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Casey's POV

"Do you really believe that Zora and I couldn't have beaten our assailants?" I questioned her while giggling.

"She is a genuine warrior, a Luna. Although she is a member of the Delta breed, Lori, she is no match for your alpha wolf. Together, Zora and I have overcome packs and survived storms. We possessed great power. Lori, Zora was at my side, so I didn't have to fight your father by myself. Do you know why she battled, planned, organized, and sacrificed everything to make sure we reached the top?" She gave me a head shake in response when I inquired.

"Your father murdered her parents, so I vowed to humiliate him, he is aware of this, which is why he has remained silent. Do not imagine that Hand's soldiers had a chance to defeat Zora and I since we decided to lead the East and succeeded in doing so. Zora left because of you," I responded, making her lower her head and started to sob.

"You desired to be head Luna of the East so much that you failed to look up the qualifications," I remarked to her, feeling utterly irritated now that Sage didn't intervene.

"She has moved on and forgave everyone. Why can't you?" she whispered softly, then I could hear her wolf calling to Sage as it surfaced.

When matters between Lori and me grew heated, Arla always had the habit of calling on Sage, so this happened to be one of those occasions. But Sage continued to keep his word and didn't say anything.

"Zora is free to move on since she **is** no longer required to share your home or wake up next to you. You, Lori, stand for everything that goes wrong in my life. Since you destroyed my house with falsehoods, I will

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never be able to love you. I don't understand why your father would support you in this way. Did he not care about you enough to want you to find the right man for you? Instead, he assisted you in breaking into my house to take my wife's place as my mistress. If I didn't know him, I'd say he didn't father you," I told her, as she stared at me and tears began to pour heavily down her cheeks. Her eyes were unstable, as if a buried scar had been exposed.

I could see a troubled expression in Lori's eyes as she fixed her gaze on me. something that hinted at buried suffering.

It had always been there, but I had too much on my mind to ask her about it. also I believed my hurt outweighed whatever internal conflict she might have been experiencing, but now it had returned.

While discussing her genuine motivations and the life she had forced me to live as a result of her acts, the haunting expression reappeared. She developed a gloomy visage and appeared to be in pieces. After taking a long breath, Lori glanced at me and sighed.

"You don't know how I feel, Casey. Even if you think it is annoying, you are the most wonderful thing that has transpired to me in a while, so that is why I cling around," she stated, but I could only chuckle. The time when I was moved by such words was long gone.

"Lori, I don't want you to hang on any longer. I urge you to go," I whispered, then she bent her head.

"Fine, I will depart in the morning," she responded, sounding resigned, while I smirked.

"Yes, you will, once you tell me everything about you and your father planned. How you assisted him in planning the assault that led to the arrival of Hand's soldiers and how you gave him intelligence that destroyed and split the East. Facts that have led some to question my leadership

p. How you attempted to aid him in retaking control of the East,” I stated, making her **eyes** widened and started crying.

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“**Casey**, I **would** never treat you that **way**,” she remarked **while** looking terrified.

“I couldn’t trust you. You made false statements about me and Zora in his defense, so don’t you dare,” I responded, then she shook her head.

“Casey, I can never assist my father in any way. I can’t. Never will I attempt it. Never did I stay with him. I constantly tried to find an excuse to live separately from him. Did you ever inquire as to why?” she inquired, but I was unconcerned.

“He murdered my mother in front of me and would have murdered me as well if I hadn’t vowed to keep quiet about it. She opposed something he was preparing, so he used Silver to stop her heart. I honestly don’t recall the specifics, but I believe it has something to do with the deadly incident in the East that killed many lives. She promised to write Collier Hand and denounce his behavior, so he stabbed her in retaliation. He stabbed her because she labeled him a tyrant. My brain has not forgotten the memory I am never able to assist him in any way. Due to my wanting to get rid of him. I agreed to his deception. It was preferable to become your mistress than his child.” I paid attention to what she said.

“So, why did you give him details of my dealings? Why did you assist him in spying on me?” I shouted at her, furious.

Whether or not her tale was accurate, I was furious that she thought by telling me about it, I would feel bad for her. I despised her.

“How come you did it?” When I questioned her, she lowered her head in

sorrow.

“Casey, I didn’t have any option.” Even though I was furious, I wanted her to be innocent, so hearing her confess it crushed my heart and made me feel foolish. Sage started to snarl too.

She **rose** from the bed, knelt down and exposed her neck to the.

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Casey

“I had no choice, alpha. It was the only way I could keep you safe. I did not know that was what he was doing until Zora left. He ordered me to make sure we got married. I knew you weren’t up for it, but he insisted He told me he wanted to know everything you did from then on. I told him I couldn’t do that and that he should take it up with you, but he did not find it funny. Soon I found out that he had people in your ranks and working in the pack that was on his payroll, and he was on the payroll of some King somewhere. He said if I chose you, he would kill us, and he would not need to raise a finger to do it. I had to think of my babies and you, Casey. You might hate me, but I love you. My father had shown me times without number what he was capable of, I knew he would do it with ease and get away with it as always,” she confessed.

“I asked him what he wanted, and he said he wanted to have your itinerary and know your private discussions with Sheperd and Cruz. I did not think much of it because I did not think you were planning anything serious, so I agreed, and I have been doing so diligently,” she said, and I felt like a fool.

I had serious discussions with Cruz and Sheperd at my home. I wondered why she was always around or awake during those times, and I now knew why.

“If I knew he was trying to take the east from you, I wouldn’t have helped him. I swear, Casey. I thought he was just being nosey. I thought he was just trying to be informed

and aware. He is a control freak, so I just thought it was one of his curiosities," She said, and I knew she was sincere, but the damage **was** already done.

"I fed him a **lot of false** information, too; **that** is why he came for the

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games. He **figured it** out. I have been avoiding him. I **am** scared," She said, and I **frowned**.

"What **false** information?" I asked her.

"He asked me if you were communicating with Hand and Zora because of the things discussed at the meetings. I said no. I lied when he asked if you would be coming to the games. That was why I did not follow you here. I felt it was of f he would ask me such questions because it had nothing to do with the east, so I lied Casey, and he was mad," she said and looked at me with complete fear in her eyes. Fresh tears began to fall, and I could feel h er panic.

"Please help me. I will go away with my children and never bother you if you r escue me from him. Please, Casey. I swear I will disappear and never trouble you. Please," she said, and I looked at her.

"Why didn't you tell me this? Was that why you were acting weird since you ar rived?" I asked her, and she nodded. Although I did not believe her, I wanted t o give her the benefit of the doubt without exposing myself to more harm.

"There was no way I could tell you without telling you what he had been doing. I was afraid," she confessed, and I sighed.

"Do you know anything of his plans?" I asked her, and she shook her head.

"All I have is his email password. I was able to get that before I came to the no rth. I wanted something as leverage. I believed he was doing something bad, and I wanted to get the proof to buy my freedom," she s aid. I could only imagine how horrible Ramsey was that his daughter would thi nk of buying her freedom as if she were a slave. The man was just too evil for his good.

“Alpha **Gabriel is in** on it too.

All the old Alphas except Alpha Timothy. They **all visit** him and have secret meetings, so I know they are in on it. I

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did not know **they** were planning to take over the east; from what I learned, it seemed more like they were trying to install a new king. There was nowhere your name was mentioned; that was why I did not say anything. Please, Casey, I

know you hate me, but I am not lying. I swear. I swear on the life of my unborn children that all I have told you is the truth. I need help.” she said, weeping seriously.

I got up from the bed, went to the closet, and took out a silver bracelet.

“I will help you,” I said, approaching her.

“You will follow me to the estate tomorrow and repeat all you know to Lord Hand. Then I will decide if I want to stay with a fate that

unwillingly destroyed my life or move on. I believe that is fair enough,” I said, and she nodded.

“Your wrists,” I said, and she willingly handed it over. I clamped the silver on her wrist and felt her wolf go silent.

“Go to bed,” I ordered, and she obeyed without question. Her game was

1. up.

I took out my phone and sent Hardy a message informing him that we would be going to the Hand Estate in the morning. I sat in the chair in my room and watched Lori. I was determined not to sleep until we got to the mansion, and I knew she wouldn't be able to get away.

I wasn't planning on releasing her.

I planned on pleading with Darius to lock her in one of his cells until her story checked out.

I couldn't allow the woman to fool me twice. She seemed to be telling the truth, but it could just be an act. I was mad that she was carrying my pups. However it turns out, the fact still remains that my pups would have Kuhn blood. It **was** unfortunate.

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Zora's POV

I made the decision to have a conversation with Alpha Jake about a few topics while Darius spoke with his officers. I also required the help of Kara and Eloise.

I had certain issues with him that I needed to address. The difficulties would have been quite bad if I had lingered on them. I discussed the poisoning, then after all that had transpired, certain things suddenly made sense.

Since I got back, I've spent the most of my time pondering why somebody would attempt to poison me. I may have passed away if I wasn't vomiting when pregnant.

Only a tiny bit of the poison entered my circulation because of the vomiting, which helped my body cleanse of it. Since I had identified the reason, it was time to talk to Alpha Jake about it because it was quite delicate.

Nellie, who we encountered on the way to the lounge where Alpha Jake was waiting for us, was a complete mess.

I told Eloise and Kara to go ahead and talk to Nellie while I stayed behind.

They left as I watched them go. They joined Jake in the lounge on my wing **as** Nellie and I made our way to her room to avoid being overheard.

We **had** to be extremely cautious because we knew that certain staff members were working for the rebellion and we knew what they intended to do **to** Nellie.

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She **started to** pace as soon as we reached her **room**.

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“Nellie, you’ve got to keep everything together. We have no idea what these people own or even whether they possess anything at all. If you continue acting in this way, you will make mistakes. I want you to pretend as if nothing has occurred and not testify to anything or get into a furious debate with anyone,” I remarked and went to grip her shoulders. I kept her firm and fixed my gaze on her eyes.

“Nellie, you need to stop acting like this. For the love of the goddess, you’re a Luna. We don’t often act flimsy or give in to pressure. I want you to get the fear and sympathy off your face, then carry yourself proudly as you move through out the area. Darius gets a lot of things to deal with and your present behavior isn’t helping at all.” With a hint of annoyance. I cautioned her. It must have been my hormones. I’ve been a little too sensitive recently.

“So, what if you broke the law? Nellie, everyone is hiding something. Stop worrying about the worst and help us find the women who work for the organization by lending a hand. Today I will be undertaking a large sweep of the Estate and you will assist me with it.” She widened her eyes as I stated that.

“We appreciate all the assistance we can get,” I informed her, to which she gave a scowl.

“If we arrest them, what must we do to them?” I became angry when she asked.

“The dungeon only has a certain number of cells. Those that are open with their information will be allowed to stay in the cells. Those who aren’t will be put to death right away,” I added, making her eyes widened.

“We aren’t permitted to do that,” she responded, so I could only chuckle.

“So, who will halt us?” I challenged her.

The constant crap had worn me out. Cowards were the ones we were

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fighting. If they had declared war on us, I would have respected them

more. Then, we can be sure that they are qualified to be a leader. It **was** a cowardly move to launch this intellectual assault. I intended to teach the Kingman how to rule.

Nellie must have seen my determination because she wiped her dread away.

“Tyrant style?” she eventually said, so I nodded.

“Are Marcel and Raphael on board?” I replied with a nod as I hoped Darius’ meeting with them would turn out well.

“What about the regional leaders?” she queried.

“Hardy and Casey will be standing in support, too,” I answered, then Nellie’s lips curved into an evil grin.

“Oh, lovely freedom,” she sighed.

“I despised all of this diplomacy. Nobody ever actually benefited from it. The wolves will receive a hard hand when they need one. This would expedite and simplify the investigation. Making the council ineffective is a wise step. We would escape with all the military backing. It would also push the perp to disclose themselves,” she continued, knowing where Darius and I were moving to.

“I like it,” she said, at that moment her face’s color returned.

Nellie was a knowledgeable individual. She was inevitably going to get away with her misdeeds in these conditions.

“All right, I’ll go get dressed. This morning I skipped taking a shower. I’ll meet you in the lounge,” she remarked, then I walked out.

I made a hasty exit for the lounge. I rubbed my bump as I walked and hoped Casey and Hardy would agree to the plan so we could put a stop to this insanity, even if we didn’t capture them or finish it. It would bring us

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the needed peace. A few weeks later came my wedding. **So**, I wished to enjoy **the** blue moon ritual at ease and in peace.

When I walked into the lounge, Jake was making jokes while the women laughed.

“Alpha Jake,” I called, as I went for a juice glass on the table.

He nodded at me as I sat down in the chair across from him.

“Luna Zora, thank you for the hospitality,” he kindly remarked, so I grinned back at him.

“You are welcome,” I responded, then sipped my beverage.

“I am happy that you notice we get along well with you,” I responded, but he lost his smile.

He could hear the rage in my voice, so I knew it would be difficult for him to understand because he had done nothing wrong and supported us. Kara and Elise also stopped to giggle and turned to face me.

“Kara and I had fantastic luck traveling to Brighton. We went there to bring about peace, investigate, and bring the offenders to justice,” I started, so he grimaced in response.

“We risked our lives and respected you. We stayed at your home while you watched us, but we had a good time. The festival was lovely,” I leaned over and remarked.

“I do not have any issues with you, Alpha, and I assume we have come to realize that, but I want you to be truthful with me about specific things,” I stated and he shifted uncomfortably.

“Did she give herself as a tribute or did you give your wife to Collier?” He was astonished when I questioned.

“This **is** going somewhere, therefore, I shall require you to respond to my

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query,” I continued, drawing his head down.

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He definitely had a lot to think about, but I had to wait for his response in order to reach my conclusions. I was aware that an apple never truly leaves the tree, so I think this was also true of Brighton’s children.

It was necessary to figure out his wife’s personality **in** order to continue.

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Zora's POV

"I wasn't really rich. Added to that was the fact that Brighton wasn't a very rich area. But my wife always preferred the pleasure that money brought, so we often fought regarding money. One day, my sister's mate died. He gave her money, which made my sister return to stay with me. She brought her son. As for me, I just had my twins, Iris and Donald. Not long after that, Mikhail joined me. Then, my household had three children." Alpha Jake told his story, which surprised me because it turned out that both Donald and Iris were twins.

Somehow, I always thought that Iris was Donald's younger sister. After all, that woman looked very young to be his twin. It seemed that she had some good genetics.

"Oh, I thought that Iris was Donald's younger sister?" Kara also asked what I had in mind, which made her interrupt both Alpha Jake and I

The man just smiled at her.

"Well, she does look young. When people think that she's Donald's sister. I just let that be. But they're twins. Iris doesn't like people to know that she's that old either because she feels it would lessen her chances to get some good suitors. That's why I let her lie about her age," he confessed what I thought was useless information, but I let that pass.

"By the way, my sister spent lots of money on the three children we had in my house. Yet, she never gave my wife money as much as my wife wished whenever **my** wife asked her for money, which I felt was fine and a tad bit too kind of my sister. My wife eventually started to get mad about our financial difficulty and took it on me. It wasn't that we were very poor. Rather, she compared me to all the rich Alphas from the west

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who **made** me feel poor. The moment Collier had problems **with** the leading Alpha from the west because the leading Alpha had grouped with the leading Alpha from

the east to depose Collier of his lordship, Collier then struck and took over the west. Immediately, the east surrendered. Then, the east decided to kill the ones the leading Alpha from the east admitted for being responsible. But all of us realized that those people that were killed were just scapegoats. Still, the east agreed to pay the taxes. That made Collier let them be. However, the west was still taken because the leading Alpha of the west was the one who headed the attack. All of us

were then asked to surrender something. Since my sister had no mate anymore, she offered herself to go. But I didn't know that my wife wanted to be taken too. My wife eventually

told the warriors to take her too. When I tried to prevent her from going to the north, my wife coldly told me that she would prefer to be the Dark Lord's concubine compared to be my Luna. Although it really hurt, I eventually released her." Alpha Jake ended his story and I could hear how hurt he was from his cracked

voice.

However, I knew that was the reason why Alpha Jake could work on his duty without his mate. At the same time, I also realized that the war was the war that caused my parent's demise, where Ramsey had killed both of them for warning Collier about what Ramsey did. Back then, Ramsey was the leading Alpha. Casey had made a promise that he would depose Ramsey as the leading Alpha from the east for my sake. It made me sigh because I recalled Casey, so I tried to take him out of my mind. Then, I fought my best to not cry as I comforted myself.

"Why didn't you tell your twins that their mother left on her own wish? Thanks to that, the twins had lots of hatred for the Hand family," I firmly confronted the man who immediately bowed his head in shame.

"Well, my wife was gone. Also, she would never return to us. I didn't want to ruin the fact for them," Alpha Jake told me, confessing his own excuse for keeping the truth away from his own twins.

"Did you know that Collier wished to return your wife back to you after

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your sister **asked Collier** to give your **wife** back to you?" I asked the man again, but he just shook his head.

"Well, the thing was that your sister was Collier's favorite mistress. Some people might say that the Dark Lord cherished your sister. Then, your sister asked the Dark Lord to return your wife back. Eventually, your wife got upset and she went into a rampage because of her jealousy. Eventually, your wife killed your sister brutally. However, it pissed Collier so badly. That man ended up confining your wife in a dungeon before he had her killed for her crime," I grimly told the Alpha about his wife's fate, which caused his tears to quickly stream down from his eyes to his face.

I realized that my investigation was going somewhere. However, I wished to confirm some things first with Alpha Jake before I told him my own reason for being here. So, I gave him a minute to let him regain his

composure.

Soon enough, I could see the anger he had from his eyes. However, I realized that his anger was directed towards his wife, instead of the Dark Lord at the time. Collier.

"Alpha Jake,

I truly have my admiration for you. That's why we are here. If the attackers hadn't gotten help from inside your pack, it would be impossible for the rebellion's conspirators would happen to know to strike your pack and manage to succeed. I already knew that those people had orders from the Northern Council, but why was your pack attacked? Why did they attack your pack out of all the packs that were existing in the east?" I asked again, but Alpha Jake couldn't answer the question I gave him this time.

"I believed that your children were the one that gave you advice on not confronting Darius about the sudden attack on your pack. In fact, I was sure that it w

as Iris who had told you and assured you of it,” I continued telling the man who quickly nodded while he **was** looking at me with confusion.

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“**Did** she have any reason to do that?” I asked as I demanded answers from Alpha Jake, but the man looked very confused.

“Since I came back from the Brighton Pack, I did try to put the puzzle together,” I said to the man.

“The anger, the overall coldness, and the poisoning,” I slowly mentioned to him, causing him to exclaim.

“What do you mean by poisoning?” the man questioned in return.

“Alpha Jake, I was poisoned. Had I not returned back to the north the day I did, I might either have lost my life or miscarried my baby,” I firmly replied to his question, which prompted him to become anxious about it.

“I could remember that you were pursuing an Alpha suitor for your daughter. It is,” I told the man who immediately nodded his head.

“By accident, did you ever try to offer her to Darius in the past?” I asked the man carefully, but he shook his head.

“Lady Nellie Hand threw a party. She invited all the daughters of the Alphas for Darius to be picked for his Luna. However, the young man didn’t choose any of the daughters as his Luna. Iris was also among the daughters. Darius danced with her, but there weren’t any chemistry between the two of them. Nevertheless, my daughter didn’t accept it very well. Still, she already moved on from your mate a long time ago,” the man stated firmly, making me know that I was spot on.

Ever since Nellie had informed me about Jake’s wife and her scary behavior, I already thought that what happened to me in Brighton was poisoning.

“Alpha Jake, I would like to ask you to bring Iris for interrogation. I want your daughter to give me the reason why she did give me poison and the one who made her

do it. There had to be something that caused her to deliberately hurt both Darius and I by aiding Brighton’s sudden attack to

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be a success and preventing you from opposing Darius. If we hadn’t come to Brighton, that would have worsened. In fact, you might have joined the uprising against my mate. Is my deduction correct?” I sharply asked the man who kept his silence.

“I want you to tell me the truth, Alpha Jake. You’re an esteemed visitor here, not a convict. In fact, I see you as a friend, Alpha. Please rest assured because I’m not trying to lure you into something,” I tried to assure Alpha Jake, which made the man nod hesitantly.

“Can I assure your loyalty to bring Iris here? I had already delayed her arrest and prevented my mate from going after it because I didn’t wish to give you any disrespect. Do you think that you can compensate for my goodwill with your faithfulness, Alpha?” I questioned him again, prompting Alpha Jake to take a deep breath before he sighed.

Alpha Jake’s eyes were teary as the man knew very well the involvement of what his daughter did.

“She doesn’t live in Brighton, Lady Zora. She couldn’t have worked with the perpetrators. Recently, she just came back permanently.” the man desperately explained it to me as he tried to show that his daughter didn’t have any reason to guide the perpetrators of the attack to succeed.

“Still, that doesn’t change the fact that Iris was there when I came to Brighton. She eventually gave me the poisoned food,” I firmly told him as I gazed at him sharply.

“Alpha, will you bring your daughter to me?” I asked him again.

“Please give your own word to me that my daughter will get a fair trial,” Alpha Jake asked me as he almost weeped, which I responded with a firm nod.

“I **swear** on my wolf form that your daughter will be freed if **she’s** found to be innocent,” I promised the Alpha who then nodded sadly.

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I had informed Alpha **Jake** about his wife so that he would realize that his daughter was just like his wife. Iris was envious, easily upsetted, possessive, and vengeful. If I was right, they wished to murder me that would force Darius to go to war with the west. It would give the west support to overthrow Darius’ lordship. Obviously, there was no way that Iris wasn’t one of the m.

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Darius’ POV

After I had told my friends and Abel about what I was planning to do. It made me feel comfortable because I already realized that I got their full support. All I had to do now was to wait for both Casey and Hardy to come here. That way, we could get those two Alphas to agree before we fully acted.

“Darius, I wish that you realize that there won’t be any return the moment we do this,” Marcel grimly told me as he subtly told me the involvement of my plan, which I quickly responded with a nod.

Besides, I had enough for playing nice.

“It’ll also mean that we’ll support and put you on the throne as King after we arrest everyone mentioned,” Raphael added, making me nod my head again.

“You’ll really need Hardy and Casey’s support for your plan. While I do know that Casey will take it just fine, Hardy is different from Casey. After all, you took his fated mate away from him,” my Gamma continued, which made me realize that he did have a valid point.

“Still, it won’t be bad if we try this. Besides, this is the only way for us to make the chaos go away,” I responded to my brother, my Beta, and my Gamma, which the latter two responded by nodding in agreement.

Meanwhile, Abel was just smiling.

“So, that means that the three of us **will** be lords while you, Darius, get to be King,” my brother said, which made me nod again.

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“**I like** the idea,” **he** told me, feeling happy because **of** what he said before.

“Furthermore, it would make it hard for those assholes to use the Northern Council to go against us,” Marcel commented.

“Well, what will you do the moment you’ve been put in as King?” Raphael asked me, but I just shrugged.

“Challenge the oppressor to fight me and stop playing from the dark,” I replied calmly, realizing that was all that

would be left to do because I would get all the power from an autocratic system that I planned to have.

By having an autocratic system, all of the running off with seals associated with me and trying to make the people despise me will no longer be taken into account. Whoever the one behind the King's identity would be cornered into the wall. After all, they no longer had any choice but either to keep quiet or get out from their hiding place.

Zora already gave me the pep talk that I had to go to the darkness. That was precisely what I would do now. We already learned all the names of the people who were associated with the rebellion group that tried to overthrow me whom we had gotten into our hands. After I would speak with both Hardy and Casey, only then we would know how to deploy and get those traitors.

However, it had to be done at the same time on the same day. Besides, I had a plan to collect all those traitors. Afterwards, I would wait for the Northern Council to call for me. Only then I would use that very same day to take over their system to crown myself as King that would make us go back to the old system.

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I realized that my action wouldn't be liked by the people, no one in the Northern Council would be able to go against me after I would imprison lots of people. In fact, I was more than prepared to crush anyone that hindered me. I already determined my purpose, so I planned to have it done at all costs.

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After **I became** King, my Blue Moon night would end up being lovely and tranquil. Then, I would claim my mate. We would **get** some rest afterwards. Our pup would be born in a peaceful world, which all of **us** would live in happily ever after. That was why I didn't care how many traitors I had to murder in order to achieve my purpose. However, everlasting tranquility was the eventual goal for me.

Two hours later, I had heard that both Casey and Hardy had come. Not only that, I also heard that Casey came with a convict. In fact, the leading Alpha of the east even asked me to imprison the convict in a cell. It caused me to wonder who that convict was. Not long after they arrived, I went on to meet them in the guest lounge at Marcel's wing. The moment I entered the guest lounge, I was surprised at what I had seen.

Both Casey and Hardy quickly rose from their seats to pay their respects. After that, we shook each other's hands before I instructed Rapahel to oversee the Brians that would bring Llam to where we were. Besides, there was nothing better compared to hearing straight from the source. As for Lori, the woman sat on the couch silently with a silver bracelet on her

wrist.

"What is she doing here?" I asked Casey, but the answer was already there the moment I saw the fiery rage in his eyes.

Furthermore, I realized that I couldn't blame him for it. Lori had allowed herself to be made use of in the worst imaginable way. Indeed, I could understand that Casey was her fated mate. Nevertheless, there were much better ways to love her fated mate compared to working her way through to wreck his home life. As I put my gaze on Hardy, the man looked very uncomfortable. In fact, he was also staring at the place we were in. Still, I was happy that he realized that I had nothing but the best to be given to my Zora. Although it was immature to think like that, I preferred to take great pleasure in it sometimes.

"Please put her in jail," Casey asked me, causing me to frown.

"She's your fated **mate, Casey,**" I responded, but the leading Alpha of the

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east quickly **shook** his head.

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“If she truly **gave** a shit about me, she wouldn’t lie to me and keep me in sight for her father,” the man told me, but I noticed that his fated mate was crying as tears were falling down to her cheeks.

It seemed to me that Lori already gave up. When I saw how she looked, the she—
wolf didn’t even look like someone who wished to live any longer. In fact, that woman looked as if she had already fully surrendered. While I didn’t know what her problem was with Ramsey, she didn’t seem like someone that had that thing in her to push back.

“I’ll bring Lori in a heavily guarded room. She’s carrying your pups, Casey. I know you’re upset, but we still have to think carefully before we take action,” I said, which was responded by an immediate low growl.

That was his wolf that wished for Lori to be punished. Obviously, the wolf felt very betrayed by what the woman did to Casey.

“Tell the Dark Lord everything that you had told me. Ensure that you give every name of the Alphas that your father has been having meetings with,” Casey coldly instructed his fated mate, causing the poor woman to wince because how cold he was.

Lori knelt with great difficulties because her pregnancy was already in a late stage as she bowed her head. Immediately, I told her to sit on the couch. Meanwhile, Casey rose from his seat as he started to walk back and forth inside the room. I could sense that he was enraged. In fact, I already could tell that he had lost his cool.

Eventually, Lori confessed to me about the most disturbing things I had ever heard as she mentioned lots of names. After the woman finished her confessions, all I could tell was that Casey’s mate was a reluctant snitch.

My impression was that Lori looked very scared of her own father. She wished to be released from her father. If only the woman trusted that Casey would **relieve** her from her father, she would tell her fated mate the

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truth **instead of** letting her father take advantage of her to do such terrible damage. This was 'sad. I instructed the Brians to put her in a room in **my** wing and guarantee that she felt comfortable there. After all, I wished for the woman to give birth before she went for trial.

Lori's confessions seemed to turn Hardy into an attentive man. Also, it looked to me that it would be easy to make him agree. Not long after, Raphael eventually came with Liam. My Gamma told me that Zora would need Liam in an hour. After all, my mate wished to make use of Liam to smell the two women who threatened him while he was being confined. The moment we caught those two she-wolves, Liam wouldn't be needed in that confinement any longer. Nevertheless, we wouldn't release him outside of the estate too. Furthermore, Liam told us everything. That made Hardy feel anxious.

"What did I do to these people?" Hardy couldn't help but ask that.

After all, both Casey and himself had accepted that those jerks were just power-hungry. When Liam had already finished informing it all, I asked the Brians to bring him to Zora. Only then I met with my guests.

"While I know that this is strange, believe me, it was also hard for me to decide on this," I started to talk about my plan as everyone went silent.

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“Someone or some person behind the king’s identity and their henchmen are threatening to all of us. Even if we look into them, they’re so expert. We won’t be able to get them.” I told both Hardy and Casey.

After that, I stared at each of them.

“While I know that this may sound insane and you may want to go against it. I have a plan that’ll oppress those traitors or force them out. But I need support from both of you to help me support the plan I’m going to tell you two,” I continued to tell them, causing them to put more attention on what I would say.

“I don’t wish to play by the book any longer. In fact, I didn’t even wish to be diplomatic at all because I don’t wish to obey the rules of engagement anymore. After all, those traitors know the law yet they still take advantage of it to make them even more at advantage. After they do this. – they’ll get rid of the Northern Council to put their king on the throne. We can’t let them make that happen,” I calmly told them, but Hardy already frowned at what I said.

“So, what are you planning?” Casey asked me attentively

“In my plan, **we’ll** get all those traitors that the people who confessed arrested. Then, we’ll declare them to be guilty until they’re proven to be not guilty. It’ll also be done in every region at the same time. That way, they won’t be able to go underground or run away,” I told them of my plan, which was responded to by a nod from Casey.

“That’s a good idea, but the Northern Council would obviously question that. We could say that it **was** an order from you. Still, you’re not a king,

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Lord Hand. You still have to listen to the council. What will we do then?” **Casey** asked sharply, coming to the reason why I summoned both of them here.

“This is where I need both of you to show your support for me. Since I know that those people wish to install whoever is behind the king, I made up my mind to bring us back to the old ways when we had three lords and a king.” I explained my plan, but Hardy immediately rose from his seat as he shook his head repeatedly.

“I can’t agree with your idea. Your father, Collier, had done lots of destruction as the Dark Lord. I don’t wish to think the level of destruction that you’ll bring as King,” Hardy immediately said, disagreeing with my proposal.

However, I already thought that he would act like this.

“I wouldn’t actually make my plan into realization if it wasn’t needed. Alpha Hardy. But I’m left with no choice here. My wedding in the blue moon will happen in three weeks. I really needed peace. Not only that. our mates are pregnant. Zora even got some threatening cards from the traitors. I beg you, Hardy. I’m very desperate here,” I begged Hardy, but he still shook his head firmly.

“Where would that leave the rest of us? Wiping away a threat only to put a more powerful threat is plain stupid idea,” Hardy insisted because he was looking out for his people.

“Hardy, I won’t end up like my father. If there’s anything I’ve tried to prove for the years I was taking as the Dark Lord, I just want to say that I’m nothing like my old man,” I tried to talk him into it, but he stubbornly refused to agree as he kept shaking his head.

“**Still**, you attacked the south. Not only that, you even sent your brother to attack me for protecting my region and asked for my price. As if that wasn’t satisfying for you, you attacked the south for the second time. You

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claimed that we aided the east to attack Gad. Don't you forget that you attacked the east and took the Alphas of the east's Lunas, sisters, and daughter **away** from them. You did all of that as the Dark Lord. I don't wish to think of what you'll do to us when you're a King," Hardy explained the reason he disagreed to support me by putting me in the bad light, which made me sound very bad.

Nevertheless, that was one-sided.

"The moment you had my father killed, I didn't attack you, Hardy. After all, I realized that he deserved that. My brother's attack to the south was out of his own willingness," I told Hardy while Abel shamefully admitted that as I was being truthful.

Indeed, that was embarrassing for Abel because Hardy managed to beat him. It sent Abel back to the north in a strong embarrassment.

"When I attacked the south because of Gad, I had to attack south because that was what our examination led us to determine that south did it first. Hardy. The council made us assume that you were behind that. As for the she-wolves that we brought from the east, Zora already asked them to return back home. But they refused to do that. Nobody is ever touching them or doing something to these women. For a long time, I didn't even keep a harem. I'm different from my father, Hardy. While there were five women who gave themselves to me voluntarily **as** they hoped that I would settle down with one of them someday, it just never happened. When I realized that I wouldn't marry any of them, I freed them. Don't you judge me by the rumors you've heard, Hardy. Just I leave it to me.

I'll leave that out. As for this morning, I already informed my mate that we had to leave. Although I wished to go back, she was the one that stubbornly stood up that I took this route for the sake of our people's safety. Whoever this person or people is, they'll be harder to obey compared to me," I tried to reason with Hardy whose eyes eased up.

The man knew that I **was** right from his deepest part of his heart. The solution that I had given **was** just the best. If we kept examining, we

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wouldn't **get** anything because **the people** whom we suspected were very **slick** and **evasive**.

"**What'll** happen to **our** areas the moment you become king?" Hardy asked, causing me to sigh.

"You'll **still** lead your regions, but I'll also give you seats on the council," I replied, prompting Hardy's eyes to be broadened.

One of the king's most important powers that the lordship didn't have was creating council seats. By having a seat on the council would improve their status to nobles, they could share their opinions on some issues. For any leading Alpha, that was a dream come true.

"All we have to do is show support that we'll go back to the old way, then you'll be the king?" Hardy questioned me again, to which I responded by a nod.

"I'll also need military support just in case those oppressors come up and try to take over my throne by force," I immediately added, making the man laugh.

"You already have my support, then," Hardy finally said in agreement to my proposal as he extended his hand to shake hands with me.

Initially, it made me anxious because this was way too easy. Not only that, I also felt weird for shaking Hardy's hands. Since I felt so anxious about this, I made up my mind to investigate Hardy later.

"Just to let you know, I'm agreeing to your proposal because the south had also been attacked too. That was why I wasn't around for most of the games. Three packs in my region were attacked. Obviously, I realized that there was no way the attack would happen if those attackers didn't have someone who supported them. They **made** it look like you attacked them, but I knew **very** well what happened to **Jake**," the man confessed, causing me to immediately **relax**.

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If **that seemed** to be **the** case, Hardy **was** in the same position **as Casey**. Joining me was Hardy's only chance to **stay** alive.

"So **far**, we don't have any names in your region. But once we gather everyone we have, we'll very likely get useful information that might bring us to the culprits in the south," Casey added.

"What if they refuse to talk, Casey?" Hardy asked hesitantly, causing Casey to laugh.

"That'll be easy, Hardy. Both Zora and I always played this game when both of us tried to overtake the east. We would play a game with the convicts. We would give them rooms to buy their own lives by giving us information. Anyone that gave us helpful information that is accurate will be spared. But anyone that didn't give us any helpful information or dared to lie before us would be killed. It worked very well on the warriors. Since those people weren't even warriors, the effect would be much better on them," Casey easily replied, making me realize that Alpha Casey wasn't as kind as people expected.

The truth was he was just being calm. However, I realized that he had enough of being calm.

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Although my talk with Alpha Jake was very heated, I was happy that both of us were able to reach an agreement. While I realized that I was being pretty tough, I had to make sure that my points were clear. Furthermore, I also needed him to realize that I already helped him a lot by not asking Darius to find out more about my poisoning incident.

The fact that I was expecting by the time the poisoning happened could be concluded as a treason. From the deepest part of my heart, I did wish that our plan would run smoothly so that both my mate and I could plan our weddings in peace. Still, Alpha Jake looked very sad after our talks when Nellie came to join us. This time, she no longer had those dark circles. In fact, Darius' mother looked very excited. Not to mention that she also looked stunning.

"I hope that I didn't take my time way too long?" she asked as she sat next to Alpha Jake while she was showing her lovely smile at all of us.

Nevertheless, it felt weird that Nellie was the only one who was smiling after the hard talk I had with Alpha Jake before. Soon enough, Nellie understood that she was the only one who felt very happy. Thus, the woman stopped smiling.

"What's wrong?" she asked.

Although I didn't wish to talk about it, Alpha Jake gave the answer for Nellie's question.

"Luna Zora assumed that my daughter, Iris, must've tried to murder her by poisoning her to pay back at your son for not choosing **my** daughter. Also, Luna Zora also believed that Iris might be working with the traitor. That

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was why Luna Zora asked me to bring my daughter to be interrogated," the Alpha said, concluding from our talks before.

Meanwhile, Darius' mother just nodded her head.

"Well, the poisoning part was indeed true. Luna Zora was poisoned at your pack, Jake. I could see that. In fact, we had to bring a doctor to clean her body," Nellie responded to Alpha Jake whose fears in his eyes became even clearer.

While the man secretly wished that it was all nothing but an accident, the man realized t

hat it might not be an accident at all after he heard that the former lady of the north said the same thing like I said before.

“If my daughter is found guilty, I don’t know what I’ll do. After all, she’s my only daughter,” Nellie said as she caressed the Alpha’s hand softly.

“They’re all grown ups, Jake. We’ve done as best as we could by raising them and giving them the best things. We’ve taught them what’s right and what’s wrong and we’ve also tried to help them. If they choose to split from what we’ve taught in their adulthood, we shouldn’t put ourselves to blame. Eventually, they’re free from our grips. When we’re gone, they’ll still live. The best thing that we can do is praying for the best things to happen to them and hoping that they’ll learn from their mistakes. As parents, we can’t give more than we’ve given. You shouldn’t feel bad for this, Jake. You already tried very hard. If Iris eventually chooses to be like her mother, it’s not your mistake at all,” Darius’ mother tried to calm the man down, but it still failed.

After all, the man was in a difficult situation.

“I think it’s time for Liam to help us find out the people who threatened him,” I told them as I rose from my seat, trying my best to prevent any weird situation.

Immediately, everyone agreed to it. After that, I told Brian Wilson through the mind-link to help put everyone in this estate in line so that

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Liam could smell the perpetrators out. It took Brian 30 minutes to bring Liam here. Soon enough, the man told me back through the mind-link that he already brought Liam. Then, I got up again as I asked everyone to go **with** me to the

eastern garden, where the rest of the people of the estate were already expecting our arrival.

After that, we walked to the garden quietly. I really hoped that this would result in something. Besides, we had to get as many people as possible to either force the people or person behind the king who caused ruckus to us to get out or make them go silent. Either result would be way better compared to what was happening right now.

As soon as I arrived at the eastern garden, I was shocked to see that there were lots of people here, alongside the trophies, that were queuing to be checked. Every one of them seemed to be anxious and puzzled.

Some of the Lunas in the service even stared at me with eyes full of hatred, but I didn't care about me. After all, they all saw me as someone terrible. I was sleeping with the man who overtook my own pack. Any Lunas from the outside would consider me, Kara, and Eloise as traitors. However, they didn't know the real story behind it. Besides, we didn't care enough to explain to them.

Whether I was terrible or not, all I could gaze upon was lots of envious Lunas that were unlucky. I was sure that they would happily do it if Darius, Marcel, or Raphael ordered these Lunas to join them to their beds. The thought of it already caused me to chuckle at how angry they

were.

Finally, Liam was brought here by Brian. This was the first time for me to see him well. Indeed, he was just a child. How could the people who hid behind the king let this happen? In a way, The leader of the rebellion surely didn't care about life or innocent lives if this leader ever succeeded in overthrowing Darius. After all, making a minor to be entangled with such traitorous acts was **very** reckless and merciless. If we ever caught whoever was behind the king, I already made up my mind to voice **my** opinion to that jerk. After that, the people started to talk when they all

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saw Liam. **While** some of them were truly confused, others looked upset.

“Be quiet!” Kara shouted at them, causing those people called to the eastern garden hesitantly to quieten down.

“If there’s any noise, that person will be put into confinement. Any disrespect will never be accepted. We’ve been asked to take a rein on such an important task. We intend to do so ardently without any obstacles. Are we clear?” Eloise asked, then there was a total silence.

It meant that those people already understood what Eloise had said.

Just then, Brian William approached me. The man told me that my mate, Darius, asked for Liam to be brought to the lounge. When I found out that both Casey and Hardy were around, it gave me mixed feelings. I hoped that they would set aside their differences in order to find mutual understanding to join Darius to fight the rebellion movement that had been going on.

Eventually, I told Brian to take Liam with him to be brought to Darius before I asked them to bring the little boy back here immediately. Brian quickly brought the boy away. But we still had to act fast because I had to ask Amy. As long as that bitch was involved, I didn’t plan to play nice After I saw what that woman did to her own son. I realized that she could never be trusted. In fact, she didn’t even deserve to be freed. I already made up my mind to let her feel pain. Frankly, I wouldn’t regret that.

‘What happened with Liam?’ Kara asked me through the mind–link.

‘Both Casey and Hardy are here. I guess Darius wants to hear straight from that boy,’ I replied through the mind–link back, causing Kara’s eyes to be widely opened.

After that, **my** friend just nodded.

‘How do you handle this, Zora? The three of them are crazy for you. Will they be **able** to forget their differences **in** order to cooperate? I know

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and that Hardy guy doesn't seem too different from your ex-husband. Poor Darius! I can't help but wonder how it feels to have to lean on the two men who're likely to despise him the most in order to support him going back to the autocratic system,' Kara voiced her opinion through the mind-link again, prompting me to sigh because my friend was telling me the truth.

"Isn't that Amy Zakharov's son?" Alpha Jake then asked me, which interrupted both Kara and I.

I quickly nodded my head.

"Yeah," I told the man who immediately widened his eyes.

"He's only a child," the man stated before he stared at us as if we had done something dreadful.

"I know. That's why he's not in the council prison," I responded to the Alpha, sounding firm.

"His mother had that little boy involved. In fact, her mother and the traitors used that boy to run his father and the Northern Alphas. Not only that, little Liam also aided them in receiving and transferring money," I continued to tell the man whose eyes got even wider with shock.

"You don't mean that." Alpha Jake responded in shock, causing me to nod my head.

"That bitch made up her mind to take advantage of her own son in the worst way possible. The only reason this boy is still alive is because he's young," I told the Alpha grimly while Nellie hissed angrily at what I said.

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“That whore Amy had always been a terrible person. Her mother was also like that, you know. Her mother always tried to state her opinion and force you to accept that. Collier only fucked her for several times, but she already gave up her husband for that. I truly hoped that Christian took a better look before he jumped into marriage with her. But people always said that love was indeed blind. His marriage would cause him to be banished,” Nellie said, which made me feel upset at what she said.

Still, her words were indeed true.

Thanks to Liam and Amy who were involved in this rebellion, both of them would be considered as traitors. That would mean the whole after the examination was over. The only blessing for Liam was that Darius would forgive him and punish Amy only for her actions if my mate was indeed successfully put on the throne as king. That was why this was a huge stake to make both Casey and Hardy agree to put Darius as king and cooperated with him to end this rebellion. However, I was hesitant that they would do so because of me.

When I looked at the women and men who were being put on lines in the eastern garden here, I truly wished that none of them were at fault for their own sakes because I already made up my mind to be merciless. The moment Liam was brought back to the eastern garden, his silver chains were removed to let him get access to his wolf in order to pick the scent of those women who threatened him.

We tried to not make it look like Liam would lure them out from their scent. Instead, we tried to make it look like the boy would look at them straight to their eyes so that the perpetrators would feel self-assured. Meanwhile, Brian kept guarding Liam as the little boy moved through the

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staff. That **little** boy **stared at** them as he secretly smelled their scents.

Liam walked through most of them. **In** fact, there wasn't any of the staff whom he selected. He kept staying with the women in the trophy section. Eventually, he went to a dark-haired eastern beauty to stop before her. It showed that this woman was one of them.

It made my heart beat even faster because I realized who the woman was. After that, the little boy then walked and selected a western Luna who worked in the gardens

Then, I told Brian through the mind-link not to get those she-wolves out yet until Liam smelled everyone. It took an additional 30 minutes for that boy before he finally finished smelling all of them. I could see how relieved the she-wolf from the east and the Luna from the west from their eyes. Both of them truly thought that they managed to pass. Actually, it made me chuckle inside. While I did realize that what I would do to them was messed up, I wished to see how their happiness dried out from their

very own eyes.

Not long after that, Liam was brought back to his cell. Then, I asked Brian to search the rooms and the belongings of the people whom Liam had identified. As soon as the man left, I kept the people in check with

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"Luna Zora, is there something else?" one of the elderly Luna who worked in the estate asked, causing me to smile at her.

"Did I give anyone permission to talk?" I retorted coldly, prompting them to keep their mouths shut again.

“While my mate might be merciful, I won’t be like that. All of you will stay here until I dismiss you,” I informed them while they were looking at Nellie, wishing that Darius’ mother would prevent me.

Technically, Nellie’s status was indeed above me. However, she wouldn’t **dar e to do that**.

“Lady Hand, please show **us** mercy!” some wolves had called out to

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“Silence! Do as your Luna had instructed you. You’re supposed to be getting used to Zora as the lady of the north. By being too forgiving, too much harm had been done. Everything that was done before was to save more lives. Thus, I’ll recommend you to obey it,” the former lady of the north warned the wolves who called out to her, causing them to go silent.

Meanwhile, Alpha Jake stood next to me before he got close to my ears.

“Is there any luck with them?” the man asked me while I stared back at him in return before I nodded.

The man then slightly smiled.

“I’d like to ask them about Iris,” he told me, prompting me to smile at the Alpha in return.

“After I’m done with Amy, you can try to ask, Alpha. They might be unable to help because it seems to me that they’re working in groups. Also, no group knows other groups. Still, it’s just my assumption. Alpha. I could still be wrong,” I told him as he nodded to get what was behind my

words.

Thirty minutes later.

“The search is finally done, Luna,” Brian informed me through the mind-link.

It made me relax as I stared at everyone who was standing in the garden.

‘Did you get something?’ I asked him through the mind-link.

‘We’ve got a small laptop and a satellite phone,’ the man told me through the mind-link in return.

I felt very happy that we **already got** them. Since I realize that there would

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be other **people**, I would make the two people speak.

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“All **of** you may return back to your rooms and continue what you’re doing. **I’m** sorry for disturbing your afternoon,” I told them, making a note to myself that the two culprits looked very relieved.

After that, we left the people before they started to go back to their rooms.

“So?” Eloise asked on our way to my wing.

After all, I made up my mind to change into something cozier to interrogate Amy.

“Alpha Jake and I have a lunch date,” Nellie said, causing my eyes to widen at her.

When I saw how happy her expression was, I realized that she wished to get Jake away from us so that we could run our task smoothly. After all, his daughter was part of the rebellion which I knew very well. That would be wrong to let him in on every aspect of the investigation. I responded by smiling as I nodded my head appreciatively.

“That’s cool. Besides, I wish to take a nap,” I excused Nellie and Alpha Jake.

“Well, what about Amy Zakharov then?” the Alpha asked, making me know that he was still anxious about her daughter.

“Just continue your lunch date, Alpha. When you return, you’ll talk to Iris’ supervisor,” I tried to assure him, causing him to thank me.

While both Jake and Nellie had already left us, Kara and Eloise immediately followed me back to my room.

“So?” Eloise asked **again** the moment we entered.

“Alpha Ramsey’s **niece** is one of them,” I told her, who **was** immediately surprised about it.

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“Anika! She’s the one he gave **away as** a trophy, right?” **she asked** again, causing me to nod.

Suddenly, everything made sense. Alpha Ramsey didn’t plan the attack to avenge himself for what Casey had done. Instead, the cunning old man did it to give his niece a trophy to get her into the Hand estate with ease. Every other thing that happened was nothing but a bonus for him. Knowing about this meant that he actually didn’t need Lori to enter our home. After all, Ramsey would still manage to work out his plan with

success.

By placing his daughter in both Casey and mine’s home was just some good measure. The fact that Ramsey managed to kill lots of people and wrecked homes only to get what he wanted had shown what kind of person he was. He didn’t deserve any form of forgiveness.

Meanwhile, both Eloise and Kara were shocked with what I had revealed to them. They already did the math too. So, I could see how their surprise eventually turned into anger.

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"People murdered during that assault," Eloise added, sounding enraged.

"I noticed Cruz was a jerk, but Ramsey committed something wrong. He split the East by accusing him of doing it, leading to widespread distrust of the accused. I'm curious how Cruz managed to escape out of this situation. Everything was wasted due to his intention to bring Anika into the Hand Estate," she remarked, looking at me after.

"Do you believe Lori is involved?" she questioned me while looking furious. She already despised Lori. Consequently, it would get worse.

"I have no idea if she was a willing participant," I stated, to Kara's growling retort.

"Perhaps they believed that Casey would present her as tribute, too, so she could be accepted in," she replied, but I shook my head in disagreement.

"I don't think that was her intention. Most likely, she was watching Casey. It was a great strategy. Anika would be admitted to the Hand manor by them. She will hopefully learn something while in the harem. While providing us as a tribute, Casey, Shepherd, and Cruz would provide Lori space to serve as the head Luna of the East. It would be wonderful retribution after all, considering we were the ones who worked together to depose Ramsey as the Eastern leader," I remarked, to Kara's grumble.

“He **was** an incompetent leader who had resulted in far too many fatalities. So meone had to get rid of him,” Eloise remarked, just like my parents, her parents were murdered by the bastard. We all realized the truth, but no one discussed it since our parents were murdered for being **traitors**.

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“**So, you’re** saying that he carried out all of this **as** retaliation and to get Anika to the North?” When Kara questioned, I nodded.

“They expected Darius to resemble his father. Anika is attractive and unmarried. She only had to charm him through their fuck sessions to gain his approval. They decided to discover another route since our men are good and we went along to wreck their chances.

They had to turn informants and maybe enlist the help of Sofia, Cindy, and other members of the Estate. They would notify us once we were finished with them.” When I remarked, Kara sat down since she was

sweating.

I walked to the closet to grab some shorts and a t-shirt to change into.

“Bring us an identical item. I like to get my hands dirty, so I cannot perform it in a dress,” Eloise remarked, seeming anxious to interrogate the ladies we had detained and Liam’s mother, Amy.

I searched through my belongings in the closet and found a few new shorts that I had not worn yet to give them a selection. I did the same with the t-shirts before delivering them the clothing as I left the closet.

They were placed on the bed and I gave them a choice. I started taking off my clothing so I could change into what I chose.

“What would he stand to gain from all of this?” Eloise enquired, wondering why Ramsey would go to such lengths. She had every right to inquire. If he only cared about getting back with our ex—

partners, he only needed to run circles around them to humiliate and banish us, but I had a sneaking suspicion that damaging us was part of his larger strategy.

Ramsey's goal was to destroy Darius, whilst I was aware that our parents were killed for the same purpose.

He might have attempted a more cunning but fatal resumption of the **failed** takeover.

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I pondered **who he** was working for now **or** whether he **was the** original mastermind, because I knew the Western commander who had led the insurrection at the time had died.

They intended to remove the Hands from power. I was unsure of what Ramsey would have gotten in exchange for his dedication and commitment. He could never be Lord since there were so many more important persons in our society. He needed a reason to be this careful and thorough, so that reason had to come from being under someone else's authority.

"Ramsey doesn't have a chance to be the Lord, so he must have a greater gain in this," I remarked, putting on the shorts.

"We'll probably find out soon. We will take care of Amy first," Kara stated. I agreed.

Since I wanted to understand why Ramsey was acting the way he was, Anika would have to be the final person I dealt with. Additionally, I hoped that Casey and Hardy would assist Darius.

I linked Darius after I had finished getting ready.

"How is it going?" I questioned him.

"They are on board," he answered, making the mark on my inner thigh tingled, so I could sense his relief.

“Long live the King,” I replied, as happiness began to overflow through

1. me.

“So, did Liam manage to catch anyone?” When he enquired, I nodded.

“Ramsey’s niece, Anika and a Western Luna, Olga,” I spoke to him, and he was silent.

“That’s excellent,” he eventually said.

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“**Anyway, Casey** asked me to lock up Lori, but she is pregnant and about to give birth, so I put her in a room. I’m not sure whether you want to interrogate her,” I gasped in horror as he continued. Concerned by **my** response, Kara and Eloise instantly turned to face me.

“Why?” I linked Darius.

“Well, let’s just say that our suspicions were confirmed. Casey won’t take her word for it when she said she was terrified for her life. I may allow you to speak with him. Will you be up for it?” he asked me, as I was at a loss for words to express my feelings. However, I should speak up right away because I didn’t want him to believe I still had affection for Casey.

“Yes, I can see him tomorrow. Today will be hectic. Three women need to be questioned.” I stated.

“Amy?” he queried.

“Yeah,” I answered, then he gave me good luck. In addition, he forced me to swear that I wouldn’t overreact given my current condition. After letting him finish, I put my shirt on.

“What caused you to gasp?” I turned to face Eloise when she asked.

“Casey urged Darius to lock up Lori. She was employed by her father,” I concluded and Eloise grinned.

“Beautiful justice. While I am now bragging, I am aware that Lori is not Samantha. That bitch deserves it,” she remarked, then Kara joined in the laughter.

“I’ll pay her a visit when we finish this day,” Kara remarked with a smile. Honestly, I was reluctant to be in Lori’s position right now, but she wasn’t the issue.

After finishing our preparations, we entered the dungeons.

I praised Wilson after learning that he had detained Anika and Olga,

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whilst they **had** also prepared Amy for interrogating.

When we arrived at the cell where Amy would be interrogated, she appeared disoriented and worn out.

“Lady, Hand,” she addressed me. Her tone reflected confusion.

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I gazed at the woman as Kara and Eloise pulled seats.

Liam resembled her as well. Her lips and brows were on him.

“Head Luna of the North,” I addressed her and she blinked back her artificial tears.

“Do you understand why you’re here? Do you understand why Christian gave up on you?” She shook her head and appeared to be really terrified when I asked.

“Where is your son, Liam?” Her eyes widened as I inquired.

“He had been captured by some terrorists in Gad,” she instantly repeated what her husband had stated to us before he learned the truth.

“What about Elaine, his roommate?” She gave a head shake as a response to my question.

“I’m not sure. We were unable to locate her since she is an orphan,” she continued, so I groaned. Then turned to face her.

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“Very well, Luna,” I got to my feet and murmured.

“I can tell that you don’t want to take the simple route. We’ll have to go the difficult path, I suppose,” I replied as I turned to face her.

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