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 worked 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.

Chapter 112

He took 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."

"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.

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.

"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 mind link 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 loss 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.