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"I need to know, why **will** you exploit your son in such a horrible way, Amy?" Eloise questioned her, expressing her disgust for the ignorant

Luna.

"I can see your sense of adventure or desire to act as a vigilante, but engaging your son and putting his life at risk is excessive and irresponsible. You're not a good mother. Such individuals as yourselves are a shame to parenthood." When Eloise spoke, Amy was unable to respond. She kept quiet.

I had no sympathy for her. Her husband had ordered us to act as we liked after washing his hands of her.

She wouldn't have a place to go even if she was able to escape the chaos. A worse fate for her was desertion.

Liam, who appeared well-kept in his new attire, was led in by Wilson.

He had been freed since the individuals who were threatening him were captured. Even if the period of freedom was brief, it was evident.

I was horrified to realize how busy I had been all day. This morning, Darius and I made the decision to be brutal, yet I continued to work at it. Although I was exhausted, I had to finish Amy's session in order to obtain something concrete

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The boy gave me a respectful bow after looking at me and then turned to face his mother. His eyes had a sudden wrath that I realized could only be brought on by a loved one betraying him.

"**Why** am I here?" he questioned, not wanting to be present.

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“She requested to meet you,” I explained to him **calmly** and he shrugged. He had teary eyes.

“I am unwilling to meet her,” he expressed his rage by saying that, so Amy started to cry.

“Liam...” she cried, but Liam hissed at her. After all, he was an Alpha, so it was anticipated.

“I hate you!” he screamed at his mother, so I had to admit, I was feeling it too. Despite appearing timid, that kid was powerful. His father must also be a powerful Alpha.

Wilson caressed his shoulder to calm him down since his order made Eloise feel uneasy and his attitude bothered me and everyone else, even Wilson. I made an effort to be aggressive and hide my unease, but I couldn't help but feel it.

“You introduced me to those individuals. You support it. I hate you. They attempted to murder me. They framed me and made me a target. Elaine ran away as Moses placed a target on my back. If I hadn't been detained. I probably would have been murdered by now.” I felt and saw his misery as he shouted at her.

Amy was sobbing as she realized that I had not lied to her, also that everything I had said was accurate.

“I had no idea they would act in that way. They assured me you won't be active,” she stated, looking at her kid while in tears.

“Why did you include me in the first place? Mother, I first spoke to that bitch when I was fourteen. Who exposes their kid in such a way? You assisted them in using me **as** a pawn. I was mistaken in thinking that traveling to the West was my idea. You took advantage of me. Knowing that I yearned for companions, you took advantage **of** my desire to join your organization. I wish that they declare you guilty and rot,” he shouted at her while wiping **away** his tears.

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“We’ll be forced into **exile**, as well as Father will lose his job as a result of your attitude. We’re going to be banished, even if they murder you. You destroyed us,” he spelled out the facts to her. Darius must have explained what **was** to come to the child.

Amy was unable to speak.

“I am going to get it right, I swear,” she vowed, in an effort to gain favor with her son, but that ship had gone.

“You can’t do it,” he told her, then turned to face me.

“I want to leave, Luna,” he remarked, so I nodded, allowing him to depart.

I was affected by his suffering, but I had to maintain my composure.

I shouldn’t have let my tears flow now. After we finished with Amy. I still had some to interrogate.

I saw her looking at me, while she was still crying. Her kid had left her alone and she deserved it. She was longingly staring at the door that he had entered.

“Your love must be terrible and twisted for you to act like that to your kid. It would have been terrible if they had murdered him,” I said to her.

I brought a chair over and took a seat next to her. Her eyes were watering and blurry. To get her to concentrate, I snapped my fingers. After meeting her son and learning what he had in mind about her, she must have withdrawn into her thoughts. Really, I had no sympathy for her. When she blinked, tears started to flow. She then turned to face me and bowed in submission.

“I want the truth, so please share whatever you know with me. If your story doesn’t check out, I’ll murder you,” I informed her and emphasized to her the price of preserving her life. While looking at me, she nodded.

“I’ll tell you everything,” she spoke firmly and with sadness in her eyes.

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I started **the** voice recorder on my phone to capture her words. I hoped to obtain something worthwhile that would result in action. She was the head of Luna of the North, so that had to mean something.

“I was hired five years ago. I am a member of the top core in the North. My responsibility is to keep an eye on the goings—on in the North and connect with the key players, my spouse is unaware of this.

The plan was to sow a few seeds of unrest, incite populist uprising and ignite a revolution.

When the king is crowned, they assured me that I will have a place on the council and that my son will serve as governor of the North. Everyone in the group is someone they believe will be a governor or council member when the monarch reigns.

Although Ramsey is the one organizing us, he is not the ruler.”

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“They **are** using the same strategy they did when Lord Collier was in power, therefore I doubt the king is young. The king is incredibly cunning. but I have no idea who he is. I might potentially be mistaken, but I’m just saying.” she spoke while sighing.

“I want you to be more specific.” I told her quietly, then she nodded.

“Our leader is Ramsey. His job is to bring the East and the South together so that we may send our troops through the East to the South, depose Hardy Corrigan, and then install our leader.

We believed we had Casey Albert on the verge of success, but afterwards discovered that his present Luna, our informant, had been purposefully giving us false information. Two weeks previously, Ramsey had designated Luna as an enemy. I’m not sure if they followed the order.

She was meant to inform every Casey’s job and movement, so he could be attacked, murdered, and replaced after you were kidnapped from the East.

She was unaware of that information, but I imagine she assumed her father had bad intentions for her, who also seemed to be the person who had overthrown him in the past.

I don’t know the whole story, but because it was your life, I think you understand it better than I do.

Of course, others proposed that we **just** kill Casey by attacking the East, but the **elites** are **aware** that **Casey** may appear to be harmless, but he is actually rather lethal.

It **had** to be structured so that Cruz and Shepherd couldn’t help the man.

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They were also **on** the target list, but our **strategy** was unsuccessful.

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We hoped that the assault on the East would compel Casey to act independently and kill or exile Cruz in order to weaken his position in the East. When that failed, we were forced to rely on our source,” she explained, so I had to cut her off.

“Why all the plotting and sneaking in the dark? That’s a lot of mind-numbing mental labor. Why not launch a direct assault and aim to kill everyone? Why pl

ot to harm them? That is not a quality **of** a leader,” I said, then she grinned back.

“There is no army there. They have a few devoted followers here and there, but the odds aren’t in their favor,” she remarked. I saw their disadvantage, which would have worked in our favor if we had known who this king was. I suppose I’d simply have to be content with finishing Ramsey and everyone else on our list in the hopes that the king would appear, which I highly doubt. He didn’t strike me as the unreasonable kind.

I asked her to continue so I wouldn’t ruin the confession.

“Please continue,” I responded, then she sighed.

“Lori Kuhn has been unhelpful. The idea was to choose Alpha Gabriel, one of our members, as the East’s ruler. In exchange, he would side with us against Lord Hand, endangering his authority.

Even if Casey Grady was a failure, we were successful infiltrating the South.

Hardy would soon be gone, but I’m not sure whether they’ve issued the order. We have been successful in hiring a couple of his friends to complete the task.

Christian **was** tasked with leading the petition and ensuring that Lord Hand resigned **as** Lord. Because he is a Hand and a Belyaev, he will be

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the council’s leader **by default**.

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After that, the association’s governors and Alphas **will** remove the council and appoint our person as king.

The king will then appoint Ramsey as the leader of a new council. There will be seats for every Elite member.

The king guaranteed equality, the freedom for each pack to decide, and the right to keep the majority of the profits in order to develop their territory. However

er, this is not what occurs in the present council. The Lord keeps 65% as tax to utilize as he sees proper,” she described the situation.

I didn’t find anything alluring about the scenario, except their thirst for seats on the council.

“Tell me about the Elite and other individuals,” I demanded.

“Ramsey, Gabriel, Gezel Sidorov, Carla Orlov, Kate Bloomberg, Jacob Mikhailov, and Jenny Lawrence, who is now running behind schedule. Nikolas Sullivan, Glenda Sullivan, some Eastern and Southern Lunas.” I

understood that she would need to note down everyone’s names when she continued.

“What about Elaine and Moses? The fools you trusted with your son?” She was concerned as I questioned her

“Elaine is Iris Brighton, and Moses is Alpha Renold’s son, former Leader of the West,” she answered, to which Kara whistled.

I inhaled deeply a few times.

“Did your team give Iris the order to kill me?” I questioned, making her remember the poisoning, but she shrugged.

“Up until recently, you weren’t an issue of worry,” she remarked and I paid attention.

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“Some **things** haven’t worked out the **way** we expected and your name keeps coming up as the reason. Recruiting you also seems difficult. As opposed to Arya, Callie, and Lin. There was a newest order to remove the three of you because you were difficult to approach.

Additionally, I believe they intended to use a gun and do it in public. I'm not certain. Although it wasn't my department, I overheard it," she remarked as she grinned and cast a glance at her shackled hands. It was an agonizing smile. When she realized where all her cunning had led her, she began to laugh at herself. In her underwear, shackled like an ordinary criminal in a dungeon. How far had she fallen?

"The Hand Estate's team leaders were Cindy and Sofia. Since you hired her to perform tasks for you, Cindy notified us that she had gotten caught and she was responsible for it. Moses instructed her to follow his instructions and report back to us," she stated, making me clench my fist in rage. That dummy never learnt. As soon as I became queen, I would make a spectacle out of her. I was impatient.

"Is that all the knowledge you possess?" She pondered my question before answering it.

"David Pavlishchev was located. I'm not sure whether you are familiar with him, but he is crucial to this. They are attempting to hire him. If you can find him before they do, that would be wise. Soon, just like they did to me, he will believe that challenging the status quo is the proper course of action because they sound so compelling," she replied, and I calmly questioned her about David's whereabouts.

"He is in Pridewood Pack in the South," she replied, "He is now residing there with his mate, Lisa, since they have two kids. He is an orderly individual residing behind the alias of Thorn Lucas," she stated, which **was** crucial information because I was aware that Darius was hunting for his half-brother.

Given that we were attempting to obtain an edge on the bastards, **I realized as I** observed Amy that she was more useful to us alive than dead.

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I had to **set my** personal sentiments towards her **aside** and use her.

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“Do you fully understand their strategies so that we can fight back?” She nodded as I questioned her.

“I remember some of it, but since I have been arrested, they will simply alter their plans,” she replied, making me have a ridiculous idea. I was aware that it would be dangerous, but we had to take chances.

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“What if you served as our informant in that organization? We believe you won't act badly since we have your son. Do you believe you are capable of completing it?” Kara yelled in response to my question, signaling that it was a poor idea, but I was aware of what I was trying

“What about Cindy?” I chuckled as Eloise inquired.

“Cindy won't be important soon. Darius and I do not have faith in her,” I added, knowing that Darius intended to have everyone involved arrested.

The only thing left to do was to prevent Amy from being detained. Although fewer field players would push them to prioritize surviving, we could never catch everyone. Amy would advance in rank and maybe meet the king or someone close to him.

I was aware that utilizing Amy was a naive notion. Although I didn't trust her, we required recruits for their ranks. It was unfortunate that Cindy did not appreciate my kind offer and decided to keep working against us. She had shown me there was nothing worth preserving about her, otherwise I would have spared her.

To gather all the names of the people Amy knew at the organization, I attached Brian Wilson to her. When finished, he had to provide the names to Darius.

As soon as we were outside the interrogation area, I connected Darius to see where he was. Before drilling Anika and Olga, I realized I needed to take a break since I was a little exhausted.

“Where **are you?**” Through the mind link, I questioned Darius.

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“**We’re still** in the lounge talking about our plan,” he answered.

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“I’m giving **you** a recording of Amy’s interrogation. Make sure Hardy and **Casey** are present since it concerns them,” I linked him and he remained silent.

I wanted to let him go on with it without having to go back and tell Hardy and Casey what he learned. They needed to hear Amy’s confession in order to fully grasp the importance of the situation.

I headed to my bedroom after sending Darius the voicemail.

Kara and Eloise left me to go to their place.

I was hungry, but I also needed to take a quick nap.

I postponed Olga and Anika’s interrogation until the next day. I had instructed Brian Levi to make sure Sofia was in a more guarded cell in case any individuals tried to break her out, even though I was eager to capture Cindy and did not want the moron to be aware that we realized what she was up to.

After all, the names disturbed me.

The list included Glenda and her father. I questioned if Shanon was involved as well. Glenda and Nellie’s talk suggested that Shanon had no option, so when their names were mentioned, I felt compelled to investigate the circumstances surrounding her departure. We needed any and all information we could acquire, even if it turned out to be nothing. Information could be an advantage in an intellectual battle and that was called an intellectual battle.

As I laid on the bed, I pondered whether Darius had gotten the email and whether anyone was listening.

“How did it **go?**” Nellie was the last person I anticipated mind-linking me, so when I heard her voice, **it** surprised me a little.

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“Aren’t you on a **date?**” I questioned her.

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“**Zora, you’re** aware of why I drove **him away,**” she replied, so I laughed.

“It went well, but now **I’m** going to relax.”

“Anything tasty?” I sighed as she questioned me.

“She gave us the full story. During Collier’s reign, something comparable occurred.” I linked her.

“Yes, Zora, it did, and that’s why the man turned into a tyrant. He captured and murdered all of them,” she explained, but I had my doubts because Amy had claimed that the king was an elderly man.

“I doubt he captured all of them; Amy mentioned the Kingman isn’t a young person.” I explained, when I noticed a knock at my door. Magic was not necessary for me to recognize Nellie.

“It’s open,” I linked her, unable to leave the comfort of the bed.

Nellie entered when someone turned the doorknob and approached the bed while glaring nervously.

“You have to take it easy, Zora,” she remarked, worried, so I smiled and nodded.

While I was attempting to sleep, she interrupted me and advised me to take it easy. I sat up in bed without sharing my ideas with anybody.

She gasped as I told her what Amy had told me, particularly about Iris.

“Poor **Jake**, he is going to be broken by this,” she expressed sympathy for her new acquaintance, so I nodded in agreement since I knew what was coming.

“Why would she consent to being used in that way? The girl is greedy and foolish,” Nellie snarled, then I nodded.

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“**He** will **ultimately** have to handle it. Please let me be aware when they bring Glenda,” she replied with such wrath, so I chuckled.

It was disturbing to learn Glenda **was** one of them. She shared our home with us, where she also ate and slept. It was only distressing. Abel would not be pleased, but I had no idea how he would react to it.

“Do you believe Amy can be trusted?” Nellie questioned me and was worried.

“No, we can’t, but I’m going to use her anyhow, since she appears to want to make amends in her son’s eyes, so let’s simply observe how much she desires to preserve her life and make amends,” I explained, then she grinned at me.

“You made the same attempt with Cindy.” She made a point, which caused me to sigh.

“That was a different case,” I confessed, feeling ashamed for having given a crucial duty to the incorrect individual. I attempted to ignore it.

She grinned at me knowing I didn’t want to talk about Cindy with her.

“I disagree with what you mentioned about the king being a product of Collier’s day. It’s all too simple,” I paid attention when she stated.

“Darius doesn’t resemble his father at all. Collier had no mercy. Ramsey was only spared from his fury because he was able to convince the council of his innocence and establish his innocence beyond a shadow of a doubt. Collier only had one instance where he detested being a ruler. Because he was aware that Ramsey had sinned against him, if he had been a king, he would have put Ramsey to death right away.

Going back to what I attempted to say, I don't believe that this individual is a h
oldover from that period. Perhaps he is surrounded by some of the survivors fr
om that age, but they operate in
a **very** different **way** from him. He may be young or my age, but it doesn't see
m like the same people." I was taken aback by her in-
depth thought process as she added.

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"By **the way**, **the good thing** is **Casey** and Hardy are in line to put in Darius **a
s king**," I tried to shift the subject because I needed to **relax**, **then she** shrieked.

"Unluckily, we might have to continue having the two Alphas here because the
se individuals have a target on their backs, also we do not want anything to oc
cur to them," I explained, then she
scowled, since I **was** too exhausted and drowsy to say anything further.

I closed my eyes and gave
her the tape of Amy's interrogation. I quickly went to sleep after closing my ey
es.

It was dark
when I awoke. Darius was seated next to me with his laptop on his lap, also N
ellie wasn't in my room anymore. He appeared at ease.

Gradually, I was able to seat myself up and he grinned as he stared at me.

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"Forgive me, Zora. I didn't wish to make you wide awake," Darius told me apologetically as he closed his computer, causing me to smile at him.

"How did they accept your terms?" I asked him about the recording instead, prompting my mate to groan out of frustration.

"Hardy didn't handle it very well. However, we already made up our minds that we would catch everyone at the same time two days from now. In the meantime, both Hardy and Casey will stay in our estate," my soon-to-be husband replied.

Frankly, I felt uncomfortable at what he told me. Still, I didn't utter any negative response in order to make him worry less. After all, I didn't particularly like both Hardy and Casey being in the same estate as I was. Somehow, I still felt that we had several unfinished problems. I didn't wish to face those problems yet. In particular, problems regarding Casey..

"Are you alright, Zora?" Darius asked me, causing me to nod my head as an answer.

"When will you interrogate Lori?" the man asked me again, which made me realize that I totally forgot about Casey's fated mate.

"I've moved it all for tomorrow," I replied, making the Dark Lord sigh.

"What's wrong?" I asked him in return.

"We're supposed to plan our wedding for the blue moon, Zora. Yet, look at all this mess," he said frustratedly, prompting me to hug his arms tightly.

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“**Don’t** feel burdened, sweetheart. I’m actually having fun about this,” I tried to reassure my lover as he softly **caressed** my hair.

“Both Marcel and Raphael thought that Jenny’s son was the one behind the king,” Darius told me as I stared at him.

“All of us really thought that it was David. We had discovered where he was living by now, but we noticed that he was also on their list. It only came down to Jenny’s son,” he continued, causing me to ask him to explain more.

“There’s no way that a commoner or commoners wake up one day only to decide that they wish to be king out of nowhere. After all, this person or people are chasing after this whole overthrowing me thing as if it’s their right. In fact, calling themselves as a king is a rather radical move. If they were only commoners, they would have been happy by being put in the ruling council. Still, they even went further to overthrow the current council to put a new council while they put themselves on the throne as the king really talks about something. Zora. The messiest part about all of this is how those people blindly followed the person or people behind the king. It feels as if those people are dumb, Zora. I’m really anxious about it. We must hunt down whoever is behind the king thing. Whoever Jenny’s son is, he’s still roaming outside. I guess he’s the one behind all of this mess. I don’t think of him as an older person. How the culprit acted like elderly might be just a calculated move to make us lose their tracks. Instead, they are geniuses. We shouldn’t give them too much time to recover after we’ve had everyone seized,” Darius told me of what he was thinking with a firm determination.

It made me realize that Darius was indeed right. However, I wasn’t happy to dismiss the fact that this whole rebellion thing might be caused by terrible things that happened during Collier’s reign. The next day, I woke up at 5 a.m. While it seemed like a very early time to wake up, I realized that I woke up this early because I also fell asleep early as well. Besides, I was pretty hungry because I skipped dinner yesterday. Thus, I ordered a staff member to get me a sandwich through a mind-link so that I could

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savor something before breakfast.

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In fact, I really despise the current breakfast time. Since I realized that both Casey and Hardy were in the same estate **as I** was, it made me anxious. How would I meet with both of them? While I didn't actually owe Hardy something that made him the least of my problems, Casey was totally a different case.

To be frank, I couldn't bear to look at how hurt Casey was from his eyes. After all, I could notice that he was hurting inside. That made me couldn't control it. Indeed, I was no longer in love with the man. Still, we had ties that bound us. He was my best friend. Both of us had gone through lots of things with each other. He kept all the words he made to me, except that one. Hence, I had no idea how I would meet him.

"What's wrong?"

That was when I could hear Darius' drowsy voice. I didn't even realize that I was walking back and forth inside the room until the man met me. When I casted my gaze on him, my mate was trying to sit on our bed.

"Nothing, love. I was just a bit hungry," I told him, causing him to sigh sadly.

"Are you really sure that's the issue?" he asked me, prompting me to meet my eyes with his.

The man was sharp with his words as well as his gaze on me. In fact, his eyes showed some sympathy toward me.

"I notice that you've been steering away from both Casey and Hardy," the Dark Lord then spoke again, which made me realize that I was already caught.

Eventually, I went on to sit at the foot of the bed. I felt **very** anxious because I didn't wish for Darius to think that I still felt something toward both Casey and Hardy.

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“You have to keep your head cool, Zora. Your hands **are** shaking hard. I’m not upset,” the man reassured me **as** he slowly walked to the place where I **was** right now.

After that, my mate put his arms around me as he kissed my neck. His scent really made me feel calm. In turn, I put my arms around him.

“Oh, Darius,” I finally told him as I let my tears fall from my eyes.

The reality was the things with Casey were something that I had no idea how to take care of. It was easy for me to write a letter and forget about him completely. However, meeting him directly was a different thing to

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“Oh. Green Eyes,” Darius sympathetically responded as he softly caressed my hair.

“I really know how that feels for you. It’s difficult to break the heart of someone you truly cared about. I noticed that you could see the hope from his eyes, so you were steering away from telling him to move on from his life with you because you would expect that it would crush him,” my lovely mate told me as he voiced out the true fear I had in my heart, causing me to hug him even tighter than before.

After that, Darius pulled away his hug so that he could meet my eyes.

“Zora, that’s not your fault. What happened in the past wasn’t because of your mistake. In fact, you already stayed loyal and faithful to Casey. You truly cherished and assisted the man. While you kept your own words, he broke his words. Casey was the one who caused the problem, so he lost you. He was supposed to publicly reject Lori. None of this would happen then. Yet, he didn’t wish to let

her go. In fact, that man wished for you to just get it. Ramsey only took advantage of the opportunity he had made. That wasn’t your fault at all, Zora. Don’t feel bad for moving on and finding love again with me. Don’t let how hurt he is affect you. If you didn’t come to th

e north, would he leave her for you?" Darius asked me a very important and true question.

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Just like **that**, images **of** both **Casey** and Lori replayed in my mind. How the man took Lori everywhere while he asked me to watch the pack. How I **was** forced to share him with that woman. People were mocking me. There was nothing that I could do about that. Casey had indeed broken

my heart. Both him and his wolf really broke me to my soul.

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The more I contemplated it. the more I noticed that I owed Casey nothing but our friendship. Indeed, I wasn't supposed to feel bad for moving on. Both Monica and I did nothing wrong at all. After that, I put my gaze on my Darius who then wiped away my tears softly.

Darius was the one who ignored my past. The man was the one who cherished me through my pain. Not only that, he even helped me to forget my pain. Most importantly, he was the one who kept all of his words. I looked at my soon-to-be husband, feeling upset at myself for letting the past haunt me like this.

“Please forgive me, sweetheart. Please forgive me.” I apologized to him sadly, but my mate put his index finger on his lips to prevent me from speaking more.

After that, Darius showered me with kisses lovingly. It caused me to get lost in his love. Immediately, his tongue kept exploring until my mouth opened widely so that we could taste each other. While my mate removed me from my nightgown, he then moved to my breasts as he sucked the nipple. My nipple became hard, which happened to be the second one. I couldn't help but moan as I put aside my suffering while my mate overpowered me to commend my body.

“My Queen,” he called me, prompting me to chuckle.

I was happy at the way both of us were eventually choosing. After that, Darius bent his body to kiss my slight bump. It made me feel butterflies in my belly. His love bites were tingling in my belly. Soon enough, Monica called Cremin. The moment my mate stared at me, his eyes were completely black and beastly. He then moved down to spread my legs

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open to give me pleasure. However, I wished for him to be **inside of me**.

‘Inside of me, Cremin,’ Monica said **as** she moaned because she **was** already restless, which made Darius moan as he then directed his cock inside of me before he started to milk his sperm.

We kept making love for two hours until both of us got tired. I realized that the sandwich I had ordered might already arrive between our lovemaking session, yet both Darius and I turned deaf ears on the knock on the door. After we managed to control our breaths, both of us rose from our bed to get dressed.

Since the hunger got back to me, I decided to look at the mini refrigerator. Thankfully, there were yogurts in it. I chose the one that had strawberries in it. Eventually, I ended up savoring s

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of yogurts. While they were too little to make me full, I knew that it would make me full until breakfast came.

What Darius had aided me to look at had already improved my confidence. This time, I no longer felt anxious about meeting Casey anymore. Instead, I would welcome his

relationship with Lori as long as he wished to have her by his side. Furthermore, Lori had loved him in her own way. After what Amy just told me, I realized that Casey's fated mate wasn't a foe. That woman was just someone who was trapped in a terrible situation. While I had no intention to be involved with their relationship, it would be better for my ex-husband to try to have another relationship with her long if the pups were indeed Casey's.

Taking care of children in a broken home was the wrong thing to do. As long as both Casey and Lori could manage their differences, that was worth trying. Whereas for Hardy, that man was a jerk who already missed his opportunity. That man realized that I was his fated mate. Not only that, he noticed that I was in pain. In fact, he even saw it with his own eyes. Yet, he sent me home. My love and heart weren't something that he could just put aside until he was prepared. Instead, he chose his alliance with the east over me. Thus, he just had to live with his choice and moved

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It was unfortunate that the alliance he made with the **east was** leading him getting trapped by Ramsey's trap. Meanwhile, Cruz **was** a bumbling idiot. **He** had to pay a lot for the price. All of them were paying for their own stupid actions.

Eventually, I followed Darius to go to the shower after I had finished brushing my teeth. My mate gently washed my body that led us to go for another round of sex in the shower. I realized what my lover was doing to me right now. He wished to smear his scent on me so strongly that both Hardy and Casey would

d understand the message he was trying to send. His jealousy was cute. Not only that, I also loved the orgasms that went with it.

Soon enough, we got dressed as we were going to the dining hall to have our breakfast. Besides, I had lots of things to do that day. I already prioritized interrogating Lori, Anika, and Olga. Also, I wished to interrogate Cindy about her 'update'. It wasn't as if I wished her to know that she was a double agent. However, I wished to learn more about her body gesture with the new news I already got in my hands.

As soon as both Darius and I entered the room, everyone was already there. Casey stared at me with yearning. However, I quickly moved my stare away from him.

"Good morning, everyone," I greeted everyone with a tone of respect, which made all of them reply respectfully in turn.

My mate then got my seat out for me so that I could sit on it.

"Yesterday, I was so exhausted that I ended up fainting," Kara informed me, which made me smile at her.

"Me too," I responded cheekily, prompting Eloise to chuckle.

"I already ate before I went to sleep yesterday. After all, I couldn't miss dinner," Eloise frankly said, causing me to laugh at what she said this

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It felt great to have them with me. After **all**, both Kara **and** Eloise always found a **way** to make my mood better.

'Anyway, you smell of Darius,' Kara teasingly made a remark to me through the mind-link, which made me stare at her.

However, her eyes then got wide because she quickly discovered the reason. Then, my friend pretended to look sad.

‘Poor Casey and Hardy,’ she spoke again to me through the mind–link, making me smile at her remark.

The breakfast we had smelled very lovely. The moment Darius served my breakfast on my plate, I immediately savored it.

“Anyway, how are we going to mobilize?” Marcel finally asked, which broke the silence.

Immediately, I casted my gaze on Alpha Jake. However, his facial expression already said that all to me. Obviously, the poor man already discovered the news about Iris.

“Donald will take his sister to this place today. She has been arrested,” Jake sadly reported to us, which made me wonder what was actually going through inside of his mind right now.

“We weren’t involved in the poisoning, Lady Zora. I beg you, please have mercy on my son and nephew,” Alpha Jake begged to me, which caused Casey to exclaim in anger.

I noticed that his hands were shaking a bit. That made me recall how overprotective the man used to be. Although both Casey and Hardy had already heard the tape of Amy’s confessions, both Amy and I never spoke about the poisoning inside the tape.

All I asked was if the rebels had already targeted me. Hence, it was pretty expected that everyone would be surprised **that** I was actually being poisoned in Brighton.

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“Did **you** poison **my wife?**” **Casey instinctively** asked, but **he said that** before he even realized it.

Soon enough, the whole room fell into eerie silence. Immediately. I took a look at my Darius to make sure that he wasn't upset. However, I could feel that Cremin tried to overtake my mate. Since the alliance with both Hardy and Casey were important, I immediately put my hand on his thigh gently.

“It was a mistake,” Casey told Darius apologetically.

“Lady Zora no longer had my mark. I made a mistake. Please let it slide.” my ex-husband kept pleading while I was trying to caress Darius' thigh gently so that Cremin would be relaxed.

However, Casey kept eyeing Alpha Jake with anger.

“I had already aided your people, but they still poisoned Lady Zora. What was that for?” Casey asked again, still sounding upset.

“Iris poisoned me on her own, Casey. Let it slide,” I sternly told the man. then I could hear that he tried to keep his head cool.

“Did you mean that your own daughter poisoned Lady Zora when she came to Brighton?” Hardy asked Jake too.

Since Hardy didn't find the news about my poisoning in Iris' hand funny, Alpha Jake felt that he was being targeted.

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"Please, let this one slide. After all, Alpha Jake already gave us lots of support. As I stated before, Iris poisoned me on her own. I believe she did it because she was upset at Darius for not choosing her to be his mate at a ball held by Nellie," I said as I poked Darius to downplay the situation

around it.

Both Kara and Eloise giggled, but that was that. Nobody chuckled about this. So, all of us felt very weird.

"Fine, I might as well be working on my duty today if all of us are going to stay on this topic," I continued as I tried to rise from my seat, but my mate quickly prevented me from getting up.

"Let us speak of our undertaking," the Dark Lord calmly said as he was staring at his Beta who then cleared his throat.

It seemed to me that Darius' words managed to lift the weird mood up. Soon enough, everyone was focused on the topic.

"I've already told my Beta and sent him the list for the rebels in the south. They'll be put in arrest and moved to the dungeons tomorrow night," Hardy reported as Darius nodded his head.

"Both Cruz and Shepherd are also in. Obviously, they're upset with this. I already sent Dustin the list. He's now working with both Cruz and Shepherd to gather those rebels up. The only problem we have is that most of them are in the north at the All-Regional Games, so we must put them in dungeons here," Casey then spoke up.

I already could tell that both Shepherd and Cruz would be Casey's best

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choices. After all, they were the only people the man could trust to support him. No **matter** how messed up those two Alphas were, they were still helpful.

“Excellent, **we’ll** work together with each other to gather **all** those rebels,” Darius responded.

“I believe we should head this attack ourselves. All the rebels from the west, north, east, and some from the south are in Wonderland. Raphael would make sure that the council cell would be ready. The undertaking will happen tomorrow night. We must work on it when they’re asleep in order to steer away from fighting,” Darius then told of his plan as everyone agreed.

“What about the council?” Marcel asked, but Hardy just smirked.

“We’re putting a king on the throne, Marcel. The council isn’t considered any longer. The moment Casey, you, Raphael, and Christian already agreed to it. There’s nothing that the council can do except accept the fact that Darius is a king.” Hardy explained to Marcel.

“What about Vino then? This will make his power go weak,” Eloise also asked, but Casey answered with a shrug.

“Well, the Lawrecne family isn’t actually from the north. They were promoted to the noble status by the last king. It means that Vino’s feelings and opinions won’t be considered. Besides, he should be grateful that he’s not going to be expelled because his late aunt is actually on that list,” my ex-husband responded, but Raphael quickly shook his head.

“While she’s indeed on the list, Jenny **was** put in the Babanin family’s seat. Whatever she does would affect the Babanin family, not the Lawrence family,” Raphael firmly said, causing Darius to clear his throat.

“When I already put on the throne as king, I’ll remove that law. Only the perpetrators that are supposed to be given punishment. We’ve already

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discovered that nobody has the capability to limit the actions of every member **of** their own families. It's wrong to put the blame on the entire family for a single family member's mistake," my mate said, which made Hardy grin.

"Well, you must remove that law, Darius. Otherwise, both Marcel and Raphael will be in huge trouble thanks to Gezel and Carla. I still had no idea what those women were trying to think of. Why would they wish to get seats on the council? They were already a part of the royalty. Their actions were plain stupid," Hardy told Darius.

However, all of us had the same opinion as him. Some of us even chuckled because Hardy was actually correct about Darius who didn't have a choice but to remove the law. It was very dumb of both Gezel and Carla to be involved in such a chaos like this.

Kara, Eloise, and I became the first people to leave the dining hall. Since I didn't wish to talk with Casey yet, trying to make myself busy would be the best choice I had. Furthermore, I also wished to speak to Lori first before I spoke to my ex-husband.

While the three of us were going through the hallway, Casey called my name. It made me keep quiet **in** my tracks. It seemed that it would be impossible for me to avoid him. In the end, I took a deep breath as turned my body to look at the man who was getting closer to me. Meanwhile, Kara just giggled because she realized that I had been steering away from my ex-husband.

"We already faced ours. Now, it's your time to face yours," Eloise told me as she laughed, then both Kara and her quickly walked away while they were laughing before I could even retort her remark.

Those friends of mine were just being playful.

"Hi," Casey greeted me softly **as** soon as he got closer to me..

"Hi too," I responded to him, causing him to sigh.

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“Do you mind **if we** talk about something in the common room? I swear **that I won't waste** too much **of your time**,” the man told me as I **stared back at** him.

There **was** a time the man didn't even need my approval to speak with me at all. Everything had already changed. Most importantly, my heart already moved on from him.

“Okay,” I responded to him as I brought him to Darius' sitting room.

“Darius told me that we still can be friends,” Casey said as both of us were walking, which made me frown as I stared at the man again.

“Did he?” I asked him, to which he responded with a nod.

“Yeah. Darius told us that both of us had our past together. He didn't wish to remove that. Furthermore, he believes you,” the man said, prompting me to show my smile because I realized that Darius was indeed capable of saying something like that.

After that, both Casey and I entered the common room. Then, we sat on the couch. Casey sat himself on a couch next to mine so that he could be near me. Not long after both of us sat down, there was an awkward silence that happened between us. He eventually broke the silence as he sighed.

“Zora,” he called my name, but his voice sounded shaky and dejected this time.

“Please forgive me,” the man apologized, but I quickly shook my head because I wished to stop him.

Nevertheless, **Casey** gently used his palm to shut my mouth. It made me stare at his eyes. His eyes were begging me to allow him to talk. Hence, I relaxed myself as he softly withdrew his hand.

“I messed up. I **only had** one thing to do, but I messed that up,” the man

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spoke with **his** teary eyes.

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“That day, I put away everything that we had on that balcony. I **was** supposed to stay by your side. In fact, I **was** supposed to release her. But I was being a lame and dumb man. I guessed that I expected for you to always **stay** with me deep down in my heart. I expected that you would be with me no matter what. I thought that I could manage it. My fucked up mind expected that it would be fine. But the hurt in your eyes already told me that I messed up the moment I told you that Lori was expecting. I put all of that away, Love, life, and peace. I put them away. We’ve been together for so many years. You’re all that I’ve ever known, Zora. But I put you aside. You were there even before my wolf was there. You were also there when I was no one and our pack was nothing but an insignificant pack in the east. You were there, Zora. Every happy memory I have is with you. I did everything with you. You were my strength and my wisdom, but I put all of that away,” he continued his heart-to-heart talk as his tears started to fall freely.

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“Every **day**, I spent my days crying. In fact, I’ve cried too many times this year compared to my entire life. Still, the tears aren’t enough. The pain is still very new to me. When Darius rejected Shanon publicly, I felt relieved yet ashamed at the same time. I was relieved that you wouldn’t have to go through the same humiliation twice and I was also ashamed because I already fell short to that test,” Casey told me as he held my hand gently.

“My heart’s still beating for you, Zora. There’s nothing that I can do about that. I love you. I realize that I’m not supposed to feel like that ever again, but I can’t stop loving you. What happened to **us** wasn’t your fault or Lori’s fault. That was all mine. All I had to do was reject her and love you, but I wished to have it all. I was being possessive and cruel. I was also mean to you. While I might not beat or humiliate you like both Shepherd and Cruz had done to Kara and Elose, I forced you to share me with Lori. I slept with her in the very house that we bought together. After that, I left our room to go to her room to make my wolf happy. What I did was evil, so I deserved to lose you to Darius,” my ex-husband continued as he wiped away his tears.

“Darius is indeed an awesome guy. I’m glad that you ended up with a great man like him. Initially, I was so afraid that he would put you in his harem. However, he did the right thing by choosing to love you that was beyond my capability,” the man said, causing me to relax a bit more.

“I wish you to realize that I support your love with him. Both Darius and you get **my** support,” he finally said, which made tears fall down my face because I realized that Casey was really talking from his heart.

No **matter** how painful it might be for Casey, he **already** talked from his

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heart. I could see his wolf flash before me. My wolf, Monica, quickly

recognized his wolf. There was **a** time when we had each other’s marks **and** I loved each other. So, that was only fair for **us** to recognize our wolves.

“I wish to be your companion, Zora. I don’t want to totally give you up. I’ve already learned to love you from a distance and to acknowledge my life. Please don’t deprive me of your companionship. I’ll never let you down again. I’ll always support you. I’ll never try to make things difficult for you, Zora. I beg of you. I wish you to realize that I support your upcoming wedding. Not only that, I hope that both you and Darius get the best life could offer. Don’t ignore me,” the man said as he begged to me with his sad eyes, which caused me to put my arms around him as I cried.

At the same time, my heart felt happy and broken. Casey eventually put his arms around my waist. I could even feel him breathing in my scent. The man finally released me. My hug still stayed for a while, but I quickly released him from my hug. It was the time for me to speak about Lori to my ex-husband. While I wasn’t going to enforce my opinion. I felt the need to inform him of my opinion.

“Casey,” I called his name, making him concentrate on me.

“About Lori,” I started to speak, but he turned upset as he kept shaking his head.

“Please listen to me.” I tried to talk to him while the man tried his best to regain his composure.

“I guess both of you maybe can start over your life,” I told him, but he immediately disagreed with that idea.

“Lori never really aided them. Instead, she told them lies until her father declared her as wanted. As messed up as Lori was, she loved you and fought hard for it. Indeed, I do agree that she’s not supposed to lie to you. However, you also have to **get** where she came from. Having a father like

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that would make her do anything to **stay** alive and escape,” I slowly explained, but I knew that my words were ignored.

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“The thing that I’m asking you is that you’ll try again with her. With Ramsey already out of our lives, please try to have a relationship with her again. Casey . I’ve already forgiven her. Now that both Darius and I are fated mates. I’m sure that everything is meant to happen. Indeed, you were meant to find Lori as I was meant to find Darius. While the things that happened were miserable and painful. I’m happy with where I’m right now. If there was something that I noticed when all of us lived together, it was that Lori cherished you in her own way. I’m telling you to give it another go for the sake of your pups,” I told him, which softened his eyes.

“I’ll have the pups tested. There’s absolutely no way that she’ll trap me like Samantha did to Cruz,” the man said as I nodded my head.

“That’s good. Have the pups tested. But I’ll suggest you try if the pups turned out to be yours, Casey. After all, she risked her life for you.” I told my ex-husband, but he still shook his head.

“She’s supposed to tell me the real truth,” Casey insisted, but I disagreed with him because I realized that Casey would be hard for Lori to be approached.

“I know you very well, Casey. When you’re upset, you’re hard to talk with. I’m confident that you just ignored her most of the time. Lori could be trying to stay alive as she tried to maintain her relationship with you. I’m telling you to restart your relationship with her. I’ve already forgiven you and I’ve also forgiven Lori. In **my** opinion, both of you should forgive each other. Her father is trying to get her killer thanks to you, so don’t you ever sacrifice her,” I voiced my opinion firmly as I realized that words would be ignored by him.

I had tried **my** best **as** I wished that Casey could see the best of it to try to restart his relationship with his fated mate when everything was already handled. Since both Darius and I had been fated, the feeling felt very

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different. I **didn't** wish for Casey to lose his fated mate. After that, we **talked** about both Cruz and Shepherd. We then laughed about those two **idiots** for a while.

When we talked, I had a glass of milk while he drank juice. It felt like the old times when both of us were younger as love didn't make our lives difficult. In fact, I could even see some light in his eyes. It felt as if some weight had been lifted. I hoped that the undertaking we had been planning to work on would succeed for all our sakes. Then, the person or people who hid behind the king's identity would come out. That way, we could take care of them.

After that, I left Casey as I was going to the harem quarters to speak with Cindy. I was looking forward to hearing her straight-up lying to me. The moment she was done lying to me, I would lock her up and put her to the dungeon under the worst environment. I wouldn't be merciful with her. As for both Anika and Olga, they would end up suffering at my hands.

I told Brian Wilson to prepare it through the mind-link, I already made up my mind by applying some torture regarding Cindy. Still, I wasn't ready to meet Lori. For her, I would make sure to save her for the last. In fact, I actually hesitated that Lori would try to lie to me after everything that happened. Besides, I also had my hesitation that Casey would give her another opportunity.

However, that wasn't my problem anymore. Lori already fucked up her opportunity the moment she didn't believe in Casey enough to tell him the real truth. I eventually entered Cindy's room when I discovered that she was lying on her bed. Soon enough, she sat up from her bed while her roommate left the room to let me speak with Cindy.

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“How are you doing, Cindy?” I asked her as I put on an act as if I didn’t notice that she had been a double agent all this time.

“Luna,” she greeted me curtly.

Then, I got a chair close as I sat before the she-wolf.

“Why are you lying to me?” I quickly asked her, but Cindy just shrugged.

“There isn’t anything for me to do for today, Luna,” the she-wolf answered, causing me to raise my eyebrows after I heard what she just told me.

“Aren’t you supposed to be at the arena in Wonderland? Aren’t you supposed to aid me to gain information on Gezel and the others?” I bombarded Cindy with questions, which made her nod her head.

“Gezel isn’t going to the arena today, Luna. That’s why I stayed indoors.” the woman responded, prompting me to smile.

“Do you happen to know what they use the seals you gave them for?” I questioned Cindy again.

“Do you have something concrete to tell me?” I asked her for the umpteenth time, but the woman shook her head again.

Eventually, I let out a sigh as I was trying to tell her that I **was** upset with her lack of information for me.

“We already made a deal, Cindy. In order to stay alive and be freed, you’re supposed to report everything regarding the rebellion to me, So far, I

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haven’t gotten any useful information from you. You’re **started** to make me doubt your allegiance,” I angrily told her, but she just bowed her head shamelessly.

“I’m trying my best, Luna. But all of them are closed off. Not only that, all of them are keeping quiet about their plans. I believe they think that I’m no longer siding with them,” she responded, prompting me to sigh again.

“So, **why** would they assume that?” I questioned her again, but Cindy had no idea how to respond to my question.

“Something about you trying to seize people,” the she-wolf quietly said, which made me notice that she was actually trying to gain information from me.

It seemed to me that yesterday’s lining up had scared her. It caused her to want to know more about what we were actually doing. I already gave her an opportunity, but she already tricked me one time. She would never be able to trick me for the second time.

“Did I seize anyone?” I questioned her sharply, but she quickly shook her head.

Both Olga and Anika’s detainment were secretly done so that we didn’t make people who worked against us in the estate to be aware.

“Well, I think you’re not helpful to us then,” I calmly said, which made Cindy widen her eyes.

“Your main goal was to give me information. Still, you failed so badly,” I commented while I told Brian Wilson to go to this place to put Cindy in detainment through mind-link.

“Luna, I already tried, but-,” the she-wolf tried to protest, but she then stopped the moment Brian entered the room we were in.

From her eyes, Cindy showed that she realized what I would actually do

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to her.

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“You already swore, Luna Zora. You **swore**,” **she** said to me in shock as tears were falling to her cheeks, but I didn’t care about her pain at all.

There **was a** time when I assumed that Cindy was only being ill–advised, so she needed more trust. Apparently, I was mistaken. The she–wolf turned out to be evil to her core.

“The price must be right, Cindy. In fact, the price was already clearly stated. Yet, you were unwilling to pay for the price. That was information for your freedom. You swore that you would do as best as you could, but you actually hadn’t done the best,” I angrily told her as she kept shaking her head while Brian put the silver chain on her wrist.

“I already gave you both Gezel and Sofia. Not only that, I even gave you the people I was talking with directly. I already showed that I did my best,” she protested as she kept crying hard while Brian dragged her away.

Then. I tailed them from behind because I hadn’t actually begun interrogating her yet. In fact, I would have tons of fun gaining useful information from this double agent.

“You swore to me, Zora! You swore!” she exclaimed in fear, but I shook my head this time.

“However, you didn’t keep your promise. I wish to gain helpful

information more frequently. Instead of going outside to gain information for me, you were busy sleeping on your bed as you insisted that you actually had done as best as you could. You fucking ingrateful bitch!” I angrily pointed out her lies as she started to sob loudly.

However, Brian immediately put his hands on her mouth to shut Cindy’s mouth.

“Kara, Eloise, join me in the room that we prepared for Cindy’s

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interrogation. Make sure that you two get me a juice, a sandwich, **and** your special mix for Cindy. Today will be a long day for **all** of us," I told both Kara and Eloise, whom I realized that they already understood the message behind my order.

Meanwhile, Brian kept shutting Cindy's mouth until the three of us in the dungeon hallway where only convicts could hear her wail. Her tears kept falling from her eyes. In fact, there was even fear in her eyes.

"You're a menace, Zora. I wish that Darius knows what he's involved with. You're a devil!" she exclaimed as she kept crying, which caused me to notice that she already dropped her act.

"You went on informing people that you were the closest to his heart. It hinted that he fucked you. Obviously, I would get problem with that." I told her coldly, prompting her to cry again.

"Both Darius and I fucked, Zora! I can't make up lie about something like that. I just can't admit it because he wished to deny it. After all, he's the Dark Lord. I had to ignore that. You're not the first woman he would ask to marry him, Zora. Don't you ever let him trick you! That's what Darius is capable of. He used women and then dumped them," she angrily said. which made me believe that Cindy actually ate her own lies.

"I'm sure we're not speaking about the same guy, Cindy. If we're actually speaking about the same guy, let me tell you that I don't give a fuck about that," I told her this because I knew very well that this was the best way to

shut her mouth.

"Zora, I beg of you," she begged me, but Brian already brought her to the interrogation room.

"Tie her up," I told Brian who stared at me fearfully visible from his eyes

in turn.

“Do you want me to replay what I asked you, Brian?” I coldly asked the

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man **who** then shook **his** head.

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It seemed that the blow **that** Raphael had landed on him for me the moment they brought me to the north for the first time had already made him subdued. Immediately, Brian moved as I saw him tying Cindy’s hands up to a bar that was dangling from the ceiling.

“Put a stool under her feet to hold up her weight,” I ordered Brian with a visible rage seen from my eyes, which caused Cindy to sob.

“You didn’t put Sofia through this. Just lock me up in a cell, please,” the she-wolf begged me, but I just laughed at her.

“Do you know what treachery looks like?” I asked her coldly, but she sobbed a gain.

“I’ve already confessed about my crime and gave them up to you. Why are you still doing this to me? Indeed, I admitted that what I did was wrong. so I changed my path as I only did what you asked me to. Please. Zora. Forgive me for not going to the arena. I’m so sorry that I haven’t gained any novel information yet. I’ll try harder! I’ll do my best!” she panickedly begged me without even giving me an answer to my question.

Just a moment later, both Kara and Eloise entered the interrogation room Cindy’s eyes seemed to show a nightmare to me. It seemed to me that she was afraid of both of my friends. Little did she know, it was I whom she was supposed to get scared of this time. After all, I would be the one to give her her own due.

Then, Eloise gave me a bottle of orange juice. Soon enough, I took a sip of the delicious orange juice.

“Anyway, did you bring the water?” I asked, which made Kara laugh because that she—wolf knew exactly what I actually talked about ‘water’.

“**We** actually brought it even though you didn’t ask for it. In fact, we were actually capable of making the water for Cindy on such a short notice!”

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Kara exclaimed merrily.

Someone then opened the door while carrying two buckets **of** water.

“I guess Cindy **is** thirsty,” I calmly said.

Just like that, a bit of water was poured on Cindy. The woman then shouted loudly because it wasn’t actually just some normal water. In fact, the water was mixed with silver dust. That was a special mix made by Kara. In the east, we used lots of silver dust to fight. As the person who was in charge of taking care of the weapons, Kara knew exactly what we needed and she always made sure that the silver dust was always there for us. This time, we planned to take care of the turncoats with the Eastern style.

“I’ll ask you a question. I’ll wash off the silver dust if you give me a good answer. Do you understand me?” I asked Cindy firmly who immediately shouted a yes.

Meanwhile, I could see how shocked Brian was.

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“What does betrayal look like, Lily!” I asked her, angry and mad.

“I don’t know, Luna, I swear I don’t know,” She said, crying and screaming. I accepted the answer.

“It looks like you,” I said and nodded for them to wash the silver off so she could calm down.

Wilson attached the hose to the faucet in the room and used the water to wash Cindy’s body. The water was so much that her feet were slippery, and she tried not to fall off the stool; she managed to balance herself with a lot of effort.

“I tried to do it the easy way. Cindy. I tried to redeem you. I tried to save your life. I told my mate you were misguided and we should give you a chance. I stuck my neck out for you. Everyone warned me not to trust you, but I said I wanted to give you the benefit of the doubt and that I was sure you would help me out. I was sure you would give me the information I need, but you disappointed me, Cindy, and proved me wrong,” I said, and she shook her head.

“Now answer me this,” I said.

“Did you or did you not tip Gezel off about your arrest and our deal?” I asked, and she shook her head.

“I think she is thirsty,” I said, and Cindy began to scream out of fear.

“I did! I did! I told her everything. Please don’t pour that water on me!” she said, wailing.

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The burn of the first session was still on her skin because of the silver that was used to bind her. The longer it took to heal, the more likely she

would develop scars when it healed.

“Why did you betray me, Cindy? You gave our enemies information and still had the effrontery to stay here, why?” I asked her as she looked at me.

“I wanted to be someone, and they promised me that. They said they had people on the council and they would elevate my status. I do not want to be a trophy anymore....” She said, and I shut her up.

“Bathe her,” I said because she was still lying.

She wasn’t a trophy. She did not come to the Hand estate like the rest of us. She was sent so Darius would consider mating with her. Her father sent her for the sake of having an alliance.

She screamed for a while before they washed it off.

“Every time you lie about something, and I know it, I will wash you with silver.” I told her.

“I do not care why you did it, Cindy; I want information now. What did they do with the seals you took?” I asked her. I already knew what they did with it, but I wanted to be sure that she understood my message and would tell the truth because I figured she was the type that needed motivation before she could speak the truth. It was pathetic, but she was a liar.

“They used it to create attack ordered in the south. It was sent to the council to approve so the north could deploy troops to the south to cause a problem between the two regions,” she said, voicing the truth for the first time.

“Now, was that difficult ?” I asked her, and she shook, still sobbing.

“What is their **next move?**” I asked her, and she looked **at me as** if she

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were scared.

“If you do not tell me, Cindy, I will force it out of you, and it **will** be painful“, I assured her.

“They are planning to do something to Lady Hand. Something about her committing a crime. I do not have the full details, but they plan to arrest her after the games to force Lord Hand to step down,” She said, and I composed myself.

“After that, what next?” I asked, and she shrugged.

“Do you happen to know what they have against her?” I asked, and she nodded.

“Jenny Lawrence’s confession that she sent to the council. She said it would be sent and played for the council if anything happened to her. According to them, Lady Hand has been trying to kill Jenny because Jenny knows her secret,” Cindy said, and I knew where they were driving.

“And, what is that?” I asked, and she was afraid to say it.

“Say it!” I yelled at her, already knowing what it was, but I wanted to discredit it and make it seem like propaganda.

“They said she was the one that gave up Lord Collier’s cover and had him killed so her son could be lord because Lord Collier wanted his other son to be lord instead of Hand,” she said, and I shook my head.

I was secretly worried that was why they were looking for David, but I kept it to myself.

“How many more lies would these people peddle? This woman has buried her mate, and they want to use his death against her. Do they have proof of this allegation other than Jenny’s confession?” I asked, wanting to know what **we** were up against, and she shook her head.

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“**Not that** I know of Luna. I am just an underdog.” She **said**, and I **knew** she wasn’t lying.

I **walked** up to her and looked at her body.

“You had a bright future, Cindy. Sadly, you dared to throw it all away for nothing. I tried to make it easy for you and give you your life back, but you threw my kindness back at me,” I said and looked at Wilson.

“Lock her up in the dark cells. She would be tried for treason with the Sheperdimum penalty,” I said, and she began to cry and plead, knowing she would be found guilty.

“You have proven you can’t be reformed, Cindy. I can’t have you roaming about the place creating troubles for my husband and me,” I explained my reason to her and walked out of the room.

I was done with her. She cried and called after me, but her pleas fell on deaf ears.

She deserved pain. Waking up every day knowing she would be sentenced soon would torture her. I might not push for the death penalty, but it wasn’t my decision. I instructed Wilson on what to do. They had already prepared the second questioning room for Annika and Olga. I planned on questioning them and then visiting Lori.

I could feel Eloise and Kara’s excitement while we walked.

“I can’t believe you went ruthless on Cindy,” Eloise said excitedly.

“That bitch had it coming from the moment we met her in the general banquet hall for breakfast. She was so full of herself, trying to control all the women with her lies and nonsense. Honestly, she had it coming, and I must say, you went a bit too easy on her, Zora,” Kara said, and I giggled.

“What is all that about Nellie? They are trying to pin a lot of shit on the woman. These people would stop **at** nothing. Jenny is a member of the

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organisation **and** disqualifies anything she has to say. As far **as** we are concerned, it might have been her last card should all fail,” Eloise said, and I stopped and hugged Eloise. She had just made a complex **issue**

easy.

We did not have to do anything. The fact that Jenny was part of them already disqualified whatever she tried to accuse Nellie of

I felt terrible that my friends did not know about what Nellie did. Darius and I had kept it between us so we could keep it secret.

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Zora

I was glad that Eloise’s ignorance about the issue had allowed her to find a solution.

“What’s with you, Zora?” Eloise said, wiping the cheek I kissed.

“You solved a major issue because I know they would want to use it,” I said, and Kara laughed.

“Darius will be king by then. Good luck with antagonising the king,” Kara said, and we chuckled.

We got to the door of the room they kept Olga and Annika in, and I was about to step in when Kara stopped me.

“I know Annika is personal, but you can’t have all the fun. We are lunas, too; we will be ladies when you are queen. We deserve to have some fun with these women, Zora. Come on,” Kara pleaded, and I giggled.

“Trust me; we increased the silver concentration in the water for these two. I want to watch them suffer. The thought that they threatened that poor boy makes me want to give them pain,” Eloise said, and I opened the door and walked in.

Annika and Olga were chained against the wall, naked.

“Who requested that they be kept like this?” I asked, wondering what was happening.

“I did. I wanted to treat every inch of their bodies,” Kara said, and I realised it **was** just the three of us.

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There **was a** silver whip on **the table**, and I doubted we would need to exert the energy when there were buckets of Kara’s unique **mix**.

We picked up the rubber gloves and wore them to protect our hands. **While** we picked up the bowls, we would use them to pour the water on their bodies. I knew we would have fun.

“How is it going, darling?” I heard Darius’s voice in my head, and I told him we were having a wonderful time.

He told me David was almost at the mansion, wished me luck, and we ended the conversation. I knew they were planning the massive arrest for tomorrow night, but I did not ask him any questions even though I was nervous about meeting his brother and eager to see what he looked like and know why he stayed away. I just had so many questions I might not get to ask in one day.

“Annika Kuhn,” I said, and she growled at me.

“Some attitude you have there,” I said and looked at Olga, who was crying. I guess Annika was the leader.

“So what do you have for me, Annika?” I said, and she spat in my direction.

I did not have the time to fight her.

“I think she is thirsty,” I said and being from the east, she knew exactly what it meant.

Her eyes opened, but it was too late. I took some water and splashed it on her body.

She screamed, and I heard the sizzling sound of the silver searing her skin. That was definitely leaving a scar on her skin.

“I do not have a lot **of** time, Annika. I would like to put my legs up and sleep. **Kara** and Eloise would **ask** you questions, and you are to answer to

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“**You** have nothing useful **to tell** us? Like who the king **is?**” Eloise asked **her**, and she shook her head.

“**We** do not know who the King is, but I can give you the names of the council members in exchange for a lesser punishment,” Annika said, negotiating for herself.

“Me, too,” Olga said, and I was surprised at how quickly these women gave up.

“What was your gain in all this?” I asked them, and Annika bowed her head.

“I had no choice, Luna. My parents are dead, and I depend on my Uncle. I had to do as he said, or I will be alone.” Annika confessed, and her reason was plausible.

“What about you, Olga?” Eloise asked.

“I just wanted revenge for my mate,” she said, and I realised they would not gain anything from this.

“Very well, I will give you all softer penalties if you can tell me the council members in this thing and prove it,” I said, and Kara looked at

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“I do not care about people outside the council. I need to know the council members that are part of the organisation,” I said and looked at Annika.

“You seem to be close enough to your Uncle to know his associates. I need you to give me names,” I said, and she nodded quickly, eager to please and sell her bully uncle to save her life.

“They **used** to visit **us** secretly. The activities started three years ago,” she said

“I do not know their names, but **if** you can call it out, I could remember

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the sound **from** memory,” Annika said, and I pulled out **my** phone because **they** were nine council members, and I did not know all their names by heart.

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