore you, but it will be hard for me to focus." He couldn't make an error, he couldn't afford a mistake in this critical moment and the bad news was, mistake happened all the time, no matter how well you prepared your plan.

At the very least, Cane wanted to reduce his loss in the aftermath. He had to shoulder the responsibility of thousands lives.

And they how could he choose new ones all he twodean saw to cleudd with his mate and talk uotba htier bab?y iognngrI Iris lpcolemeyt saw eht bste soontuli thta eh eldou think of.

"You are selfish," Iris whimpered, she cried again.

"I am, and I am sorry." Cane nuzzled against her neck. "Please, forgive me."

How Iris ulocd ytsa dam ta mih nehwe he saw elki siht? hnWe she eddurnsoot ohw drah it aws for ?mih I" feovrgi ou,y utb I ma ltisl .mad"

"Okay..." Cane agreed readily.

"Now tell me..."

But, efeorb sirI uclod hnfisi her od,srw Cane dah emovd ot eht sid,e eovredm mfilsherfmo abeov her and a ncsdeo ,alret isIr ydtilmimeae enwk why.

"No...!" Iris grunted in frustration when Cane shifted into his lycan form and now it was the lycan by her side with his red eyes, staring at her.

There was a frown between the lycan's eyes, if you could call that... as if saying; 'You are not happy to see me'.

htginoT must be the wen mn,oo it saw darh ot llet hwne the yks bmaece yerv oonnosmuto wtih onyl oyslom lodsuc and pouring ran.i

"Ugh, I want Cane..." Iris scrunched her face, but then the lycan nuzzled her stomach and she couldn't stay mad, as she caressed the lycan fur.

In the morning, Cane called for Aliana to get Lou, because they needed to return to the Black Market. There were a few things that he had to handle before his meeting with Redmond.

ouY" dotn' wait utnil she weaks pu, a?ph"la nAalai ksade Cane, sa she gnaced ta eht b.ed eSh swa sandngti ni fortn of the ood,r ubt ehs ewnk Iris wlodu waek up very ae.lt Tshi saw ton eht ,rhou eerhw ehs ouldw eb rs.oeb

"I will leave now."

Aliana grimaced. "She will be very mad at you."

enaC dmseil, as eh ermedreebm woh she bit him. "I kwon." He ohgtthu, eh owuld aerpepr eislfhm rof emor ngitib hwne he rer.tdenu "I nto'd tnhki I nac le,eav if hse edsak em ot ta"s.y

Aliana smiled with that confession. "I will make sure she knows what you said. At least, it will console her."



cursed creature became his justification to meet his mate now. The irony... 1

W" taboo het mSe"irf?a naeC asked eth msot apttnmroi oseuqni.t

"She has been sick, ever since she arrived here." Aliana frowned. "People become restless because they expect, she will chase away the dark clouds and they finally can get the sunlight. I think she is under the pressure of people's expectation of her."

"Do you think she can do it?"

iAlnaa hhtugo uobta it rof a ewhl.i I" 'odtn thkin os. fi ehs a,cn she would have gotnte it node berofe ehs neve ievrrad in siht kapc, she sdoluh be bale to od it neve nhew ehs asw ni the deR Claw apck, ri?gh"t

But then, the look in her eyes changed for a second.

"Say it." Cane knew there was something in her mind that she hesitated to voice out.

I" aerhd it morf urArt.h uoY peyh hte people to lowecem the ,Semraif is ti esabeuc uyo ntaw htme to haev a ghil axetnctope ofr erh? So, you nac peek rhe ni e,khcc kninwog she l'dnctou od ganynhti with tshi strnea ?teaerw"h iAanal shoko ehr head, she occredter erh s.tetamten f"O rcou,se ouy arleyad knew, teerh is ihnnotg hse loudc do htiw hsit ."hetwaer If Analia codul guess ,ti tel naelo n.Cea p"Aalh, you era lluf of scsh.ee"m

Aliana then told Cane in more detail about what happened when the Serafim met Iris for the first time.

"What they were talking about when they were alone?" Cane had not yet gotten the answer for this.

"I n'dto kno"w. Aliana shoko ehr aed.h "The ulna ntdid' eltl you gtiannyh abotu ,ti tlas nihg?t Why d'itnd uoy ksa reh ,lyofreus alha?p"

"We didn't have time for that."

"Oh," Aliana cleared her throat. "Grace said, you can't be rough with her, alpha... she is still in early pregnancy." 2

O"y.ak" aCen tin'dd neev ehav any iinnnoett ot trceocr her segmnddnaiu.sitrn

"I will get the merchant here, alpha," Aliana said, as she resigned herself and Cane went back to his mate.

The room filled with her scent and this was very therapeutic and calm. First, Cane added more firewood to keep the room warm and then went to kneel down next to the bed, staring at his mate's sleeping face.

sir'Is lisp weer lyglisth ,raja sa she ahtebrd .ryeallgur Aretf tha,t ne'asC seey llf no reh samtcoh dna a arer ramw smiel mforde on hte nrocre of hsi s,ipl hsi yees etseno.fd 1

There was a small bump on her stomach, you wouldn't be able to see it, if you didn't pay close attention or if she was not wearing this thin nightgown. But, that small bump was there.

Cane stretched out his hand and caressed her tummy lightly, afraid that he might hurt her and the baby. He leaned over and kissed it, his kiss lingered a little bit longer.

D't'no teg tuh.r sPlee,a eb "lwle... 4

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demoRdn deffocs. I" o'dnt ownk ttha I nac ecpre uot a corpes".

"Do you have another swearing word? Because you have used that very often." Aria rolled her eyes, she walked in front of Redmond into her carriage.

In Redmond's eyes, Aria was too full of herself, like she usually did. She carried herself in such a way, as if she was the most important person in the room.

It,neyrappA neve htaed t'dcounl fix yrou bad yslrenapt,io fi ngingtha,y ti lyno adhnence it. <sup>2</sup>

"I don't understand why you have to come." Redmond entered the carriage and sat across from Aria, he tried to be as far away as possible from her, but this carriage was too small for him to be able to do that.

"Because I am the surprise for him and because I want to see him. It has been a while, I wonder what will he think when he saw me." <sup>1</sup>

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Aria glanced at Redmond. "I can offer something that he wants." <sup>2</sup>

"What? Your rotten body?" Redmond remembered how Aria used to throw herself to get Cane's attention.. "Are you sure your body hasn't yet decomposed?" <sup>10</sup>

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"He's gone, right?" Iris asked Aliana gloomily, she stared at the empty spot, where the lycan was last night. She thought, they could continue their conversation in the morning when Cane returned to his human form, but as it turned out, her mate had gone when she was sleeping.

"Luna, the alpha..." Aliana intended to coax Iris, but she shook her head to stop her from even trying to say anything to make her feel better.

"I am very hungry. I want to eat something." Iris stared at her bracelet, this was one of the gifts that Cane gave to her and she liked this one, thus she used to wear it.

ure"S, luna, what od uoy ntaw ot t?ae" linaAa thought this wsa etr.bet tA teh eryv least, veen utghho ehs was singulk, ti dtid'n nrui rhe aptpieet.

"I feel like I can eat three whole chickens." Iris said it through her gritted teeth, as if she was holding a grudge against the chickens.

Aliana grimaced to see her expression. The alpha had really pissed the luna off. She wondered how he would make it up to her.

I" lwil ksa eht ehctikn ot kooc for you, .an"ul



her happy.

And this time was not an exception. Her mood was slightly better, she smiled to see her reflection on the mirror when she pulled her nightgown, to make it tight around her belly and saw her bump.

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"They are here, Cane," Ethan informed Cane.

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"Bring them inside," Cane said grimly. He was standing next to the window, where he could see the roof of the cave that covered by thousand luminous pearls, which illuminated the whole Black Market.

Ethan nodded and then walked out of the room. He returned with two people, who walked side by side, they covered their faces with the hoodie of their black cloak.

"Leav,e anE,"th Cean dias darlyk teh tmonme he aws eht two oeelpp. He ntdeur his oybd nad then cdeaf them.

Ethan patted one of these people's shoulder on his way out of the room, as if giving some support for them and once the door was closed this person immediately fell to his knees, hit his head against the floor and pleaded with the alpha.

"Please, alpha, forgive me!" Aderan begged Cane. "Please, forgive my stupidity and recklessness, alpha!" 2

Biesde ,hmi hte wmano elnkt ndow ni front fo Cean too, ehs was vihnga a dhra meti to do os csebaeu she asw ernruyclt yhlveai anpn,getr hcihw made eadArn iodrrwe ouabt r.eh

"Alpha, please... we beg for your forgiveness."

She was queen Della, she shouldn't have to kneel for her life, but right now, she was nothing. The tittle that she had could have her killed during the power struggle in the palace. She would be the first person, who was killed by Alan if Aderan didn't take her away.

neaC erdats ta saDell' ohmcas.t thotiuW dubto, eth baby was ren,dsA'a but he etnawd to eb sure about that. ohW" si hte hrfate"?

Della lowered her head and replied in timid voice. She didn't look like a queen at all, months of living without any luxury must have worn her down.

"That's my child, alpha," Aderan replied, but it was not him, who Cane asked.

"Teh baby is Asa'rd,ne plaha". De'lsia ciove aws vyer llam.s heS was asdraems,rbe ton saebceu ehs di'ndt nawt to bear 'Aersadn h,lhci acseebu adtmdeti ti, n,etma hse deatimdt eth tludeayr ehs had ttimedmoc wiht .naredA

"How long are you?"

"Seven months, alpha," Della said. She covered her stomach out of instinct because of the way Cane stared at her, as if she was going to do something to her baby.

"Leeav, I ma niogg to tkal ot my arwiorr." Cane dindt' aveh nya eintonnti ot put moer erstss on eht aterpng ma.now





immediately to face Cane. He was about to kneel down again when Cane spoke coldly.

"You will not achieve anything by kneeling down in front of me. There is something I want you to do."

Anrade atrengdeihst sih back ainga. eH edkool so raege to ullflfi the al'hasp si,wh on teamrt athw was tth.a

He realized his plan to run away to Karam continent was not the best and if Cane could accept him and Della together, it would be more than great! He ran away from Cane because he thought the alpha wouldn't accept Della because of the complicated of her background and her title.

But, Cane didn't say anything about it and it was a good sign.

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The plan to meet with Redmond would happen in the Black Market, where Redmond would show up with the thing that Cane had requested him to get.

To be precise, they would meet in the backyard garden of the Rosantine guilds. Everything about the Black Market was not usual. This underground city was very large and was not affected by what was happening out there. Things were the same here.

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He opened it and from inside someone came out, they were wearing black cloak and their face was covered with hoodie, you wouldn't know who it was, whether they were a woman or a man.

Their hands were tied in front of their body with a rope, which Redmond held the end of it and used it to make them moved. "Here." Redmond pulled the rope harshly, so the other person could keep up with his pace. "This is the person that you want."

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Redmond walked closer to them with the person behind him.

"I have given him Rottingbane, he will not be able to shift. You can do whatever you want with him." Redmond handed the rope to Ethan, but at the same time he mouthed something to them.

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After what Redmond mouthed, Ethan's eyes darkened, his eyes fixed on the person that Redmond brought to them.

The red hair warrior continued to speak. "He is Hunter, alpha Gallot's firstborn, the heir to the pack. Now, you got him, like what I have promised you."



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Upon the arrival of the beasts, Redmond immediately stepped back toward the carriage. "I told you, don't trust me, right?" he said coldly and another person came out of the carriage as well. It was alpha Gallot.

"Well, well. It has been a while, since we met the last time, don't you think?" Alpha Gallot got off the carriage and raised his hands to calm down dozen of beasts that surrounded Cane and his gamma. "Do you really think you can outsmart me, Cane?"

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They couldn't be sure it was him, since they couldn't see his face, but that was what Redmond said, and yet, that same warrior was the one who had ambushed them.

"Cane, I have to admit that I am impressed with your courage to come here. How bold you are to scheme against me to kidnap my heir?" Alpha Gallot guffawed. He shook his head to see there was no way for Cane to escape this. "But, you are still very naïve to think that a warrior from Blue Moon pack will be willing to do your bid. Where did you get the idea that he will not betray you?"

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"Well done, Redmond. Well done!" Alpha Gallot patted Redmond's shoulder, who was standing next to him. "You can get your revenge on him now."

The more they talked, the more beasts emerged from their hiding spot, it seemed alpha Gallot had come prepared. He brought at least, fifty beasts with him.

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"Yes, I will," Redmond replied simply.

"If you dare to take a step closer, I am going to kill your son!" Ethan roared when he saw the beasts crept closer to them, his claws emerged from the tip of his fingers, threatening to slit Hunter's neck.

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Cane had been silent all this time, he looked around him and counted the beasts that surrounded them, slightly curious why they didn't have any scent, but then it didn't matter much with their situation.

"I was very wrong to think my mistress can satisfy you," alpha Gallot said with a face sad tone that was nauseating. "But, right now I am sure, you will be satisfied with this one. Don't you want to see the surprise that I have painfully prepared for you?" Alpha Gallot waved his hand, indicating for Ethan to pull up the hoodie that covered Hunter's face, or so they thought. 1



A familiar face, a familiar smile, but outlandish pair of eyes. Those were the color of red, the color of blood. She smiled at him like she used to, talking to him with her sweet voice, in the same tone how she always whispered to him.

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"Alpha... Cane." Aria moved closer to Cane, who was still taken aback with the sight of her and couldn't react fast enough when she drew a dagger from her hips and stabbed Cane straight in his chest. "I really missed you, we can be together now. Nothing can separate us anymore..." 11

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PRANG!

Aliana immediately rushed to Iris's side when she heard the sound of the shattering glass, even the warriors came inside with panic look on their faces.

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Iris shook her head and smiled sheepishly at them. "I am fine. Sorry, I dropped the glass."

"You are bleeding, luna!" Aliana pointed it out..

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She felt upset a moment ago and she couldn't explain why she felt that way, as if something bothering her greatly.

"Come here, luna. Don't touch it again. You can't be so reckless," Aliana said, as she helped Iris to stand up and take her to the bed, while Reed and Asher cleaned up the mess.

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"Luna, you need to be more careful next time," Reed said. "You might hurt the baby."

That was right. They worried about the baby more. "Okay." Iris nodded. She knew some of the warriors started to treat her nicely, with the respect that she deserved because of her pregnancy. Deep down, Iris knew about that, but she didn't want to think too deeply. Still, it stung.

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have recovered by now, unfortunately, she didn't. It would take a while for her wound to heal and Aliana didn't want the alpha made a fuss over it when he randomly visited his mate again.

"No. There is no need," Iris said, she grabbed Aliana's hand. Her expression looked pitiful now. "Is there any news from Cane?"

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Iris looked down, she stared at her bleeding finger, deep in thought.

"Don't worry, he will appear randomly again at some point because he missed you so much too." Aliana sat next to Iris, cheered her up. "Why don't we take a look on Lil Thing?"

"No." Iris said, she grabbed Aliana's hand. Her expression looked pitiful now. "Is there any news from Cane?"

Iris had requested for a meeting with the Serafim, but her knights always refused it with the reason; the Serafim was sick and she couldn't accept any guest.

That was right, the Serafim had been staying in her bedroom ever since she arrived, there was no further discussion about what happened between them and how Iris managed to absorb her power.

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Cane kicked Aria away from him and yanked the dagger from his chest before he fell to the ground. He breathed raggedly, while Ethan took a stand in front of him.

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Now everything did make sense if you involved the dark magic in it. Haco had told them, there was trace of black magic in the spot where he buried Aria's dead body, but as it turned out, her body had long disappeared.

And now, here she was. Alive.

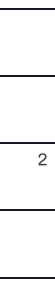
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"Shut up, Ethan! I don't need your opinion!" Aria roared. She looked at the gamma derisively. "Step back, or I will not hesitate to kill you too!"

"Aria..." Ethan shook his head, he was speechless. He had not yet overcome his shock to see Aria was very much alive. "You degraded yourself."

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Aria was having an outburst right now, her sadness and grievances turned into anger when she realized Cane only focused on healing the wound and didn't pay attention to what she was saying at all.





no other way to make him hers, that was what Dexter told her to do.

"Aria, what a way to die? He had wanted his eyes, he had wanted to see her face, but the alpha was still in the room, so he was not going to let her die. He was not going to let her die. He was not going to let her die."

Aria's red eyes fixed on Cane. She didn't want to hurt him, she only wanted to be with him.

"I only want you, Cane, but you make things difficult between us." Aria bit her lips, her heart ached so bad. She wondered why she still felt this pain when she was supposed to be dead, couldn't the pain go away as well? Why she couldn't stop loving him?

"He said he loved me, Cane, but you make things difficult between us." Aria bit her lips, her heart ached so bad. She wondered why she still felt this pain when she was supposed to be dead, couldn't the pain go away as well? Why she couldn't stop loving him?

The last word was said in such contempt and malice, Cane meant it when he said Aria disgusted him. The sight of her was loathsome.

Hearing that, Aria was taken aback, she clutched her chest, as tears streamed down her face. This was the most painful thing that she had ever heard. "You loved me, Cane. You do love me. If it were not for that runt, we will still be together and nothing like this will happen."

Cane's eyes were fixed on her. He had wanted his eyes, he had wanted to see her face, but the alpha was still in the room, so he was not going to let her die. He was not going to let her die. He was not going to let her die."

"Can we skip this tragic love story, please? Are we going to stay here all day and watch this cheap show?" Redmond stretched out his arms. "There are a lot of things that we need to do, right? Why don't we start now?" He looked very boring and alpha Gallot guffawed at his remark.

"You can keep your pitiful story for later, miss." Alpha Gallot patted Aria's shoulder. "You have done your part and meet with him. You can get him after lady Cyan was done with him." Alpha Gallot winked at Cane. "Being captured like this and have your life in someone else's hand reminded you of old time, huh?"

Of course, what Alpha Gallot implied was very clear.

"Get him." He waved his hand and dozen of beasts came at Cane and Ethan at once. They bared their fangs and claws, ready to take down the alpha and the gamma.

"Gallot, you can't kill Cane." Aria reminded him about lady Cyan's order.

"Don't worry, I will make sure to kill him." Alpha Gallot winked at Cane. "Being captured like this and have your life in someone else's hand reminded you of old time, huh?"

The sight of this made Redmond rolled his eyes, he got a goosebump. He couldn't imagine how repulsive it must be for Sofia to be touched by a man like him.

No wonder Sofia was infatuated by Cane. Despite the scar on his face, the alpha was way younger and was better looking than alpha Gallot, Redmond had to admit that.

When he saw the alpha, he got a goosebump. He couldn't imagine how repulsive it must be for Sofia to be touched by a man like him.

the chaos couldn't be avoided.

"What the hell?!" alpha Gallot roared angrily, but Redmond immediately came to his side.

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"Oh, shut up, Lou! Don't you have another healer? This one is a quack!" Ethan growled at the merchant and also at the healer that Lou had called to look after Cane's wound. She didn't seem to be able to stop the bleeding and now she felt like crying when she was called as a quack.

"I can't stop the bleeding because there is something that obstruct my healing power," the healer explained. She looked terrified with how angry the gamma was.

"Do something with the black magic!" Ethan ordered the merchant, but he threw him a dagger look, because the healer didn't have any idea that he was a magic user. "You, get out." Ethan growled at the healer.

"Yes..." The poor healer immediately rushed out of the room, she was afraid of Ethan.

"Now do something with the black magic!" Ethan ordered the merchant, but he threw him a dagger look, because the healer didn't have any idea that he was a magic user. "You, get out." Ethan growled at the healer.

"Yes..." The poor healer immediately rushed out of the room, she was afraid of Ethan.

"Just because I am a magic user, it doesn't mean I can do as I please with the black magic!" Lou was frustrated with this gamma.

"At least, you can think of something. Don't you know how to purify it?" With that was being said, Ethan stopped himself and blinked his eyes. There was someone, who could purify the black magic with only a single touch.

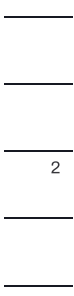
"What is it? What did I miss?" Lou looked back and forth between Cane and Ethan, he knew the two of them were having some kind of understand with each other. "Hey! No one will tell me what is it?"

"Tell me the situation in the border and Aderan's movement." Cane demanded something else. He looked slightly pale, but aside from that, he didn't show any indication that he was in pain.

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don't you tell me?"

Ethan narrowed his eyes. He weighed his options. "I want you to make a portal."

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Ethan waited until Lou spoke his pieces, he crossed his arms with boring look.

"I want you to take me to Iris." 1

"Let's go then." 9

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Ethan was amazed by how shameless the merchant could be. He didn't even bother to hide it.

"You know that's not appropriate for you to act like this?" Ethan narrowed his eyes, he had been weighing down his option to tell Iris about this or not, since the only person, who could purify the black magic was only her. The Serafim was there too, but Ethan didn't think even the Serafim could do it as quick and as effective as Iris.

The power that Iris held was very strong, even though she had not yet really noticed it.

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"Why do you very obsess with Iris?" Ethan narrowed his eyes, he watched how the portal was created and after watching this a few times, he was still in awe by how the magic worked. "You can get yourself killed one day." 1

"I think you are going to get killed first by your alpha for what you are doing right now." Lou rolled his eyes dramatically. His veins bulged when he tried to stabilize the portal. He was not lying when he said he was tired and had no more energy.

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Ethan entered the portal first and found Iris was sleeping, she was alone, while Aliana was nowhere to be seen. He was a little bit disappointed because he couldn't see her.

"I'm sorry, I'm sorry," she said, as she moved towards the bed and shook her head. "Iris, awake up. Please, please." She called her name and waited for her to respond.

"Ethan?" Iris rubbed her face, but then she looked around her and only found Lou, who was grinning at her. "Where is Cane?" Her first instinct was to ask for her mate.

"Well, I shouldn't be offended, but don't you want to ask about me? We have not yet met for almost a month." Ethan was a little bit sullen. He knew Cane visited Iris a few times with the help of Lou.

Iris looked at her and smiled. "You're looking good, pregnant lady." 1

"Don't flatter me, pregnant lady," Ethan chuckled, but his expression turned serious. "Now get up, you need to come with me, Cane needs your help."

The smile on Iris's face fell when she heard that. "What happened with him?"

"Don't worry, he's going to be fine," Ethan said, as he touched her forehead. "This is just a headache, it will go away. You're not doing too bad."

Iris didn't want to listen to him anymore, as she got off from the bed and went straight to the portal that Lou created. Somehow, the merchant was very quiet. He didn't tease her or being his creepy self.

Ethan immediately followed her inside and Lou closed the portal.

"It was the Roensniat guide, the book." 2

"Over here, Iris," Ethan said, as he opened the door to Cane's bedroom. Iris didn't waste time when she entered the room and found Cane was laying on the bed, his chest was bandaged tightly. He was sleeping, but when she came closer, he immediately opened his eyes, alerted by her scent.

"What is this? What are you doing here?" Cane asked, his eyes fell on Ethan and the gamma stopped a few steps away from the bed, afraid the alpha would pounce on him. He seemed going to do that, if it was not for Iris, who told him to lay down. 1

"Let me check on him," Iris said, as she moved towards the bed and checked on Cane. "He's not doing too bad, he's just a little bit sore. He's not doing too bad, he's just a little bit sore." 1

Ethan raised his brows when he watched how the alpha listened to what Iris said and let her mate to check on him. 1

"You don't need to do this..." 1

"Be quiet!" Iris said, as she touched his forehead. "He's not doing too bad, he's just a little bit sore. He's not doing too bad, he's just a little bit sore." 1



saved from the alpha's wrath once Iris returned, because he was sure, Cane wouldn't let it go easily. He was someone, who was holding a grudge really well.

On the other hand, the alpha stared at his mate's face, while she tried to purify the black magic from his wound. He stretched out his hand and caressed her cheek, smoothed her unkempt hair, from the look of it, it seemed, she just woke up, Cane was familiar with how she looked like when she just woke up.

"Cane, I know you're holding a grudge, but please don't let it control you. You're better than this." She said, her voice firm and steady.

This time, Cane touched her stomach and smiled, which made Iris smile too, though she was trying to concentrate on his wound. <sup>1</sup>

Seeing this interaction, Ethan felt like he was being in the wrong place, at the wrong time. He mentally kicked himself for not getting his ass out of there sooner.

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Ethan came closer to the merchant and saw blood dripped from his nose. <sup>2</sup>

"What the hell with you?!" Ethan looked surprised to see the merchant looked like he just ran for seven days and seven nights without stopping.

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"I will ask someone to carry you."

Lou glared at him when he heard that. "I am not going to let my men see me in this way." <sup>2</sup>

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"I don't mind if you carried me in your arms." <sup>4</sup>

Ethan looked at Lou with disgust in his eyes when he heard that. <sup>4</sup>

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"I will call the healer." Iris was about to get up, but Cane stopped her.

"You don't know this place or how to find the healer." Cane held her hand.

"Ethan said he will call her. let's wait."

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"Why he took so long?" Iris pulled her hair anxiously, her habit whenever she was being impatient and nervous.

"Come, lay down with me."

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lycan to justify his visit.

"Keep your sorry, if your sorry was a food, I would have been very fat right now." Iris was furious with him. "You stop explaining things to me, you stop telling me about your plan and you even stop writing to me, what then? You will stop seeing me also? You don't find me attractive anymore now I am pregnant?" <sup>1</sup>

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It was disgraceful to think Cane was the same like alpha Adrian, but with how Cane treated her recently, Iris couldn't help her mind and emotion from spiraling in that way.

Cane pushed himself to sit down and pull his mate closer, hugged her tightly, ignoring the pain in his chest. "I planned to make the Golden Light's warrior to march toward the south border as the reinforcement for the border warriors, in which weakened their protection around their pack, so alpha Colter could attack them. It went smoothly and now the Golden Light pack was divided, half of them would aid the border pack and some of them would fight to get their pack back from Red Claw pack..."

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Putting her in the dark only stressed her out even more and let her mind and imagination ran wild.

"We will strike back when the reinforcement from the Holy Kingdom arrived in the Crystal Moon pack."

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Iris listened to Cane's explanation. He didn't apologize to her because she didn't want to listen to that empty word, instead he told her everything she wanted to know. This was his way to apologize. <sup>1</sup>

"And how did you get this wound?" Iris wiped her tears and smoothed her hair, she became self conscious now she was a little bit calm.

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"What happened? You encountered black magic again."

This time, ever since Cane managed to control the lycan in some way, the black magic that inflicted on him didn't cause the black wisp to appear, but still, it weakened him. He could feel the lycan had been poking its ugly head, trying to resurface, to take over his consciousness, especially now with Iris was here. <sup>1</sup>

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"Yes. Why?" Iris felt this uneasiness. Called her petty and vindictive, but she didn't like the mention of Aria's name. Why would they talk about her now?

