

# Replacement Bride for the Alpha of the North

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### Chapter 101: A PERVERT

Zenith didn't understand a single thing about poison, but he still made an effort to taste it first. At the very least, if there was something wrong with the concoction, he would feel the effect too.

"Do you want me to teach a thing or two about poison?" Dawn was not serious about it, this was a knowledge that she learned from Lyra in her spare time, since she didn't have a lot of friends to talk to.

However, Zenith was serious with the offer. "Yes, please do." He leaned over and kissed her forehead. "But before that, you need to get well first."

Zenith helped her to drink the medicine and she lay down on the bed again, they chatted for a while until her meal came and she ate it, only then Dawn slept again.

Zenith didn't go anywhere and his gamma became frustrated with him, because there was a couple of things that he had to take care of related to the affair in the north.

"What spell did you put on him? He didn't leave your side at all," Darius said, he talked in low voice when he came to their bedroom and hand over the report that Zenith needed to check.

While the alpha was sitting in the sofa to check the report, Darius tiptoed to the bed and talked to Dawn. He was very frustrated with Zenith.

"Really?"

"You don't know how insane the protection around your room during the unrest." Darius shook his head and clicked his tongue. "He didn't even go out and help his brother during that time."

"I think he had helped the king enough all this time." Dawn shrugged her shoulders. She felt slightly better on the third day after she regained her consciousness, it was only there was these weird memories that kept popping up in her mind.

Darius grimaced. "That was how Zenith answered too."

Dawn chuckled. "Great mind thinks alike." She chuckled to see the expression that the gamma made.

"Can you do me a favor and ask Zen to finish all the report? He will not listen to me, but obviously you are different case."

Darius learned this quickly since the beginning, but the way Zenith treated her after the royal ceremony cemented his assumption about how deep the alpha cared for her. Not only because Dawn was the collateral damage between Zenith and alpha Tony, but also because he truly cared for her.

"Are you trying to hand over your responsibility to me?" Dawn could see through him.

"This is what you called 'asking for help'," Darius corrected her wisely.

Both of them startled when Zenith suddenly noticed that his gamma had scooted over to talk to his mate. "What are you doing there?"

"Nothing." Darius immediately stood up and rushed toward the door and left, but before he closed the door, he shouted to his alpha to finish the report by evening and he would collect it.

"What were you talking about?" Zenith came over and kissed Dawn's forehead. He sat down next to her and checked on the wound on her neck. The mark was healing slowly.

"Nothing."

Zenith narrowed his eyes when Dawn was being playful, as she answered the same way like Darius.

"He asked for my help to make sure you finished reading the report," Dawn said between her chuckles, she was in a good mood.

"I will change your bandage."

Just now Dawn told him not to tarry with the report or Darius would cry a river, but the next second the alpha was ready to tend to his mate again.

"I can ask Celine to do it, the report..."

Zenith pecked her lips to stop her from talking. "I will change your bandage," he stated, leaving no room for argumentation.

Dawn blushed. He became very attentive ever since she woke up and she felt very spoiled by him. "Okay."

Dawn let him to change the bandage on her neck, while she ate her food. Zenith was very careful and gentle with her, he would apologize if he touched her wound and Dawn flinched.

But, actually the hardest part was when he put an ointment on her wound and he blew it before he bandaged it.

Dawn felt like her heart would leap to her throat, his warm breath caressed her skin and he was so close with her, which led her mind to go astray as she remembered the time they mated for the first time. It was embarrassing, but somehow, Dawn relived the memory more than she could count.

[If someone knew what I am thinking, would they think I am a girl with loose morals?]

"Actually, people tend to think I am the one with loose morals. But, just in case, you can act like a victim."

Dawn was mortified, not because of what Zenith said, but because he actually answered the question in her mind.

"Y- You can hear what I said?"

Zenith pressed his smile to see the panic in her eyes. "We are mate now, you accepted the bond between us, so it is only natural for me to be able to have a mindlink with you, no?"

Dawn froze. "How long have you been listening to my thought?" She didn't think she wanted to hear the answer.

"Well, you can say that I have been reliving that mating moment with you." Zenith chuckled. "What do you think the reason why I have been staying around? It's so nice to see it from your perspective."

Dawn felt like she wanted to faint. She wished the ground cracked open and swallowed her whole.

She shrieked and pulled the blanket to cover her body and face.

"Come out, you will strain your neck."

"You are a pervert!"

Zenith laughed with the accusation. "As far as I know, you are the one, who has been thinking about that moment, shouldn't I be the one, who called you a pervert?"

"Zenith!"

It's not fair! Why Dawn couldn't hear what he was thinking?

## Chapter 102: MEMORIES OF THE PAST LIFE

"How do you block your mind?" Dawn asked. She was afraid that Darius might be able to hear what she was thinking, but Zenith reassured her that the beta couldn't do that because the two of them were not that close just yet.

"Have you never used your mindlink in your pack?" This came as a surprised for Zenith. Now he noticed how they had never had a mindlink between the two of them in his first life.

"I remembered that I used to be able to mindlink with my father in a few years after I shifted in the first time, but after that, I couldn't do it anymore."

"Don't you feel a little bit odd for not being able to do it?"

Dawn thought about that for a while, but she shook her head. "No. I didn't talk with him so often. I don't think losing my ability to mindlink him bothered me, so I have never noticed if it's something important."

Zenith then explained to her the reason why she couldn't use the mindlink anymore, it was because the bond between them faded away. They emotionally detached from each other.

"Well, that makes sense." Dawn was still hiding under the blanket, only her eyes that could be seen, as she sang a lullaby in her mind to distract her from thinking something that would make her embarrassed. "How to block my mind now?"

Zenith laid down next to her. "Why should I teach you when I enjoyed to listen to what you are thinking?"

"Zenith, you can't do that to me!" Dawn was so upset, she came out from under the blanket and bit his arm. "I will not let go until you told me how."

"You can bite me as you like, Dawn, I don't mind it," Zenith said, as he caressed her head. "But, don't strain your neck, your wound still has not yet properly healed."

Dawn gave up. She was not serious when she bit him and he knew that, but in the end, Zenith told him how to do it.

It was pretty simple technic, you only needed to concentrate, but if you did it often, you would be able to do it naturally without even thinking about it, just like breathing.

It took Dawn a whole two weeks to be able to come out again and she felt better. The wound on her neck had healed by this time too and she would often stare at the mirror, admiring the mark on her neck.

“Do you like it so much?” Zenith asked, he hugged her from behind, while Dawn still wrapped in the towel after taking a bath. He nuzzled her neck and this made Dawn moaned when he kissed the mark on her neck.

“It looks good on me,” Dawn answered sheepishly and Zenith liked it.

“Have you cleaned your body thoroughly?” he asked slyly.

“Of course.”

“Hm. I doubt that...” Zenith turned her body around and took off her towel smoothly, Dawn didn’t have time to defend herself. “I need to check.”

Dawn gasped when her naked body exposed before her mate’s eyes. Zenith had been playful and teased her mercilessly, it almost felt like he had been in a very good mood lately.

Usually, Dawn would cower away, but not this time. She lifted her head and looked at him in the eyes.

Well, two people could play the same game, right?

“What? Do you like what you are seeing?” Dawn wanted to kick herself for that cheesy line, but since she couldn’t take back what she said, she would just go with it.

Lust flickered in Zenith’s eyes and the alpha was not shy about it, which made Dawn flustered. Her face turned red, down to her neck and her chest.

“Hm. I am not sure. Let me check closely.” Zenith took a step closer and pinned her against the wall, as he caressed her body. Dawn could feel his hardness against her stomach. “Your neck is fine,” Zenith said, as he kissed her neck and then down to her breast. “Your breasts were fine too... You armpits too.”

“Zen!” Dawn laughed because it was ticklish.

“Be good, I am not yet done.” And now Zenith was kneeling down in front of her. “Let me checked down here...”

“Zen!” Dawn’s laugh died in her throat, as she looked mortified when Zenith kissed her down there. How he could do that! Was that appropriate to do that?!

She could feel his warm breath between her legs and his warm tongue against her opening. This left her breathless. There was this tension that knotted in her stomach.

“This is... this is not right...”

Was this right? Did people used to do this in this way? Dawn didn’t know, she had no idea, neither experience about it.

But... it felt good.

Dawn slipped and now Zenith could read her mind and was no longer hesitant to please her. She grabbed his shoulders to steady herself, but her claws accidentally elongated and stabbed him, yet Zenith didn’t seem to care, as he knew she almost reached her climax.

And when she came undone, there was this vivid memory that rushed in as well.

The memory about the pain. Her pain of losing her son. This was the forgotten dream that she kept having all night since she woke up.

But now, it became clearer, as if it was not only a dream, but something that she just experienced. For a moment, Dawn was caught between the pleasure and the pain, the agony and grief.

She saw it with her own eyes the bloody cloak, where Zenith held the remaining of her son. She remembered how people scowled at her. The people in the north, the people in the Moonlight pack.

“Dawn! Dawn!”

Zenith shook her body, he was already standing and looked at her face, as tears streamed down her eyes and through the mate bond, he could see how the memories of the past life flooded in her mind.

### Chapter 103: A WRETCHED LIFE

“Feeling better?” Zenith asked, concern laced in his voice when he handed her a glass of water to calm her nerves.

“Thank you,” Dawn mumbled, she took the galls and gulped down the water to moisten her throat. She had been crying for two hours straight for no reason at all, but at the

same time, she felt justified to feel extremely sad for the memories that flashes in her mind.

What was that? It felt like she had gone through a lifetime of misery.

“How are you feeling?” Zenith stretched out his hand to caress her head, but Dawn flinched against his touch out of instinct. Zenith’s hand stilled and then he dropped it.

“I- I am fine, but can you leave me alone for a while?” Dawn asked, she fiddled with her fingers. She didn’t want to look at Zenith. There was this strong anger that she felt within her.

Meanwhile, Zenith could feel the mate bond between them strained and it was hard to hear what she was thinking. She was pulling away from him...

Zenith knew it was only a matter of time before she remembered everything that had happened in their first life. There was no avoiding it.

Dawn was still confused, but once she put all the pieces together, he would face her hatred. He knew what was waiting for him, but still... he wished thing would turn out differently.

“Where are all the report that I have to check?” Zenith came to Darius, which made the gamma was so happy.

“Here! Here!” The gamma beamed, as he bounced toward the table, where there were a lot of stacks of report that Zenith had to go through. “I know asking Dawn will be a great solution!”

Darius’s happiness didn’t last long, as he immediately noticed Zenith’s weird behavior. He didn’t talk much and focus on his task. Actually, he always acted this way, but after Darius witnessed how relax the alpha was whenever he was with Dawn, it felt strange to see him going back to his old habit again.

“Is everything alright?” Darius finally asked when the silence was too overwhelming. He felt the air was too heavy and the tension was palpable. “Did... Dawn kick you out from your bedroom to accomplish this task?”

Zenith didn’t answer him.

“Hey, I didn’t mean to cause trouble for the two of you... well, I will sort out all the important one, so you can return to her quickly.”

“Give me those reports,” Zenith said, pointing out the reports that Darius currently handled.

"You don't have to..."

"Give me those reports," Zenith repeated himself, ignoring Darius's rambling.

Now Darius felt guilty. He felt like he had destroyed the beautiful relationship between the alpha and the luna.

Because he couldn't deny the direct order, he handed over all the reports and left the alpha alone. After that, he headed toward their bedroom to talk to the luna, but she didn't even answer the door. He knocked a few times, but there was no respond.

Darius knew Dawn was there, because her scent lingered around. But, after half an hour, he got the clue and left.

"Have I destroyed their relationship?" Darius pulled his hair frustratedly, as he talked to Lance. The poor gamma was under so much stress, since it had been two days and his alpha had not yet moved from his position, tending all the pack's affair and the luna didn't allow anyone to enter the room, unless the servant, who delivered food for her.

"I think so," Lance replied casually, he buried his nose on his own report, because of the recent unrest, he was flooding with a lot of tasks. He didn't have time to listen to Darius's complain about his workaholic alpha.

"Lance! Can you sympathize with me a little bit?" Darius groaned.

"Look!" Lance slammed the parchment on the table and growled at the gamma. "I have a lot of things to do here, so can you complain somewhere else?! If you have nothing better to do than complaining, come here and help me with these!"

Darius hurried away when Lance finally had enough of his wailing.

And the situation between Dawn and Zenith continued like that for a week. It was Zenith, who finally decided to confront the situation between them.

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Emily was due in two months and she hated every second of it. She hated to be pregnant with Blake's child when that man had nothing, but resentment toward her and her child.

Emily could see it in his eyes how he blamed her for his misery. He thought, she was the reason why Dawn hated him and refused to be with him.



"You should get rid of that thing inside your womb," Blake said one day, after they were forced to have a family lunch together.

The alpha and the beta hoped the relationship between them could improve. After all, they had been together behind Dawn's back, why would they want to be separated when they could be together openly?

More so, there was a child that they had to think about.

"How could you say something so cruel to me?" Emily held back her tears and anger. "If it was Dawn, who was pregnant, you will never say something like that."

"Of course, she is my mate. She is way better than you!" Blake gritted his teeth, he balled his fists as if he was holding back the urge to slap Emily. "You are nothing but a wench!"

This time, it was Emily, who slapped him first for what he said. Her claws came out when she did that, thus it left wound on his face.

"How dare you called me that when I am pregnant with your fucking child!?"

At this point, if they had to be together, they would end up killing each other.

"What's going on here!?" Ava approached the two of them and saw the wound on her precious son's face. "How dare you harm him!?"

#### Chapter 104: HIS BEAST WAS OUT OF CONTROL

Ava was furious because Emily hurt Blake. Her mate was already crazy enough to feed Blake with Rottingbane, so he couldn't shift into his beast to prevent him from running to the capital city and caused trouble again.

There were a lot of trouble recently, started from the trial to the unrest and Jason had been on edge lately. Ava felt her mate was going to burst because of the tension. She didn't understand why he reacted so strongly when he heard the unrest, but she thought it was because he was thinking too much about their son.

Afraid he would go back to the capital city and was caught up in the middle of the unstable situation because he wanted to see Dawn.

"Don't you dare to abuse him!" Ava was hysterical, which drew attention from all the pack member, who were there.

Currently, they were having this fight in the corridor, where people could see what was going on.

Some people immediately called the alpha and the beta because they knew thing would only escalate.

“Abuse him?” Emily narrowed her eyes, she felt so hurt and angry. “What? Do you want to slap me? Do it.” Emily saw Ava had raised her hand. Now, she could see where Blake got it from. “Do it and if something happened to the baby, you should blame yourself.”

Meanwhile, Blake didn’t say anything when Ava wanted to slap Emily, but now he had something to say.

“You are being disrespectful to my mother!” Blake raised his voice. He pulled his mother behind his back, as if a heavily pregnant Emily could attack her or something.

Thankfully, Jason and Julia came, it seemed, they came from the same direction and happened to be together when they heard about this commotion.

“What’s going on here?!”

“Jason! She slapped our son!” Ava immediately told her mate about what had happened. She looked furious.

Ava rambled about what had happened, while Julia took her daughter’s side, she also looked furious.

However, a moment later, Ava realized that Jason didn’t give any response. He simply stared at her, which made Julia smirked a little. No one noticed that except Emily, who was standing right beside her mother.

“Are you not going to do anything?”

“What do you want me to do to a pregnant woman, who is carrying our grandchild?” Jason asked coldly and then looked at his son. “And you? Aren’t you going to say something? Don’t you feel embarrassed for hiding behind your mother’s back?”

Yet, Blake said nothing and left. There was nothing for him to say to his father, who had forced him to drink the Rottingbane, so he couldn’t shift into his beast.

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“She is not in her bedroom, in fact, she is nowhere to be found,” Darius reported this.

Today Zenith decided to see Dawn because a week was enough time for her to calm down and ready to talk about what actually happened between them.

However, when Zenith entered the room, Dawn was not there. Her last meal was still sitting on the table, untouched.

Zenith could understand if she was mad at him, he was ready to answer all of her questions and confusions, but the last thing that he expected was for Dawn to runaway from him.

If she really wanted to go, he would accept it, but at the very least, he had to be sure that she was safe and he knew her whereabouts, just in case someone would harm her knowing she was his mate.

Her current status and the royal ceremony they just held was a double edged dagger for her.

“Zenith, where are you going?!” Darius hastened his pace when he saw the alpha shifted into his beast and rushed toward the king’s bedroom.

Zenith knew this place like the back of his hands, after all, he grew up in this palace, thus it was easy for him to find an opening to enter Zanders’s bedroom.

“You know that’s a crime to enter the king’s bedroom without permission, right?” Zander looked annoyed, he knew why his brother was here, but he just took a bath and there was only a towel that hang around his hips to save his dignity.

Yet, Zenith couldn’t care less about the king’s dignity right now.

“I am going to take your royal warriors.” That was not even a request, but a statement.

“Are you giving me a heads up instead of asking permission?”

“I will take ten thousand of royal warriors with me.”

“Ten thousand? Are you going to war?” Zander crossed his arms, unhappy. “I didn’t give you the permission.”

However, Zenith didn’t need his permission. Indeed, he came here only to give his brother a heads up, because after that, he reminded him of the golden stamp in his possession.

Holding the golden stamp meant your authority was above everyone’s else. You could even move the royal warrior under your command, no question asked.

This power was only second to the king.

“Did you forget that I am still the king?”

Yet, Zenith didn't come to argue with him and just left like that. Even Zander knew that he shouldn't mess with Zenith when he showed that scary expression.

"Are you going to let him leave just like that?" Pyro asked, he showed up after Zenith left.

"Can't you see how scary his expression is? Just in case you forgot, he has a bad temper."

"Both of you have bad tempers."

An hour later, an order was issued, where ten thousand of royal warriors were deployed to find the alpha's mate.

Rumor said that Luna Dawn was being kidnapped by the people, who was still opposed the royal and Zander used this reason to justify his decision to kill those traitors and search for more 'rats' within his court.

But, when after two days Zenith still couldn't get a clue about where Dawn's whereabouts, he started to go insane. His beast was out of control, wanting his mate.

## Chapter 105: THE RAGE

As the days passed, the clearer Dawn's mind was, so did her memories about her past life. Just like Zenith, the memories didn't come all at once.

On the seventh day Dawn refused to see anyone, she couldn't help it anymore. She couldn't stay inside this room, pitying herself when her heart was consumed by rage.

She had been staying in this palace for some time now and she was familiar with some part of the area, especially the secret tunnels. Zenith mentioned about them casually in their conversation, thus it was not hard for her to slip away one night without anyone knowing it, though it was still hard to avoid the guards.

After all, in the past life, Dawn used to sneak around to see Zenith. Her previous lifetime merged with the current one now.

Once Dawn was away from the palace, she shifted into her brown beast and dashed toward Moonlight pack. There was only one person she wanted to see, as rage fueled her heart, the beast hastened its speed.

It took Dawn a whole day to reach her former pack and it was already night when she was there, but despite how exhausted she was for running here without stopping, she couldn't care less about that. She didn't want to wait.

First, Dawn went into the pack house, but this time, she didn't sneak around, instead she came openly which startled the guard and the pack members who saw her and was still awake at this hour.

They wanted to approach Dawn to congratulate her for her ceremony, but there was something in her that stopped them from approaching her. Her body exuded dominance, the way she carried herself would make anyone lower their head in fear, afraid that they would incur her wrath, because that was how she looked like right now.

People in this pack tended to overlook Dawn, forgetting the fact that she was the alpha's child, since she didn't have an active role in this pack and her presence was overshadowed by Emily.

The fact that alpha Tony tended more to Emily and was often to be seen with his step daughter, didn't help with Dawn's situation.

Dawn went straight to the alpha's quarter and without hesitation opened the door to the alpha's bedroom, where she only found Julia. She was sleeping alone, but because of the sudden loud noise that Dawn created, she was startled and woke up groggily.

The luna of the Moonlight pack's eyes widened when she saw who was standing at the door, her mouth gaped, didn't know what to say.

However, as much as Dawn wanted to settle score with her, right now she needed to see her father first. He was the main reason why she was here.

More so, Dawn had different plan for this woman. Of course, she wouldn't let her off easily.

"D- Dawn? What are you doing?" Julia stuttered, the sleepiness in her eyes disappeared.

"Where is my father?" Dawn asked coldly.

"What are you doing here!?"

Knew that she wouldn't get anything out of this woman's mouth without her waking up the entire pack, Dawn chose to leave and look for her father alone.

But, to her surprised, she found her father was in an empty bedroom that used to be hers. This room was dull and barren, since Zenith had taken everything with him when he took her to the north.

Her father was sleeping on the bed and if Dawn remembered correctly, that was the same sheet that she used before she left to the north.

Tony was awake when he heard Julia's screech, because apparently that crazy woman decided to stop Dawn from seeing her father and made unnecessary commotion.

"Dawn?" alpha Tony rubbed his face and shot to his feet once he realized it was indeed his daughter, who was standing in front of her, while Julia kept trying to make her leave. "Shut up!" alpha Tony roared to see Julia's attempt to chase away his daughter. "Leave this room!"

"Tony!" Julia grinded her morals, but she couldn't defy the alpha's direct order.

She stomped off the room and slammed the door behind her, but her antics didn't bother Dawn and Tony, both of them stared at each other for a while before alpha Tony finally broke the silence and approached his daughter to hug him.

He wanted to apologize for what he had done and the way he treated her.

"I am sorry, Dawn. I am truly sorry..."

Dawn took a step back, a clear sign that she didn't want to be hugged by him.

"What are you sorry for?" Dawn asked her father darkly. Her face didn't show any emotions and Tony could feel the hatred that emanated from her body. "Are you sorry for the way you have been treating me, because you blaming me for my mother's death when in fact, at the same time of the tragedy you had been messing around with Julia?"

Tony was shocked and he couldn't conceal it. The answer was written all over her face and this only confirmed what Dawn accused him of.

Dawn was still holding a little bit hope that her first life was a nonsense bad dream, but she knew it was true. After all, there were a lot of things in this world that couldn't be explained by logic alone. It had happened and she knew more than she could handle.

"Why did you do that father? You betrayed my mother and me."

Tony staggered back, it seemed Dawn's calm word had hit harder than her actual rage. The disappointment in Dawn's eyes made him avoid to see her directly. "That's a mistake..."

Tony really wanted to know, who had told Dawn about this, but his suspicion narrowed down to only Emily. She must be the one, who had told Dawn to spite him. How much had she told her?

"A mistake? Do you want to say Emily is a mistake too?" Dawn asked emotionlessly.

## Chapter 106: THE RAGE (2)

At first, Tony wanted to make it as if it was only a one time thing, a mistake that he shouldn't have done, as if it was only a single moment of his weakness, but then what Dawn said next made him realized that she knew everything.

"What do you mean?" Tony was holding onto his last hope that he could talk his way out, but Dawn was having none of it.

"I wonder, whether you treated me badly because you couldn't stand to see me, since I look a lot like my mother, or you couldn't look at me because every time you did that, you would see the face of the woman that you betrayed, which one is it father?"

Tony was at lost for word. He wanted to reach to his daughter, telling her how sorry he was and he regretted everything.

"I am sorry, Dawn... I didn't mean it to happen." Tony shook his head. As an alpha, he shouldn't have shown his weak side, but right now, he looked so defeated and his eyes were glistened with tears and remorse. "I regret everything. I didn't mean to hurt you and your mother..."

"My mother is dead and thankfully, she died without knowing that the mate that she loved, the father of her daughter, had betrayed her." Dawn scoffed. "You should find that comforting."

Tony was fighting back tears. He had gone through a fierce battle and a gruesome war, he had sone so many horrendous things about war, but he didn't falter, yet Dawn's word hit him so hard, he lost all of his strength.

No. Tony didn't find it comforting. If he could, he wanted his mate to know what he had done, he wanted her to be angry with him, slapped him, hit him or did everything to take out her rage on him.

But it would never happen, because she had died.

Tony wouldn't be able to get her to be angry with him. He wouldn't be able to ask for her forgiveness.

"Mother always told me that you loved me, but I think you love your mistress and your other daughter more than me, than us."

Tony shook his head. "No. Dawn, I always love you. You are my daughter..."

"So did Emily."

Tony could feel his whole body was shaking, but his dignity as an alpha was the only thing that stopped him from groveling for Dawn's forgiveness, stopped him from crying out loud and kneeling down in front of his daughter.

He was an alpha, his ego and dignity didn't allow him to do that, despite how much he wanted Dawn to know that he loved her and how much he regretted everything that had happened.

"I love you, Dawn. In my heart, you are my only daughter and your mother was the love of my life, she is the love of my life."

"And yet, you brought back your mistress and your other daughter to live under the same roof and abandoned me for years."

Tony's logic side still told him that this was something they could fix. "What should I do to atone to my sin, Dawn? I will do everything."

He approached this matter from the logical side, even now, he still failed to see the extent of damage that he had done.

"There is nothing you can do father." Dawn gritted her teeth. Her rage was palpable and this startled Tony a little bit with the fact his daughter could pull such strong aura. "You failed me and my mother and there is nothing you can do to fix it now, because the day I lost my mother is the same day I lost my father. You are dead to me."

"Dawn... you are upset, that's why you are being too harsh with me." Tony shook his head and tried to approach Dawn again, to hug her, but she took a step back.

However, Tony didn't know what 'harsh' Dawn could do until she said her last piece.

"It's the wrong parent, who had died that day." Dawn wished it was Tony, who died instead.

This time, Tony couldn't find a word. He couldn't even find a courage to call her name. Remorse and shame washed over him, but there was nothing more that racked him than the fact that Dawn wished him to die.

"Remember this father. I will come after you. You are the same like those rogues, who had killed my mother." A single tear fell on her cheek, but her eyes were ablaze with hatred. "Don't ask for my forgiveness because I will never give it to you. I will make your life miserable."

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Blake stayed in his bedroom like usual. He just took a glass of Rottingbane again this morning, which not allowed him to shift into his beast as per his father's instruction.

However, from the window he could see there was a little bit commotion out there. It was in the middle of the night and he seemed to having a hard time to take his mind off Dawn.

The fact that alpha Zenith had mated and marked her kept messing with his mind. He should be the one, who got the honor of that!

But then, Blake overheard a guard outside of his door said something about Dawn. He immediately opened the door and asked the said guard.

"The alpha's daughter, Dawn, is in the pack house right now."

Hearing that, Blake immediately dashed toward the pack house. He cursed his father because he couldn't shift into his beast and reached Dawn faster than this.

Blake was afraid that he would miss to see Dawn. What she was doing here? Did she return because thing didn't go well with alpha Zenith? Did she come to look for him? Did she miss him like he did?

But, to Blake's annoyance, Emily had stopped him from entering the pack house.

"I know that you wanted to see Dawn, but I will not allow you to do that."

#### Chapter 107: THE RAGE (3)

Emily heard the commotion and woke up to see Dawn was in the pack house, her mother was trying to stop her from looking for her father.

It was a surprise for Emily and when she tried to eavesdrop their conversation, she was shocked as she learned that Dawn knew about their father's affair with Julia. How could she know?

However, Emily didn't really care about how or from who she learned that, because she enjoyed the sight of how flustered alpha Tony was. Julia gasped.

"D- Did you tell her?" Julia asked Emily, she was a little bit stuttering.

It was funny to see how they were afraid that their dirty secret was in the open.

"No. I didn't."

"Then, how she knew about it?"

Both Julia and Emily stood behind the door, as they listened to the conversation inside. It was not hard, because Tony was being so loud about it.

"I don't know." Emily shrugged her shoulders nonchalantly, she then walked away from her mother. She should thank whoever told Dawn about alpha Tony's affair and the fact she was his daughter too.

Because with this, the more Dawn was mad at her father, the better. She hoped their relationship couldn't be fixed anymore, with that, her father could focus on her, since she was his daughter too, the next in line for the title.

Therefore, when Emily learned that Blake rushed to the pack house to see Dawn, she needed to stop this stupid man from ruining everything.

She wanted Dawn to become angrier with their father. She should cut ties with him and never return to this pack again.

"Back off, Emily!" Blake growled, he hated this woman to the core, he couldn't imagine how he could touch her and get her pregnant. He let go of Dawn to be with this vile woman? He must have lost his brain! "I will not hesitate to harm you if I need to!"

"What do you want..."

Emily didn't have a chance to finish her words when Blake shoved her to the side. She was heavily pregnant and the way Blake did it was very violent.

However, the man didn't care about her in the first place.

"Blake!" Emily screamed at him. She chased after Blake, but of course, she couldn't catch up.

Meanwhile, Blake's heart was thumping rapidly when he caught Dawn's scent. How long it had been since the last time he could smell her? He missed her so much, he felt his entire body hummed with the thought of seeing her again.

It was not hard for Blake to find Dawn, as she was in her bedroom with alpha Tony, who looked like he had been struck by a lightning.

"Dawn?" Blake panted. He saw Dawn was standing there, looking beautiful like usual. "Is that really you?"

Without thinking twice, Blake immediately approached her with long steps, he wanted to pull her into his arms and buried his face on the crook of her neck, he wanted to hug her

and wouldn't let go. Unfortunately, he couldn't do that, his halted when Dawn pointed a dagger at him. She looked furious.

"Take another step and I will not hesitate to stab you." Dawn was glad that Zenith taught her how to fight. She knew that she wouldn't stand a chance to fight Blake because he was one of the best warriors in the pack, but at the very least, she would be able to put up a fight.

With the guilt that her father had toward her, he wouldn't allow for Blake to do anything stupid.

"Dawn... what the meaning of this?" Blake was shock, he knew Dawn since they were little and she was not the violent type. That alpha from the north must have brought a bad influence for her. "Dawn, I know you are angry with me and if by stabbing me it could relieve some of your pain, you can do it."

Blake thought Dawn was only bluffing, he believed what he believed. Dawn wouldn't do any harm on him.

But, how wrong he was when Dawn waved the dagger swiftly and grazed the tip of her dagger against his neck. Thankfully, Blake had a good reflex and he immediately backed away before Dawn could slit his throat.

He widened his eyes in disbelieve that Dawn actually intended to kill him.

"Dawn! How dare you to do that!" Emily screeched.

"What?" Dawn completely ignored Emily. "I thought you are ready for me to stab you, was that another lies of yours?"

"Dawn, please..." Alpha Tony felt his head hurt so bad. It was a complete chaos. Emily and Julia were screaming, while he could feel the killing intention from his daughter.

This was the first time for him to see how fierce Dawn was. He couldn't be mistaken. She really had an intention to kill Blake.

But right now, those murderous eyes were staring at him.

"You know what, alpha?" Dawn's voice was cold, she didn't even want to call him as her father anymore, which felt like she just stabbed him with the dagger in her hand. "You and Julia deserved each other. I couldn't even be mad at you for choosing the woman that has the same value as you."

"Dawn!" Blake was still screaming her name and tried to approach Dawn again, but this time alpha Tony roared at him and Emily to get out of the room.

“SCRAM!” Alpha Tony used his alpha’s voice, as he chased them away from his sight. He hated Blake ever since he betrayed his daughter’s trust, even more when he was still trying to get her back, causing so much unnecessary trouble.

Without having another choice, Emily and Blake went out of the bedroom, where alpha Tony slammed the door right in front of their faces.

However, when he turned around to see his daughter, Dawn was actually chuckling.

“Why are you so work up? You are the same like him, you are even worse than him.”

#### Chapter 108: THE RAGE (4)

Tony couldn’t even say a word when the realization hit him that what he had done to his mate, happened to his precious daughter. Was this Karma? But, why should his daughter, who had to bear it?

“What? Only now you realized that this is a karma?” Dawn said, seemingly could understand what was in her father’s mind. She chuckled when she continued. “Don’t worry. You couldn’t escape from karma too.”

Dawn then took a step closer toward her father, dagger still in her hand. Tony thought his daughter was going to stab him like what she intended to do to Blake, he braced himself. He deserved this. He wouldn’t retaliate.

If giving up his life was what it took for Dawn to forgive him, he would do it without hesitation. In the past few months was a torture for him. He racked with guilty feeling and now when Dawn finally learned about his affair and Emily’s origin, he couldn’t even ask for forgiveness.

However, Dawn didn’t want that. Death was a mercy.

She wanted her father to feel the pain that she felt, even more. “Do you really think you can trust her? Do you really think that woman is loyal to you? Do you think your beta is loyal to you? He covered up for your affair, do you really think he didn’t have any hidden agenda?”

Dawn saw a flicker of shock in her father’s eyes, she continued.

“You are so stupid, alpha if you couldn’t see the sign. Don’t wail over my absence, because I will never be part of your life anymore, but see what kind of people that you chose in with the expand of losing me.”

Tony didn’t understand what Dawn was trying to say, but her words stuck in his mind and it planted a seed of doubt for Julia and Jason, and that was what Dawn wanted.

His daughter walked out of the bedroom. This room didn't hold any significant value anymore, just like how he was to her.

Outside of the door, Dawn had to face Blake, Emily and Julia, as the three of them had been waiting for her.

Once the door was opened, Blake started to beg her. He even knelt down, making Emily freaked out, because it was very humiliating and degrading. A man shouldn't kneel down, especially someone with high status like Blake.

"Dawn, please, forgive me. I know how wrong I am. I know I have made a huge mistake, please, let me fix this. Let me fix us."

Well, at the very least, there was an improvement there. He admitted that getting another's woman pregnant was a huge mistake, but it was too little too late.

Meanwhile, Dawn simply stared down at him, her face didn't show any emotion, as she waited for him to be done with his pleading, because there was something important, she needed to tell him.

"Do you know that Emily is actually the alpha's affair baby? The alpha has been with Julia even when he was with my mother and now, their daughter followed her mother's footsteps."

Dawn watched how this was a news for Blake. He had not yet learned about this. Good. Because Dawn wanted to cause so much damage on them. Messing around with their mind was justified, right? Especially, after what they had put her through.

"Do you really believe the baby is yours?"

"DAWN!" Emily screeched, she immediately understood what Dawn was trying to insinuate. "How dare you to question my baby?! The baby is Blake's! I have never slept with anyone but him!"

"If you said so." Dawn shrugged her shoulders nonchalantly and after that, she walked away, but Blake still didn't want to let her go. He grabbed her legs and started to beg again, which annoyed Dawn.

"Stop that! Don't you feel ashamed to degrading yourself like this!?" Emily growled at Blake. It was very embarrassing. No man should kneel down and beg like Blake did. He didn't have dignity at all and this was the man that she chose over that royal prince, the alpha from the north?!

The more Emily thought about it, the more upset she was. She should be the princess now if her mother didn't interfere!

"I hate you, Dawn! I hate you!" Emily was having an outburst. She charged forward to hit Dawn, but Blake was the one, who blocked the attack, as he shoved her to the side and knock her to the ground.

"Don't you dare to touch her! You filthy bitch! You ruined my life!" Blake growled angrily, while Julia immediately rushed to her daughter's side, screaming at Blake for what he had done.

"What you have done?! She is pregnant with your child!" Julia was mad.

"Is that really my child?" Blake narrowed his eyes and this statement made Emily and Julia screeched, which stressed the pregnant mother even more, as Emily started to wail in pain.

Dawn watched everything unfolded. It was a chaos, there were many people came to watch what actually was going on and this commotion reached Jason and Ava, in which the two of them immediately came to check on their son.

The two of them were surprised to see Dawn was there, but their main focus shifted toward Emily, who was crying, telling them that her stomach was in pain.

During this chaos, Tony didn't come out of Dawn's bedroom. He seemed to be done with them and what Dawn said to him kept bothering him more than anything.

"Call Lyra! Where is the healer?!" Julia instructed the people, who watched the whole thing unfolded. Some of them immediately rushed to get the healer there. "Tony! Tony! Come here!" She looked for her mate, but Tony still didn't budge.

It was Jason, who finally entered the room and confronted the alpha.

"What are you doing here?! Your daughter is out there!" Jason looked very upset.

"How long have you known that she is my real daughter?" Tony asked coldly.

## Chapter 109: FOUND HER

No one was supposed to know about this. Julia shouldn't have told anyone about this big secret and they both agreed not to talk about this anymore.

So much so, there was a point where Tony believed that Emily was not his own daughter. He was thinking of her as someone else's child and he was there to fill the father's role for her.

It was pretty messed up, but it helped Tony to feel less guilty to Dawn's mother.

"This is not the time for that!" Jason said harshly, probably because he wanted to buy some time for himself to come up with a reasonable excuse. "Your daughter is going into a labor!"

Jason then dragged Tony out of Dawn's bedroom, where Emily had been taken to the nearby room, from the look of it, she was going to have an early labor.

Ava and Julia were frantic, they were very worried about Emily and her baby, but Blake tried to sneak away from this situation. His intention was very obvious, he wanted to chase after Dawn, despite knowing the woman that he impregnated was going to give birth to his firstborn.

"If you dare to walk away from here, I am going to break your legs!" Jason said sternly to his son, he meant what he said and this made Ava wailed even more.

Tony closed his eyes. It was a mess. It was so loud and messy here. He wanted to be anywhere, but here. He wanted all this drama to be over.

"Where are you going?!" Julia was hysterical when she saw Tony walked away. "Our daughter is going to give birth! Where are you going?!"

Tony ignored Julia, as he walked away to look for Dawn. She was nowhere to be found and this time, Jason couldn't stop him, after all, he was the alpha.

Meanwhile, Dawn felt bad for the baby, she didn't mean any harm. Her insinuation wouldn't work for long once the baby was born, because as far as she remembered, their firstborn looked exactly like Blake when he was little. There was no doubt he was his son.

However, she didn't intend for Emily to have an early labor. But then, it was not her, who had knocked her down, inducing an early labor.

This time, Dawn had to think about where she should go from here...

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Zenith finally got a late report about Dawn's visit to her former pack, but when he was there, it was already too late. She already left.

Emily gave birth to a baby boy last night and she was currently recuperating. Her condition was not good and the whole pack was shaken with the commotion last night and the appearance of Dawn.

“Alpha, if you found her, could you please let me know?” alpha Tony asked carefully, after he told him everything that happened last night.

“Why should I?” Zenith asked coldly. He was trying to figure out where Dawn would head next.

“I know that I have treated her so badly in the recent years, but she is still my daughter,” alpha Tony said, he was half pleading with the alpha before his eyes.

“And she is my mate now. You don’t have any right to her anymore.”

In this realm, when it came to woman, before they met with their mate, they belonged to their father, but after they met their mate, they would belong to their men.

In a way, what Zenith said was right. Alpha Tony had no claim over Dawn, because she belonged to him now.

“I understood, but...” Alpha Tony was still trying to argue his case, but Darius immediately intervened because he could see Zenith was getting irritated, as he needed time to think.

“Alpha Tony, let’s go outside, my alpha needs time to think.” Darius tried to tell alpha Tony not to push Zenith too far. He wouldn’t like the outcome.

Alpha Tony wanted to argue, but he stopped himself when he saw the look on the gamma’s face and went outside of the room.

Zenith didn’t even notice that he was finally alone. He was trying to think the places that Dawn would go.

Aside from her own pack, she only had been in the north and capital city. But, there was no way she would go back to the north on her own, after she learned what happened in their past lives.

She wouldn’t be in the capital city too, because the royal warriors were in every corner of it. She wouldn’t be able to hide.

Then where she had gone?

Zenith spent his time in this room for so long, weighing all the options, but later in the evening when Darius came to bring a meal for the alpha, he had gone.

“Damn it!” Darius immediately mobilized all warriors that came with him and asked for alpha Tony to ask his pack member if they saw the alpha.



"I saw a black beast, heading toward the west," said one of the pack members and a handful people confirmed that.

"West?" Darius's brows furrowed.

The west area was not safety, because there was a rebel there. They staged a coup years ago, in order to take down the king from his throne.

"He wouldn't really go to the west, right?" Darius felt like he wanted to pull his hair.

Meanwhile, Zenith exactly did what Darius feared the most, he was heading to the west, where he sped up in his beast form, alone. It was easier for him to move without his little entourage, especially when his beast was very agitated for not being with their mate.

Zenith didn't sleep. He didn't even stop to rest, as he rushed through the forest and swamps, until he saw her beast.

The fur of her beast was the color of brown, but under the sunlight, it looked almost golden. She was way smaller than Zenith's black one and obviously much slower than the alpha, even so, she attempted to run away once she saw him.

#### Chapter 110: DO YOU WANT TO RIDE ME?

Despite knowing that she wouldn't be able to outrun the alpha's beast, Dawn was still trying to escape from him. She was shock that he actually managed to find her.

She didn't want to talk with him, not yet. Dawn still needed time to gather her thought.

Yes, it was something that happened in their past life and nothing like that happened in this lifetime and Zenith kept his promise that he was going to fix it.

Not like Blake, he kept his word and did the unthinkable. Dawn didn't even think that turning back time was something that you could do, but Zenith did it. For what cost? Every magic had a price that you have to pay.

Dawn didn't want to talk about it just yet.

Therefore, in her desperate attempt to get away from him, she ran away, knowing she had zero chance to escape.

However, the black beast actually didn't stop her, he ran beside her, as if they were taking a leisure walk together.

Annoyed, the brown beast stopped and barked at the other beast, Dawn even attacked Zenith in her beast form. But, anyone who saw this would have laughed at her clumsy attempt and how the alpha let his mate to nip on his neck.

Dawn intended to bite his neck and cause serious injury on him, but the black beast let her. He didn't even try to dodge her attack and in the last second, Dawn changed her mind.

She was furious beyond word, but she didn't have a heart to actually do any harm on him.

Dawn shifted back into her human form. She couldn't preserve her beast form because she was too exhausted and angry. Thankfully, she didn't need to block her thought from him, because she had been pulling away from Zenith since a few days ago.

"Get away from me!"

Zenith shifted into his human form as well and stared at his mate, and upon looking at Zenith, Dawn gasped to see how haggard he was.

The alpha looked like he had lost in the desert and didn't have enough food and drink for days. His eyes sunk and looked skinnier, not only that, he grew stubbles.

Zenith always appeared presentable. He always took a good care of himself, whether it was in their first life or this life.

No. There was time when he appeared like this in their first life, it was when Dawn killed him. After so many years they didn't see each other.

"No. You can be mad at me, I will take it, but please don't runaway from me. I am worried."

Dawn gritted her teeth. He was worried about her. He was not even angry. "I don't want to see you! Get away from me!"

"If you don't want to see me, it's fine. I will not appear in front of you anymore, but let's go back. You can be angry with me in the safer place."

"I said, I don't want to see you!" Dawn screamed. "I don't have home! I don't have anyone now! Leave me alone!"

Moonlight pack was not her home anymore and she couldn't call the northern pack and the palace as one for obvious reason.

"I can't leave you alone here, especially when you intended to go to the west, where the rebel took place." Zenith realized where Dawn was heading when he remembered their last meeting. "For now, it's still not safe there. When you get there in our first life, you went there ten years from today."

"I don't care!" Dawn snapped, she knew that she was being a brat, but it felt nice to lashing out on someone. It felt good to vent her frustration.

"If you didn't care about yourself, at the very least, you should care about our child."

There was a pause and then the atmosphere stilled. Dawn felt the time stopped for a few second when she heard what Zenith said.

"Pardon me?" Suddenly she became polite. "What did you say?"

"You are pregnant, Dawn. I will be doomed, if I let you walked to the west and enter their territory." Zenith took a step closer, he didn't want to overwhelm her, but they really needed to leave.

"No... but, how?" Dawn was being foolish. She was so confused and this news was very sudden.

She didn't remember that she was pregnant in the early year they were together, but then Zenith reminded her.

"We did the deed, right? We mated and I marked you."

Now Dawn remembered that they were not really together in the early years Zenith took her to the north in their first lifetime. It was only a few years later that they mated and she was being marked.

"Can we go back now? You can be angry with me as much as you like, but I need you to be safe." Zenith took another step again toward her and this time, he caressed her cheek. To his relief, Dawn didn't avoid his touch.

Dust on her face and her hair was messy, the dress that she was wearing looked dirty, but she was still beautiful.

"Let's go back, okay?" The cruel alpha from the north, seemingly had an abundance of patient when he faced his angry little mate. People wouldn't believe it if they saw this.

Dawn pursed her lips, she furrowed her brows. "How I know if you didn't lie about this pregnancy?"

"I was the one, who told you first about your pregnancy even in our first lifetime."

He was right. Dawn remembered that. "I am really pregnant, I can't shift into my beast. It will harm the baby."

A pregnant she wolf could shift into their beast during the pregnancy, but it would harm the baby. It was fine in the early stage of the pregnancy, but the more the baby grew in their mother's womb, the higher the risk to lose them if the mother shifted into their beast, while heavily pregnant.

"Do you want to ride me?"

#### Chapter 111: LITTLE LIGHT

Dawn was right, behind Zenith's coldness, he was actually a pervert! How could he say something like that!? What he was trying to insinuate?!

However, Dawn even more upset with herself because she could feel herself blush. What a traitor body she had!?

She shouldn't have reacted this way! She should be angrier than this because Zenith was clearly trying to tease her!

Yet, her line of thought was cut short when Zenith tapped the tip of her nose.

"Don't let your mind go astray. I didn't try to insinuate anything."

"Did you hear my thought?" Dawn was startled, she was sure he couldn't hear her mind.

"No, but your expression gave it away." Zenith smiled. "And you admitted it just now."

"I hate you!"

"Okay." Zenith caressed her hair, tucked a strand of her hair behind her ear. "Can we go back now? This area is not safe."

Dawn was upset. She didn't want to go with him, but at the same time, she also wanted to go with him, since she had nowhere else to go. Moreover, knowing she was currently pregnant, she was so glad that Zenith managed to catch up to her before she entered the west area of the kingdom.

She was still angry, even though what Zenith had done was something that he didn't do in this lifetime. This feeling was confusing.

Dawn knew that it was not fair to be angry with him right now, because he did nothing wrong in this lifetime, but she remembered the pain that he put her through and couldn't help, but became upset again.

"I don't want to ride on your beast form," Dawn said, she knew that she was being a brat, but she didn't want to make it easy for him, especially with the way he said it.

It sounded naughty...

"I want you to carry me on your back." Dawn expected Zenith would refuse, no matter how strong your human form was, you couldn't beat the strength of your beast side and for her to ask Zenith to carry her on his back in his human form, it would take a great amount of strength and their journey back to the nearest village or city would take at least a day.

However, Zenith didn't refuse that. He immediately knelt down in front of her. "Hop on."

"Are you serious?"

"What? Do you want to carry me instead?"

Dawn bit her tongue to prevent herself from smiling. She needed to be angry with him. "I will walk," she said curtly.

But, Zenith grabbed her hand and pulled her body until she fell on her back and immediately stood up, while supporting her thighs.

Out of instinct, Dawn wrapped her arms around her neck, so she wouldn't fall. "Zen!"

"Get some rest, you have walked so far." Zenith nuzzled her cheek that pressed against his. He liked her scent and from the corner of his eyes, he could see the little light that floated in the air. His baby...

He inherited this ability from his mother, but because of the medication and treatment he took for years to prevent his beast from running rampant, he couldn't see the spirit, yet somehow, he could see his own child.

He knew he could, because it happened in his first life too.

There was this smile on the corner of his lips. He was going to make it work this time. This was the second chance that he needed.

"Don't you feel tired?" Dawn finally asked after they in the forest for more than three hours. They didn't say anything and somehow, she enjoyed this silent walk. Well, Zenith was the one, who walked.

"Are you worried about me?"

“Absolutely not.” Dawn scowled. “I am thirsty.”

“There is a river in front of us, hold on for a while.”

Dawn thought he would give up after an hour or two, but even after three hours of carrying her behind his back, he didn’t break a sweat at all.

“Am I not heavy?” Dawn remembered Blake could only carry her on his back for less than half an hour.

“You are as light as a feather.”

“Liar.”

Dawn buried her face on his shoulder to hide her smile. It was obviously exaggeration on his part to say she was as light as a feather, but somehow, it made her felt good.

With that, Dawn reminded herself to still be angry with him.

She heard the sound of the stream and not long after, they found the river that Zenith had mentioned before. He put her down on the riverbank.

This place was so nice. It was beautiful and peaceful. Dawn didn’t mind to be around this area a little bit longer.

She squatted down and drank the water. The water was so refreshing it moistened her dry throat. She also cleaned up a bit, somehow, she suddenly became self aware with her state, she was dirty and probably... smelly.

“The nearby village is four hours away from here, we will be there before dark.” Zenith stood up and approached Dawn, he kissed her head. “I will be away for a while to get some fruit for you. Don’t wander around. Sometime, monsters could be found in this forest.”

Earlier, Dawn chose different route, she didn’t go through the forest, thus she didn’t know about it, more so, she was not really familiar with this area, she chose the route based on her vague memory. Thankfully, Zenith could find her.

“I am serious, Dawn. Don’t wander around,” Zenith emphasized it when Dawn didn’t answer him. He could take it if she was sulking with him all day, but he wouldn’t take it lightly if she put herself in danger.

“Okay.” He was nagging now...

“Be good.” Zenith leaned over again to kiss her cheek before he left.

While the two of them were having their own time, Darius was about to cry because now Zenith had gone missing too. The poor gamma mobilized all the warriors.

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### Chapter 112: HE TOOK A GOOD CARE OF HER

Dawn enjoyed this forest. She waited for Zenith to return obediently, as she stared at the clear sky when she heard a rustling sound from the bushes. She thought it was Zenith, but soon she realized it was not him.

Dawn was on alert, as she straightened her back and fixed her eyes on the source of the sound. She immediately stood up when a man emerged from behind a tree.

He had a shoulder length hair that he tied behind his nape, tan skinned and bulky figure. He was wearing a simple clothes and pants. From the look of it, he was probably a villager nearby.

But more importantly, he was a shifter. Dawn could recognize it.

He saw her too and then walked toward her.

At first, Dawn wanted to ignore him, but it seemed this strange man didn't have the same intention.

"Are you here alone?" He asked in his gruffy tone.

"No. I am not." Dawn took a closer look at him and recognized him. "Rye?"

"How do you know me?" The man frowned.

Right at that time, Zenith returned with some fruits and approached the two of them. "I found her. You can leave now, Rye."

The man named Rye approached Zenith and took an apple from him. "Fine. Tell Zander that we found the perpetrator. It's hard for me to send a letter."

"Hm." Zenith swatted his hand when he wanted to take one more apple from him. "You can leave now."

Rye scoffed and then left.

“Do you know him?” Dawn approached Zenith. “I remember I saw him in the west.” She remembered Lyra told her to find Rye and Lucia in the west if something bad happened and she needed a place to hide and run away from the north.

“He is one of our spies in the west,” Zenith replied. He told this top secret to Dawn as if it was nothing. “Keep it a secret, okay?”

“What is he doing here?”

“Looking for you.” Zenith clean the fruits in the river and gave them to her to eat.

“You used a hidden spy to look for me?” Dawn was surprised, she would be shocked if she learned Zenith even used his golden stamp to mobilize ten thousand royal warriors to look for her.

“I need to utilize everything that I have to find you.”

“You don’t need to go that far.”

Zenith stared at her for a while, his voice softened. “I can go further than that, Dawn.” He had proved it. Using a hidden spy was merely a drop of water in the ocean for what he would do for her.

“You don’t need to feel so guilty with me, you have not done anything wrong in this lifetime.”

Zenith nodded, agreed and then he looked at her gloomily. “I know right? But, why are you still mad at me?”

Oh, he was really good with his words!

Dawn felt like she fell into his trick. Now, she couldn’t be angry with him, because it would be against what she said earlier.

This man was really annoying!

Thankfully, Zenith didn’t talk about it anymore, neither he tried to make his point. He simply took care of her.

“I can walk,” Dawn said when they were ready to go.

“Don’t be ridiculous. It’s still a few hours away.”

“You need to get some rest too.”



"I am not pregnant, Dawn."

In the end, Dawn couldn't argue with him and get on his back. Of course, it was better to be carried like this, but she was still worried that he would tire himself out unnecessarily.

However, after walking for an hour and the alpha looked at ease, Dawn fell asleep on his back. She was exhausted, emotionally and physically. She wanted to rest her body and mind.

She had confronted her father and saw the regret in his eyes, but she didn't feel satisfied. She felt hollow. It didn't matter now, because she didn't want to see him again.

With the comfort of her mate's back and the quiet forest, while the birds chirping, Dawn closed her eyes and fell asleep. This must be the most peaceful sleep she had for the last few days.

Zenith glanced at his mate and slowed down his steps, because he didn't want to wake her up. But, above that, he wanted to enjoy his alone time with Dawn.

Back to the Moonlight pack, alpha Tony started to get on Darius's nerves when he learned that alpha Zenith had gone missing, looking for Dawn.

"What happened with the two of them? Did they fight? Why she left the capital city alone?" Alpha Tony kept asking question. It was weird that Dawn return alone, but at that time, he didn't think much about it. "Did alpha Zenith do something bad to my daughter that caused her to run away?"

"This is none of your business." Darius lost his patient, he was ready to leave this pack, since he knew that Zenith was no longer here.

He must have figured out where Dawn had gone, but Darius couldn't follow his line of thought. He couldn't even figure out what he was thinking, despite being his gamma.

"Of course, this is my business! She is my daughter!" alpha Tony raised his voice, he was frustrated.

"As far as I know, my luna is no longer saw you as her father. You didn't even attend the royal ceremony for the two of them." Darius looked so calm, but deadly. "This is only a piece of advice from me, you don't need to worry about my luna, because she is in a good hand now."

Right at that time, a warrior reported to Darius that they managed to find the alpha and the luna in the village near the western area.

"We are leaving now." Darius issued an order. He was relief that Zenith finally found Dawn.

However, little did they know, Blake had been eavesdropping their conversation and he intended to leave as well.

### Chapter 113: SOMETHING HAPPENED IN THE PALACE

The first thing that Zenith did when he got to the village was to rent an inn for both of them and asked someone to look for a healer to check on Dawn's condition.

He couldn't take any risk with his mate. He needed to make sure that his mate was fine, though he could see the little light looked fine. It would perch on Dawn's shoulder.

"She is fine, sir. She is only tired," The old healer informed Zenith, she seemed not to notice Zenith's identity, but it was for good.

Zenith tossed her a golden coin and she left happily. It was way more than her cost for only checking on a perfectly healthy person.

"She is a swindler. How she couldn't say that I am pregnant?" Dawn frowned. She asked about her pregnancy, but the healer said she was not pregnant. "Or, are you joking with me?" She believed Zenith, since it happened before, but just in case he messed around with her.

"Wait for a few more week and the healer will be able to tell that you are pregnant." Zenith fed her with deer meat. It was impressive for him to be able to find this specific meat here.

"How do you know about my pregnancy even before the healer could detect it?" Dawn chewed on her meat and heard his explanation about the little light, about his unstable beast and also about Aurel, and why he needed her.

Zenith told her everything and more. He didn't want any misunderstanding between them, he didn't want to hide anything from her, because that was what destroyed them before.

"You are being a chatter," Dawn chuckled. "Darius used to complain that you didn't even explain the order that you gave him."

"Because it's not important for him to know."

"But, it's important for me to know all of that?"

"Yes."

Dawn understood that. She realized the small misunderstanding between them had built up into something that out of their control. If they wanted to make things work now, they really needed to get rid all of the potential misunderstanding.

“Now, you don’t need Aurel anymore?” Dawn was stuck up in that part. She didn’t want to appear demanding, but the presence of that healer was really annoying.

“No. I don’t.” Zenith put down the empty plate and licked the remaining sauce on the corner of Dawn’s lips, which made her flustered. He became very handsy with her, but she wouldn’t admit it that she liked it.

“Can you send her back to the Holy Kingdom?”

“That’s my plan. My sister will come in a few weeks.” Zenith climbed the bed and sat down behind her, while she rested her back against his chest, she did it very naturally.

“Princess Zaya?” Dawn snuggled against his arms, feeling safe and comfortable. She forgot to be still angry with him. “How is she?” She was rather nervous to meet his little sister. She had lived with one and she didn’t get along, thus she was worried.

“She is more like Zander,” he said, which made Dawn frowned. Because her first impression of the king was when he tried to kill her, which was not a good impression to say the least. “Don’t worry. She is nice, but if you don’t like her, you don’t need to see her.”

“That will make me look bad.” Dawn didn’t agree with him.

“You only need to look good for me.” Zenith kissed her head.

Later that night, both of them slept well. It seemed, all the trouble finally ended and they could start to live happily with their child, but in the morning, they were woken up by the sound of the knocking on the door and Darius’s voice, calling them.

Zenith immediately woke up and rushed toward the door before this noise could wake Dawn up. He growled at his gamma.

“What’s going on?”

“Zander fell sick again,” he said with urgency. “You need to return to the palace now before anyone noticed this.”

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"You need to breastfeed your baby, Emily," Julia said, almost pleading with her daughter. "At least, until we found a wet nurse for him."

Emily gave birth early than they predicted because of what Blake had done, therefore they were not prepared for this. The baby looked so weak too. His body was so small and he kept crying.

"I am in pain, why should I breastfeed him? I am also sick, but no one cared about me!" Emily snapped at Julia she had enough with her nagging.

Her baby was crying pitifully, but it didn't move Emily at all. She breastfed him before because alpha Tony threatened to kick her out, but now the alpha was busy pestering gamma Darius to know Dawn's whereabouts, she wanted to get some sleep.

"But, the baby will die if you didn't breastfeed him!" Surprisingly, Julia loved her grandson. Her heart ached to see the baby was hungry, while the mother refused to feed him. "I didn't raise you like this!"

"Oh, mother, you raised me exactly like you."

A harsh slap landed on Emily's face after she said that. Both of them were surprised and Julia immediately wanted to apologize, but Emily had shoved her to the side and despite the pain, she rushed out of the room.

Her father threatened to banish her from the pack, her mother slapped her and Blake didn't even care whether she was alive or not, as he was chasing after that slut!

Emily hated her life! She was not sure since when her life started crumbling like this.

"Where are you going?" Jason asked when he was about to visit her, but Emily pushed away the beta. She threw him a dagger look.

Frowning, Jason entered the room and found Julia was crying with the baby in her arms.

"What happened? Are you, okay?" Jason immediately approached Julia. He took the baby from her arms and sat her down. "Don't cry, okay. Don't cry."

Meanwhile, the baby kept crying pitifully.

## Chapter 114: SCARY LUNA

Because of the urgency of the situation Zenith had to return to the capital city immediately, but because Dawn couldn't shift and had to take a carriage, there was only two options; delay the emergency at the palace, or Zenith had to leave her behind.

“Zenith, you really need to go now,” Darius persuaded Zenith, because he chose the second option. The gamma really underestimated how much the alpha cared for his mate. “We can’t delay this.”

“Pyro and Lance are there.” Zenith helped Dawn to stand up, they found a comfortable carriage for her and he would ride with her.

“Yes, but it’s not the same.”

“They are Zander’s right hand men, are they not?” Zenith then looked at him sternly. “I thought you are my gamma, why do you care much about the palace affair?”

Darius knew it wouldn’t work if he pleaded with Zenith, thus he changed his tactic, but before that, Zenith had warned him.

“Don’t even think to do that.”

That single sentence managed to clamp him up, but thankfully, he had a considerate luna, who knew what to do to talk sense into this stubborn alpha.

“Why don’t you go ahead? I will take the carriage.”

“No.”

“It will be the same. I promise, I will not run away.”

“No.”

“Zenith, I think the matter in the palace is very urgent.”

“I have another important thing to do here.”

Behind the two of them, Darius cheered for Dawn to win this argumentation, because no amount of reasonable reason could change Zenith’s decision.

“Remember when you promised me that you will kick Aurel out of this continent?”

Dawn’s eyes lit up mischievously, which mesmerized Zenith. He wanted to kiss them.

“Why don’t you do it, while acting as the king? You will not get any implication and it will be more valid.” Dawn suggested, she beamed, as if she had found a great solution.

Well, she was not wrong. It was indeed a great solution, even though Zenith didn’t need to use his brother’s name for kicking Aurel back to the Holy Kingdom, but it was a safer option for him.

On the other hand, Darius was dumbstruck when he heard the suggestion. It was... maliciously brilliant. A woman could be very scary if they joined in for scheming.

"Leave now, so when I reach there, I don't need to see her." Now, Dawn didn't even shy to show how much she disliked Aurel. She didn't do anything and that healer kept picking on her, in that case, she would give her a real reason for not liking her.

Zenith contemplated about this for a while, but Dawn was acting coquettishly to the point Zenith relented.

"I will go back alone," Zenith then turned to look at his gamma, his next words were harsh and laced with warning. "You stay with her. If something happened to my mate and if I found she has a scratch on her body. I am going to ask for your responsibility."

"What?" Darius was dumbstruck. "Zenith, you are too much. Even if you didn't warn me, there is no way I will let something bad happened to her." He clutched his chest dramatically. "I thought I am your gamma... but, how could you threaten me like that?"

Unfortunately for him, Zenith was immune with his antics. The alpha kissed Dawn's lips and told her to be good and avoid trouble, after that, he shifted into his beast and rushed back to the capital city first.

"Seriously, he didn't even trust me." Darius turned to look at Dawn. "He had never treated anyone like he treated you."

"What are you blabbering about? Of course, he treats me nicely, I am his mate. What did you expect?" Dawn wanted to laugh to see Darius's expression.

"Yes, but I thought he is not that type of person, who will treat someone with affection, not even his mate."

"Did he have another mate before me? How did you know that?"

Darius pursed his lips. "Well, you are right. But, still. It's still weird to see this side of him."

"What are you nagging about now? I have helped you to convince him to return alone." Dawn leaned her body and spoke seriously. "This is not for free, you owed me this."

Learning from her first life, Dawn determined to make them owed her, just in case she needed their favor in the future.

"Why did you make this sounded very scary?" Darius remembered how Dawn plotted to kick Aurel out of the continent. Seriously, you couldn't be fooled by her innocent and sweet look, this luna of his was quite vicious. "More so, why can't you shift into your beast? Is not like you are pregnant, right?"

Dawn gave him a side look and smiled, as she climbed into the carriage and settled in. This carriage smelled funny.

“What? Are you?” Darius popped his head from the window, asking for clarification.

“Let’s go. If I am late, do you want to bear Zenith’s anger?” Dawn pushed his face from the window and closed it, so he couldn’t bother her again.

“You have not yet answered my question,” Darius grumbled.

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Blake overheard the conversation between gamma Darius and alpha Tony yesterday, but he couldn’t sneak around to follow them, because the effect of the Rottingbane was still in his system. He couldn’t shift into his beast and his father had been scolding him for not taking care of Emily and their baby.

Blake still refused to see his baby, even though his mother took the baby to their house and wanted him to bond with that bundle of crying mess.

He was agitated. He wanted to stop his father to feed him with Rottingbane. In that case, there was only one way to do it.

It would be a long game, but it would be worth it.

Blake went out of the room and looked for Emily. It was not hard to find her, as she had been spending her time at the lake.

## Chapter 115: BLAKE’S PLAN

“What are you doing here?” Emily gritted her teeth when she looked at Blake, who approached her. She didn’t know what he wanted, but it was already very weird for him to look for her.

At first, Blake didn’t say anything, he simply sat down next to Emily, he lowered his head.

“What is it?” Emily was on alert.

“Do you remember this place?” Blake finally spoke. He lifted his head and looked at Emily, his gaze softened.

Of course, both of them remembered what place was this. This was the place, where Blake slept with Emily for the first time. The place that Dawn liked.

Dawn often came to this place, but because Emily would come here too, Dawn started to visit this lake less and less.

“What do you want to talk about?” Emily asked, she was being very suspicious with this sudden change from Blake.

“I had thought about this and I think I am ready to step up and start a new with you,” Blake said. He took Emily’s hands and kissed her knuckles. “Please, accept me back. I know I have wronged you, but we have a child now, we need to think about our child’s future.”

Emily furrowed her brows. “Why the sudden change?”

“I have thought about it and the moment I saw our baby, I knew how foolish I am.” Blake looked at Emily right into her eyes, while he lied through his teeth. “You are the mother of my child, I should have treated you right.”

Amidst her confusion, Blake suddenly hugged her. His warmth body engulfed Emily’s, as she let him did it, because she didn’t know how to react in this moment.

“Let’s be a family. I will talk to your father and tell him that I am ready to step up to be your true mate.”

Emily didn’t know what to say, this was very sudden and she didn’t expect this to happen.

Meanwhile, Blake needed his sanity, if he kept refusing Emily, he would fall into insanity, in which it would cost him his life. He didn’t want to die without getting what he wanted.

In his current condition, he was not going to achieve anything if he came after Dawn crazily.

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“Hey, tell me, are you really pregnant?” Darius was very curious. He was someone who was into food, not gossip, but in this case, he really wanted to know, because if Dawn was really pregnant, she would carry the alpha’s successor. This would be the alpha’s firstborn.

“It’s so stuffy here. I can’t stretch out my body.” Dawn stretched out her legs, forced Darius to cower to the corner of the carriage. The gamma endured it, because he wanted to know whether or not she was pregnant.



"I am already at the corner of the carriage and your body is not that big that the space in this carriage is not enough for you."

"But I can have more space, if you were outside."

"I am tired running in my beast. I need some rest too."

"Go and sit somewhere else." Dawn scrunched her nose. "This carriage smells funny," she muttered.

"Can't you have mercy on me, my beautiful and kind luna? I really wanted to know, whether you are carrying the alpha's baby or not?" Darius clasped his hands dramatically. "I feel like I am going to die because of this curiosity."

"You are so dramatic."

"You are not the first person, who told me that."

Dawn contemplated this for a while. She didn't tell him because it was a very early pregnancy, even a healer couldn't tell that yet. If it was not for Zenith's ability, they might only realize it a few weeks later.

"Zenith said I am pregnant."

"Really?!" Darius widened his eyes. He looked ecstatic. "And I am the first person that know about this, right?"

Dawn's voice became stern, as she leaned her body over. "Don't tell anyone about this."

"Of course!" Darius beamed, as if he was the one, who got pregnant. "You can trust me, we are like a sibling, right?"

"Unfortunately, I have one and I don't get along with her."

Darius clicked his tongue. "You never have a brother, right? You can think of me as your older brother! After all, the alpha and me are like sibling too."

Dawn chuckled. Darius was someone that could make you laugh with his overconfidence self. It was a relief that they could get along well in this life.

And when Dawn and Darius chatted mindlessly, the carriage suddenly stopped and they heard a vicious growled from outside.

"Monster attack," Darius said through his gritted teeth when he received a mindlink from the other warrior. "Stay here. I will take care of it."

Darius immediately jumped out of the carriage, he barked an order and shifted into his beast. He would be damned if something happened to Dawn and their baby.

[How many?]

[It's a horde of trolls!]

[Nonsense! How could trolls be here? This is not the route those ugly monsters used to take!]

However, there was no time to find an explanation for that, because a moment later, they could feel the ground was shaking. You could imagine how many of them to be able to give such affect.

[Protect the luna! Don't let a single monster get close to the carriage!]

Shit.

Darius snarled, as he charged forward with fifty beasts followed behind him.

They really needed to investigate this, because there was something wrong with the fact there was a horde of trolls here.

Meanwhile, in the palace, Zander was having a hard time to hold back the pain. This was even worse than the last time.

"See?! I told you that she didn't know what she was doing?!" Aurel hollered at Pyro and Lance, as they were at lost of how to help the king. "If she really helped the king, why would he relapse again now?!"

"Shut up, Aurel! You didn't help! You are the healer here, do something and stop nagging!" Pyro snapped at her.

## Chapter 116: ZANDER'S PREDICAMENT

"Why are you angry with me?!" Aurel talked back to the magic user, as she stepped forward and checked on Zander again. From the look of it, the pain became more unbearable now. He had been like this for two hours straight, but the king started to feel the discomfort ever since last night. "You trust her judgment before, you should ask for her now!"

"Stop being ridiculous! The king's life is on the line right now!" Pyro snapped at Aurel, while Lance was trying to deescalate the situation.

"I will call Celline to check on Zander," Lance said.

"There is no need for that, she only knew basic treatment, do you really think she can handle this?" Aurel was being a little bit rude there.

However, Lance chose to hold back his tongue, because he would only worsen the situation if he talked back to her and defend his mate.

"If I have to treat the king, I want you stick to it. I don't want my treatment being interrupted again." Aurel squared her shoulders and looked at Pyro right into his eyes. "Can you do that? No more intervention from anyone."

It was obvious who Aurel's meant with 'anyone'.

Since the king was not here and Zenith had not yet arrived, thus the royal beta was the one, who could make the call.

"I am sure it happened because you messed up the treatment that I gave to him and instead trusted that woman. She is not even a healer to begin with. She only knew some poison and you believed her right away."

Pyro fell silence for a while, before finally he spoke. "Fine. Do whatever it's necessary to save the king."

However, Aurel was being greedy, as she demanded more, knowing they couldn't do anything without her. "There is one more thing that I wanted you to do..."

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Dawn could hear the commotion out there when the warriors fought off a horde of troll. Darius was right, they shouldn't have met with troll when they took this route, there was rarely a monster around this forest.

Dawn sat inside the carriage uncomfortably, because she heard how the fight grew increasingly vicious. Roars and growls filled the air, as she she tried to calm her nerves down. She bit her lip and peeked through the window.

The warriors that Darius brough with him was not a small number, but they were not prepared for a horde of troll and now, it was very obvious that they were outnumbered.

Dawn wanted to help, but if she went out there, with her current condition, she would only be their liability instead of help.

It was not a good feeling to be a burden, especially when she saw those warriors, who were injured in order to protect her.

When Dawn was trying to think of what she could do, the carriage was shaking and she saw a troll managed to get closer to her carriage. Darius in his grey wolf tried to intercept and jumped on the troll's back.

The gamma bit a good chunk of the troll's flesh viciously, which caused the beast to fall, but unfortunately, it fell on the carriage, which trampled it to the other side.

But thankfully, Dawn saw that and acted immediately, she jumped out of the carriage quickly before the troll's body could crush it and she sustained injuries because of it.

Darius, who didn't see that, killed the troll as fast as he could and rushed toward the carriage. He shifted into his human form and started shouting Dawn's name, calling her and trying to lift that heavy metal, thinking she was trapped under.

"Hey, I am fine," Dawn said, she appeared from behind the bushes.

"Oh, you almost give me a heart attack!" Darius wailed. He clutched his chest, he didn't forget with his dramatic trait.

"What are we going to do now?" Dawn looked around, she was not familiar with a fight against a monster, but she knew for sure, they were going to lose this fight if they kept it going.

"Come with me, we need to leave right away," Darius groaned. He didn't want to leave the battle, but his main priority was Dawn.

While the warriors could hold them back, he would use this opportunity to escape with Dawn. They could buy them enough time.

"What about them?" Dawn realized what Darius was going to do.

"They could hold them back." Darius took Dawn's hand. "The smell of those trolls' blood is really disgusting."

"Smell?" Something clicked in Dawn's mind and she swatted Darius's hand. "Call them all to retreat!"

"What do you mean?" Darius couldn't understand because Dawn looked excited. It was enough to have an unpredictable alpha, please, did not let the luna have the same antics too.

"Just trust me and call them all to retreat." Dawn was not a hundred percent sure, but it was worth to try.

Meanwhile, in the palace, Aurel actually put Zander to sleep, so he wouldn't be in pain. On the surface, it looked like she had managed to cease down the king's pain, but

without her knowing it, it was a fatal decision, since it didn't help with the main problem and Zander's condition became even worse without them knowing it.

Dawn had told them not to put the king to sleep after all.

"See? If you just let me do my job, none of it will happen," Aurel said smugly. "It is fine for now," she said to Lance and Pyro.

The king was indeed no longer growling in pain, but they couldn't say for sure.

"What are you going to do now? You can't put Zander into sleep forever," Pyro voiced out his concern.

"I am going to make a concoction," Aurel said, she stood up and went out of the room, she lifted her chin, satisfied with herself.

"Call Celine," Pyro said once Aurel was out of the room. "I want her to check on Zander." The royal beta was being cautious.

#### Chapter 117: THE NUMBNESS IN HER VOICE

Pyro needed to take all the precaution, since it was the king's life that he had to deal with. He needed to take all the precaution.

He didn't fully trust Aurel, but at the same time, he didn't fully trust Dawn either, knowing she didn't have any background to know this kind of stuff.

As far as Pyro knew, Dawn was alpha Tony's daughter, that was all. There was nothing outstanding about her before she met with Zenith and became his mate.

Celine came with Lance not long after, she was a healer, but of course she was not on par with Aurel, but at the very least, she could tell them something, since the king's condition was a top secret and she was the only healer that they could ask for this favor.

"I thought princess Dawn has handled this," Celine said, as she checked on Zander, while the king was sleeping. She knew about what happened before from Lance, but she didn't know the detail.

"Apparently not," Pyro said grimly. "How is he? Is he fine now?"

Celine furrowed her brows. "I don't think so." She bit her lip. "Putting the king to sleep will not solve the problem." She then told them her opinion, which was more or less the same like what Dawn said.

At the very least, if the king was awake, they could say whether the concoction or the method of treatment worked on him or not, he could also tell them how he felt, but with him sleeping like this, Zander wouldn't have the ability to tell them and they were not able to be aware of his actual pain.

"The king's heartbeat is erratic, it's not a good sign," Celine said, but then they startled when they heard a loud voice came from the door.

"What do you know about that? Don't talk nonsense!" Aurel suddenly entered the room. They were too focus on listening to what Celine said, thus they didn't realize Aurel was already in the room and heard everything. "What are you doing here?" Her sharp green eyes fell on Celine.

The other woman looked composed to see Aurel's outburst, it seemed, she had gotten used with it.

"I am here to check on the king," Celine said calmly, she looked at Aurel in the eyes and didn't shy.

"Have I given you the permission?" Aurel narrowed her eyes.

"I am the one, who gave her the permission," Pyro said. "I am still the authority figure here, respect that."

Aurel pressed her lips, annoyed. "Fine."

Didn't want to escalate the situation, Lance took Celine away from the room. Thankfully, his mate didn't insist to stay.

As they walked in the corridor, Celine said what she was thinking. "You didn't say anything again."

"What do you expect me to say?" Lance frowned, he became defensive. This was not their first argument about this kind of topic. "You know Aurel well, talking back to her will only worsen the situation. You need to understand."

Celine stopped walking and then turned around to face the royal gamma. Her expression showed nothing, she looked detached emotionally, as if she was tired to talk about the same thing over and over again.

"I am always understanding," Celine said. "To the point, I don't even know whether this is my understanding or my stupidity."

“Why are you saying that? Are you picking a fight with me?” Lance’s body language told Celine that he was ready for the confrontation, but she didn’t have the energy for that. She didn’t want to give him the satisfaction too.

“It will be nice if you directed this energy toward her and not me all the time.”

After saying that, Celine walked away, she didn’t lower her head and walk gracefully, nodded to the servants and the warriors, who greeted her.

She was no longer upset and this made Lance felt uncomfortable.

When Celine argued with him, Lance felt annoyed because she didn’t want to drop the matter, but when she didn’t engage, he felt bad because he felt she distanced herself.

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“How do you know that?” Darius was surprised to watch how Dawn’s plan actually worked and it saved them all.

“I told you there was a funny smell inside the carriage before.”

“When?” Darius frowned. He was too focus on digging the information from Dawn about whether or not she was pregnant, therefore, he didn’t pay attention to anything else.

Dawn scowled.

“How do you know about this?”

“The healer in my pack told me about it,” Dawn said.

It was only recently known that there was a certain smell that attracted a specific monster and the scent that Dawn smelled in the carriage was one that attracted trolls.

Lyra taught some of the scents and she remembered the funny smell only now.

“Someone orchestrated this.” Dawn couldn’t find another way to explain it. There was no way the scent suddenly inside the carriage and a horde of troll was close enough with them to catch the scent.

“Exactly what I am thinking,” Darius replied, his eyes darkened.

“I think the king is still unable to get rid of all the traitors within his people,” Dawn voiced out what Darius was thinking.

“Yes, I think so.”

Meanwhile, before their eyes, the horde of trolls destroyed the carriage that Dawn used earlier, they gathered there, didn't even care about the beasts that surrounded them, watching their strange behavior.

And inside the palace, the situation was not very good. The king's absence raised suspicion and concern from the elders and the councils. They were questioning about the king's whereabouts, because it had been three days since they saw him.

Elder Renos demanded the king's presence on the fourth day of the king's absence, in the morning meeting that was held by the royal beta, in stead of the king.

"What the meaning of this beta Pyro? Did something happen to the king?" Elder Renos was being so loud. "The next important trial must be attended by the king!"

#### Chapter 118: ADMIRATION FOR THEIR LUNA

The next trial would be held early in the morning. There were four important people from the council, who were accused of staging a coup during the royal ceremony for Zenith.

Therefore, the king was needed to attend, since he would give the final verdict after hearing all the evidence, but if the king was absent, the trial would be postponed. Even so, they still needed a clear explanation about what happened with the king, because it had been a while, since the last time he appeared in public.

Pyro couldn't cover for such important event.

However, they couldn't leak the king's current condition, because it would cause another uproar to know the sovereign fell sick. It was so rare for a shifter to fall sick and if they knew how Zander was currently unconscious, it would shake the entire kingdom. It would give a leg for their opponent to cause more trouble again.

"The king will attend tomorrow trial. You don't need to worry about that," Pyro said sternly and when someone tried to make a demand to see the king again, the royal beta shot him down. He didn't dare to pursue the matter further.

The morning meeting was done and all of them were in a gloomy mood, couldn't wait for tomorrow trial.

A warrior approached Pyro when he walked back to the king's bedroom. He had put a strong protection around Zander's bedroom, so no one could see him, neither they would be able to sneak into the bedroom without his permission.

"Prince Zenith is on the move, but I doubt he will be able to reach the capital city by tomorrow."



Pyro clicked his tongue. He should have asked Zenith to stay in a familiar place and create a portal to fetch him, in that way, it wouldn't take much time for him to get here, because right now, he didn't know where exactly he was.

"Keep me update with the elders' movement."

"Yes, royal beta Pyro."

The warrior then left.

They thought this plan was flawless, but apparently those traitors still found a way to survive after that night when Zander chose to make a move on them.

And because Zenith's intention was already well known, he couldn't play both side anymore.

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"It will take half a day to get a new carriage," a warrior reported to Darius about their current situation. Because the previous carriage was destroyed, they needed to get one from the nearby village. "It will be faster if the luna shifted into a beast and all of us went to the village together."

"No, she can't do that," Darius said. He didn't explain further, because it was not his place to spread this news without Dawn and Zenith's permission. "You go and comeback right away."

The warrior glanced at Dawn, but then he left.

"He must think of me as a spoiled brat," Dawn sighed. She then glanced at the horse that they managed to save before the trolls ate it.

Previously, there were three horses that pulled the carriage, but they could only save one.

"Wait." Dawn stood up. "I can ride that." It would be very improper for her to ride one of the beasts, but a horse wouldn't be a problem, right? Most men would ride it, even a shifter, if they had to go on a long journey.

"You can ride a horse?" Darius raised his brows. He didn't know that Dawn could ride a horse.

"Hm. I can." Actually, she didn't.

However, in her first life, she remembered she learned how to ride one when she was in the west. It was Lucia, who taught her how and later on, she was quite skillful.

Dawn approached the horse. It felt weird when she tried to remember her lesson with Lucia. Yet, when she was on top of the horse, she felt the familiarity.

“Are you sure?” Darius looked worried, because falling from a horse could cause a miscarriage and he would need to move to different continent if something happened to their baby in order to get away from Zenith’s wraths.

“Of course,” Dawn said confidently and then galloped.

All of the warriors there were surprised too, because they didn’t expect their luna to be able to ride a horse. Not many women, who could ride a horse, or even wanted to learn it, because it took physical strength and most of the time you could get hurt.

“What are you doing? Let’s go!” Darius snapped at all the warriors, who stared at Dawn on the horseback, instead of following her, because they were astounded by their luna.

Darius then shifted into his beast first, followed by the other warriors, as they tried to catch up with their luna. They wouldn’t believe if she just learned it, since she looked like an expert when she handled the horse.

With this, they could reach the capital city faster than they had planned.

Their luna actually saved them from the trolls and now she could ride a horse, what else that she could do?

Back in the capital city in the next day, where the trial for four traitors would be held, all of them were waiting for the king to arrive.

On the high platform, where the king’s three advisors and two elders sat, the front seat of the king was empty.

Elder Renos looked around and then demanded Pyro’s explanation about this. “Where is the king?!”

Elder Max stood up as well, demanding the same question. He slammed his hand against the table and looked livid. “This is inappropriate for the king to let us wait for him!”

The other councils and the three advisors started to voice out their dissatisfaction for the king’s tardiness.

"In this case, the king is very irresponsible and no longer could be tolerated. Probably, it's right for him to step down from the throne if he didn't care about this kingdom!" Elder Max said loudly.

"You can join the traitor for what you said, Max."

## Chapter 119: THE AFFAIR

The king entered the room with his royal gamma, followed by the king's personal warriors. He was wearing his golden mask like usual.

The second the king walked in, all of the complaint died down, they looked surprised and lowered their head, but the king had none of it.

"Bring the traitors!" The king said, his voice boomed inside the room and four guards immediately dragged the four traitors that would be in trial today.

However, as the king walked toward the platform, he nodded toward Elder Max. "I said elder Max can join the traitor for what he said earlier."

"No way! You can't do that?!" Elder Max was furious, but you could see fear in his eyes when he spoke. He looked at the king's personal warriors, who came closer toward him, ready to get him.

"Talking about the king to step down from the throne carelessly in front of public is a treason!" Royal gamma Lance roared, as he personally escorted Elder Max out from his seat from the platform, while the man was wailing and trying to fight him.

However, he was so old to put up a fight with the gamma.

"We can continue with the trial." The king sat down on his seat. He looked regal and aloof, as he listened to all the evidences that was pointed toward the four people, who got involved to stage a coup.

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Emily didn't believe this. She didn't know what to feel when she saw Blake really put an effort to bond with his son, he came to visit her ever so often and this pleased alpha Tony and Julia.

Beta Jason and Ava were relief to finally see an improvement from their son, seeing how he started to move on from Dawn and took a responsibility as a new father.

"What should we name our son?" Emily asked Blake. She was happy enough to finally get a mate that she deserved.

“Matt.” Blake suggested the name without a second thought.

“I don’t like the name.” Emily scowled at the name. “I want to name him Arren.”

“Okay,” Blake agreed readily.

Emily was a little bit disappointed because Blake didn’t give another suggestion, but she didn’t think too much about it.

He held the baby for a while and put him in his crib again, as he turned to face Emily and start kissing her roughly. He was a little bit rough with her, but then this was the first time they did it after a long time and a lot of tension between them, thus Emily endured it.

Blake took her to the bed, he didn’t even bother to make Emily comfortable first, as he lifted her dress and pulled down his pants. It was so hard when he entered her.

“Slow down, Blake...” Emily breathed heavily, as she tried to ease herself, as he thrust her, but Blake didn’t listen to her. He bent her body and thrust her from behind, he bit her shoulder and drew some blood, which made Emily wailed, but Blake shoved her face against the pillow and muffled her protest.

In this position, it was hard to see Blake’s expression when he enjoyed himself, disregarding the pain that he inflicted on the mother of his child.

And once he was done, Emily was crying, she curled herself on the bed and whimpered. It felt so painful.

In a split second, the aloofness on Blake’s face switched into a concerning look, as he scooped Emily’s body and hugged her tightly, despite her protest and how she tried to push him away.

“I am sorry, I am sorry... did I too rough with you? I am sorry, I didn’t mean it. I didn’t mean to hurt you.” Blake peppered kisses on her face. “I am sorry. I lost my control because it had been so long, since the last time I have you. I am sorry.”

His voice was soft and the way he treated her was very different from the intimate moment a few minutes ago.

“I lost control over myself. I sorry I hurt you.” Blake held Emily for a long time, as she cried.

But, after a lot of apologies, Emily stopped crying and composed herself, she told Blake that she wanted to be left alone.

Blake agreed, but the next day, he would send her flowers a few little gifts for her. He looked remorseful, even though he kept his words not to approach her for the meantime.

In the end, Emily couldn't keep avoiding him, since there was a ceremony coming up. Blake needed to mark her in order for him to get away from his sentence.

Alpha Tony didn't involve much in the preparation and he had distanced himself from Julia and Emily after the last time Dawn visited them.

"It will be nice if you announced that Blake will be the next in line for the alpha of the pack," Julia said one night to Tony, as she came to Dawn's bedroom. Tony would sleep here. She forgot when the last time they slept together.

"I will think about that," Tony said. He didn't want to argue and kind of telling Julia to leave him alone.

Julia left him, but on her way back to her bedroom, she encountered Jason.

"Can we talk for a while?" the beta asked.

"Sure." Julia agreed with it.

There was nothing weird about it, but the moment there was no one around them, the beta pushed her toward the empty bedroom.

"What did he say?" Jason asked, he pinned Julia against the wall with his body. This closeness was very inappropriate, but both of them didn't seem to be uncomfortable, as if they had done it countless time.

"He will think about it." Julia caressed his face. "I can't press him. He has been very distraught ever since he met with Dawn."

"I know." Jason leaned over and captured her lips. "Try to please him next time, that's how you got him, right?"

## Chapter 120: DENIED HER ENTRANCE

The result of the trial was a chaos. The four people would be sent to the gallows, along with the people who followed their orders, which reached a high number of two hundred people.

But, that was not all, because there would be the second trial for different group of people. Zander's plan was to lure them all out and they bit the bait, they staged a coup.

Their number was massive, because they were going all out that night, since Zander opened the opportunity for them.

However, what caused the uproar was not because of the trials, but the fact that the king had disbanded the council of elders and the advisors.

Two elders and three advisors were formed around ten years ago when they faced a crisis, when the future queen, Zander's mate turned into a traitor.

"Don't you think it's too fast?" Pyro asked Zenith on their way back to the king's bedroom. "Zander wanted to see the progress and gather more evidence."

"There is no need to wait. They will attack us eventually." In that case, it would be better if they attacked them first, giving no room for retaliation.

Both brothers had different method.

"He is the king, one evidence is enough to send them to the gallows."

"Yes, but public will not see it that way."

"Why? He wants to keep the image of that silly and kind king?"

Pyro was speechless. Both of them entered the room and found Aurel was inside, she checked on Zander and Lance was already there.

The beta gave a look to Lance, but the gamma ignored it.

"How's the trial?" Aurel asked, she stood up and approached Zenith and Pyro.

"How is he?" Zenith asked, didn't bother to answer her question.

If Lance had been here and Aurel really wanted to know about how the trial ended, she could ask him, since the gamma was present in the court room.

"He is fine," Aurel said in small voice, but all of them could smell her hesitation. "I only need some time."

"Are you sure about that?" Pyro stepped forward and checked on Zander, but unfortunately, he knew nothing, but a very basic checking up. He couldn't tell whether or not Zander's health had improved. "Call Celine here."

"No!" Aurel immediately rejected the idea. "You promised me that you will let me cure the king! I don't want any involvement from anyone! You could see it, right? Because you messed up with my treatment, Zander relapsed again."

"Call Celine here," Zenith said.

"But you promised..."

Zenith's sharp glare was enough to shut her up. "I don't promise you anything."

Aurel cowered under Zenith's eyes, she felt his hatred. If before Zenith would be aloof with her, right now, he actively hated her. Aurel was confused, what she had done so wrong to deserve his wrath...

Lance returned with Celine not long after and the healer immediately checked on Zander. What she said was the same like before and this angered Aurel.

"If you thought that you are smarter than me, you can treat the king." Aurel gritted her teeth and looked at Celine with hostility.

"I only said my opinion. I didn't mean to contra your method," Celine replied calmly. The way she carried herself was so different from how Aurel acted.

There was a deafening silence that fell inside the room before Pyro made a decision.

"Continue with the treatment."

Aurel smiled smugly, in which Celine didn't understand what was that for, since they were not in a competition of short. She excused herself if they didn't need her anymore and left the room.

Zenith approached the bed and he could tell that Zander didn't do well, but he didn't make any suggestion to let Dawn check on him again and this pleased Aurel, thinking Zenith was no longer trust that woman.

Meanwhile, when Celine went out of the room, Lance followed her, he walked beside her without saying anything, because it bothered him to see how calm Celine was.

He knew that Celine was always like this, but he could feel how she pulled away from him. Their mate bond was not as strong.

Sometime, he couldn't even hear what she said through mindlink.

"Just say it. You have put some effort to follow me, you can say what you are thinking." Celine didn't even look at Lance.

"Why are you pulling away from me?" Lance asked, their relationship was not good recently.

"I don't know, maybe because my mate always chose to fight with me, instead of fight for me."

That hit Lance. "It's not that I will not fight for you, but you know how Aurel is."

Celine stopped walking and sighed deeply. "I don't know her, Lance. I don't know her." Celine looked at him for the first time and he could see the hurt in her eyes. "But, it seems, you know her more than your own mate."

"That's nonsense." Lance narrowed his eyes. "You are not like this before."

"Yes, because I am done to be very understanding."

"She is nothing to me."

"But, the way you acted, said otherwise."

Celine wanted to say the words, but she held herself back and didn't want to do it out of impulsiveness, thus she chose to walk away, because if Lance didn't see the error in this fight, then there was nothing she could say would be enough for him.

The next day, Dawn arrived early in the capital city than they expected, but when they were about to enter the palace, they were stopped.

"What do you mean we are not allowed to enter? Don't you know who she is?" Darius shifted into his human form, he confronted the guards.

"This is an order from the royal beta Pyro."

"What?" Darius furrowed his brows, livid. "Why the hell he forbade the princess to enter the palace ground? We will enter in one way or another, so you better call Pyro here to give us an explanation."