

HE WAS EMBARRASSED OF HIMSELF

"Brian! It's not fair to Willow!" Abigail raised her voice.

"Do you think this is fair for Althea?!" Brian snapped back and this made Abigail take a step back, because Brian had never yelled at her before this. "Do you think it's fair for Althea to be accused of something that she didn't do and was punished for that?! She is out there! Alone! Pregnant!"

Abigail started crying when she heard that and Brian was merciless with his words this time.

"You are a mother to her too, how could you be so callous to your other daughter's predicament?"

And this time, Abigail didn't stop crying, she cried her heart out and this made whatever word Brian wanted to say to her become meaningless, therefore he didn't try.

"I am going outside to find any clue about Althea's whereabouts."

However, this time, Brian indeed would visit Killian, because he was sure that the alpha must have found something. He had been here for a few weeks now and he got his resources.

"The alpha didn't want to see you, sir. I am sorry," one of the warriors rejected Brian. He had expected this to happen.

"Tell him that I am not here for Willow, but for Althea. Tell him that I want to find Althea too."

Brian tried everything that he could to convince Killian to let him to see him, he also gave up all the information that he had gathered all this time to the warrior to be delivered to Killian.

Finally, after two hours of relentless negotiation, Killian was willing to meet with him and he was escorted to his study room.

This room smelled so awful. The alpha must have picked up his habit to smoke again, but Brian was not here to lecture him.

"If you mentioned anything about Willow, I will have the warrior to escort you out."

That was the first thing that Killian said when he saw Brian. Just like what Abigail said, the alpha respected him enough to let Brian talk to

him if he insisted, but he was not here for that.

"Abigail has been working in a flower shop, but it has been a few days since the last time he came for work."

Brian talked straight to the point. He couldn't care less about Killian's warning because right now, all of his focus was on Althea.

"I know about that," Killian said tiredly. "I have met with her."

"You have?!" Brian was surprised to hear this news. "Why she is not with you?!"

"Someone with him, a man." Killian said, he slumped on his chair again and then recalled his encounter with Althea.

He hated to admit that he was outpowered by that man, but at the same time, he needed to tell Brian everything that he knew.

"So, got a clue about who is this man?" Brian sat down on the chair in front of him. He asked how Althea was.

"No. I didn't get a clue. Not yet." He was going to throw him out of the window if he met with that man again. He would make sure it killed him. How dare he was inside the room with his pregnant mate? What they were doing there? "She looked... terrified." He recalled the look on her face when she saw her.

It was full of dread.

He had hurt her so much, to the point the sight of him terrified her and now Killian had no one to be blamed, but himself. He brought this to himself.

He should have checked carefully about the accusation that he gave to Althea. He shouldn't have hurt her... she was his mate by the end of the day. Hurting her was the same like if he hurt himself, but he couldn't care less at that time and he was being blinded by rage.

"What actually you have done to her?" Brian had been wanting to ask this. He knew that Killian had locked Althea inside the alpha's quarter, but he didn't have any idea what kind of punishment that the alpha gave to her.

However, knowing Althea was his destined mate, he thought, there was nothing horrendous about it...

"Something bad."

"How bad?"

Killian couldn't bring himself to answer that question. He felt this sense of... regret and embarrassment for what he had done to Althea. He couldn't talk about it, especially to walk Brian down to every detail torture that he gave to his daughter.

Therefore, the alpha didn't say anything and thankfully, Brian didn't push the matter.

But a while later, a warrior knocked on the door and entered the room with a big news.

"We knew who was that man, alpha," he said, he looked troubled.

"Who is he?"

"He is the king, he is the king of the mainland."

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Althea agreed to stay in the palace, but she didn't want to stay in that luxurious room, she preferred a smaller room for herself and she didn't want Thalia to be around to help her, but for the later, Alex insisted.

"That girl will not help much, she will learn a thing or two from you."

That was his reason and Thalia looked sad when Althea said that she didn't want a personal maid, therefore she relented.

"But, I don't want to live here for free."

She wanted to do something, thus Alex chose a suitable position for her. She would handle the greenhouse, where various flowers were planted there. This was perfect for her and Althea was more than happy for that.

It was a win win solution, but Northern and Greyson voiced out their concern about the current situation, because they could smell trouble with the way the king was infatuated with that pregnant woman. This should stop before it went too far.

"The elders heard about her already," Northern let Alex knew about this.

"They were not happy."