

## Chapter 141

### The Cheaters

"The decision is final," Dawn said. That was all she could say, but she didn't have any ill feeling toward them, thus she gave them two golden bracelets for their short service.

They didn't want to accept this at first, thinking this was a test, but after Dawn insisted and told them this would be the last time they received something from her, because she wouldn't serve her in the future, they finally accepted it.

They looked very sad; they left the room with their heads down.

"Now, I need to look for my own servants..." Dawn felt tired, she touched her stomach and smiled. "Let's do better this time, okay baby?"

And to do that, she needed to socialize with the other pack member, so she could see them closely and feel them.

However, the thought of having to socialize with a lot of people tired her out. She didn't even socialize much with her pack member back in her former pack.

"I will sleep first and do it later." She crawled on the bed and pulled the blanket, as she fell asleep and that same nightmare haunted her again.

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Emily stopped breastfeeding Arren, because the baby had grown up and he had three teeth now, thus when she breastfed him, it was rather hurt and she didn't want to do it again.

No matter what Ava and Julia told her, she refused to do it.

"Stop telling me what should I do," Emily said, annoyed because her mother kept telling her to pay attention to her baby. "Mind your own business."

"I am looking out for you, why are you being very rude with your mother?"

"Is sleeping with beta Jason is part of you 'looking out' for me?"

"Emily!" Julia looked around her, she was afraid there was someone hearing this conversation. They were currently inside the nursery room, but anyone could step in and overheard them.

Emily looked at her mother in disgust. She hated alpha Tony to make her think that she was the other child, even now, he still treated her as if she was his step daughter when in fact, she was his biological daughter.

But she hated her mother so much more for her infidelity, since she couldn't keep her legs close.

Emily said those hurtful word to her mother, she didn't hold herself back even when Julia was crying and told her to stop. She didn't want anyone to hear this. The fear was real, as a few days ago, Tony almost caught her.

However, Emily didn't want to stop. She vented out her frustration and anger to her mother to the point Julia couldn't take it anymore.

Julia stopped crying and lifted her head to see her own daughter with malice. This was the first time, she gave this look to Emily, which startled her.

"Do you think you are better than me?" Julia asked viciously, she wiped her tears. "I did it, so we can live in a comfortable life, but what about you? You slept with your sister's mate to despise her. Shouldn't you be the one, who has to close your legs?"

Emily's face turned very red, she couldn't help it and slapped her mother. She didn't realize it until it happened and both of them stunned in silence.

For a moment, they didn't know how to react to this, but then Julia calmly put down Arren to his crib and walked away without saying anything.

She was very distraught and the only person she could think of was; Jason. She wanted to see him. He was the only one, who could support her right now, because Tony had been very distant.

Therefore, without a second thought, she went straight to his house and thankfully, he was alone. Julia knew he would be alone around this time, because Blake would be in the training ground and Ava would be away with some of her friends. She knew their schedule.

"What happened?" Jason asked when he saw Julia entered his study room and immediately rushed into his arms. "Why are you crying?"

His first instinct was to console her. He listened to her grievances like usual, until she calmed down and could stop crying.

"It's okay. She will not tell anyone about this," Jason said, he kissed her cheek, her nose and hugged her from behind, he placed Julia on his lap, so she could cradle him. "She will gain nothing if people knew about our

affair. You know how Emily is, right? She will hate to have her image ruined."

That did make sense, but Julia was still worried.

"You don't need to worry." Jason unbuttoned her dress and placed his hand on her waists, as she grinded her lower body against his, she did it out of instinct. "So, what about your conversation with Tony, did he agree to take Blake as the future alpha?"

"He had not yet said anything." Julia gasped when she could feel how hard he was.

However, Jason was not happy about this, he looked annoyed. Roughly, he lifted Julia's body and made her bent on the table, as he lifted her dress.

"J- Jason?" Julia gasped when she felt how bare her ass was. Jason didn't even wait for her to adjust when he thrust her from behind.

"You should do better, don't you think?" Jason said, as he thrust harder, it was akin to a punishment for her. He wanted this to be hurt.

"Y- yes... Yes, I will do better..." Julia said breathlessly, as she clenched her fists. It was so painful. The table was not comfortable and she didn't like this position at all.

Nonetheless, Jason didn't stop, she could feel how he almost got his pleasure when she was not even close to it.

However, mid thrust, someone opened the door and both of them hurriedly got away from each other.

But obviously it was too late for anything to be solved, while Ava stood at the door.

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### Black Magic

All hell broke loose the moment Ava got her hand on Julia, she dragged her out of the study room and shredded her dress into pieces, until she was only in her undergarment and when Julia was about to shift, she shoved a Rottingbane leaf into her mouth.

She knew where Jason kept them, because recently he had been giving them to their son religiously, in order to prevent him from shifting into his beast.

And now, Julia couldn't shift into her beast to save herself, neither she could fight against Ava's wrath.

Meanwhile, Jason tried to calm his mate down, but there was no word that he could say to appease her anger. He put on his pants again and tried to make Ava stopped.

However, it was already too late, Ava had dragged Julia out of their house by pulling her hair, her dress had torn and it showed her skin, she was almost naked.

"You can't do this! You humiliate the luna of the pack!" Jason tried to reason with Ava, but he was also taken aback with his mate's strong reaction, Ava was always gentle and calm, therefore to see her outburst was something he didn't expect.

"Humiliate the luna of the pack?! She humiliated herself!" Ava was still holding Julia's hair. It was a good thing that she didn't shift into her own beast and kill her right there and then, because that was what she wanted to do. "She didn't mind to be naked in front of you, so I guess, she didn't mind to be naked in front of everyone, right?!"

Ava's intention was very clear. She was going to strip Julia naked in front of all the people.

"Jason! Jason!" Julia cried so hard, begging for Jason to help her, but it was too late, her cries and Ava's screams had gathered people attention and now they were staring at them, wanting to see what was actually going on.

After all, Jason was the alpha of the pack.

Weighing the gravity of the situation, Jason did something that Julia didn't expect at all.



"He seduced me, she has seduced me!" Jason pointed his finger at Julia, who stared at him in disbelief, as all the accusation came out from his mouth.

Now Ava could see where their son got it from...

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After a few days of the incident, Zaya finally came into Aurel's room to visit the healer. She had been staying inside and refused to eat anything. She didn't want to be bothered and was not willing to talk to anyone, aside from Lance.

Therefore, Lance felt this was his responsibility to look after her, to make sure she ate properly and changed the bandage on her hand.

"Zaya?" Aurel lifted her head when she realized it was Zaya, who entered her room. She had been waiting for her. Tears welled her eyes. "Why you just came to see me now?"

Zaya pulled a chair to sit next to the bed and look at her hand, it was still bandaged, the healer had checked on her, but there was nothing they could do to save her hand. She would lose it forever.

"Zaya, I am so scared... I am so scared... why did your brother do this to me? What have I done wrong?" Aurel cried, she hugged Zaya tightly, as she poured down all of her grievances.

Zaya didn't say anything and only held her. She patted her back, but her expression didn't change in the slightest, she looked indifferent.

She waited until she stopped crying.

"Zaya?" Aurel lifted her head, finally she noticed the lack of response from her. "Why didn't you say anything?"

"You have been actively using black magic, didn't you?"

This question came out of nowhere and Aurel was taken aback when she heard that. "What are you trying to say? What black magic? I am a healer..."

Zaya freed herself from her and now Aurel could see that she had been using her magic on her to check her out.

It was not easy to check someone whether they used black magic or not, but every magic left traces, therefore upon closer inspection when Aurel hugged her for long time, it was enough time for Zaya to check the truth.

"The treatment that you did to Zander and Zenith, you put some curse on them." Zaya stood up. She straightened her back and looked down on her.

Because of what happened, the Holy Kingdom asked for Zander to punish Zenith because he had harmed one of their people.

The pressure was great, the Holy Kingdom's representative threatened Zander that they wouldn't let go of this matter until justice was served and Zenith got his hand cut off as well.

Of course, Zander wouldn't do that, he kicked them off from the court and banned all the ships that came from Andel Continent to dock in their harbor.

The relation between two continents were already very shaky to begin with, therefore Zaya was there as a 'guest', while Aurel was here with the same role as her.

Based on that, it was a big deal when Aurel was harmed in the palace ground, even more by the royal family.

In that case, Zaya put all of her bet to confront Aurel, as she believed with Zenith's suspicion about her.

"What are you talking about? I am just a healer, Zaya? What kind of accusation you are trying to pin on me?"

"Come with me to prove your innocent." Currently, there was a heated argument in the throne room between Zander and five representatives from the Holy Kingdom. They were enraged by Zander's decision to ban their people from coming here.

"Wh- what? What should I do to prove my innocent? I am sick, can't you see?" Aurel started crying, but Zaya didn't have time for that.

Zaya called Pyro, who had been waiting outside of the door to create a portal to bring them straight to the throne room.

However, Aurel retaliated...

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### Black Magic 2

"What do you mean I am a black magic user?!" Aurel cried she tried to fight Pyro, but the royal beta was stronger than her, it was no brainer that he could drag her through the portal without any problem.

Meanwhile, at the other end, inside the throne room, where the heated argument ensued, a portal appeared and three people walked out from there.

"What the meaning of this?!" Elder Isaac grunted when he saw Zaya, Aurel and Pyro. He immediately rushed toward Aurel and get her away from Pyro.

The beta let her go and let them to have her, as he and Zaya walked toward the platform and stood next to the king.

Elder Isaac came with the other four elders, they tended to Aurel, while she cried her heart out loud for the injustice that she felt.

"Since she is already here, why don't you check on her, whether she has been using black magic or not?" Zander suggested. His expression was hidden under his golden mask.

Zaya and Pyro stood on his right side, while Lance stood at the other side. The royal gamma looked conflicted when he saw this. He knew this was not the right timing for him to speak, but his expression couldn't lie that he disliked Zander's decision in this matter.

And that didn't go unnoticed by Zander. As much as this was a revelation for Aurel's true intention, this was also a moment for Zander to see where his royal gamma stood. He didn't need someone, who would be against him because of their own personal interest.

Lance balled his fists, for now, he kept quiet.

"This is an insult for Andel Kingdom!" Elder Isaac roared angrily, he glared at the king sternly, while the other elders tried to comfort Aurel.

"Rather than barking at the wrong tree, why don't we see the truth now?"

The five representatives from the Holy Kingdom were insulted by what Zander said, though he said them lightly.

"Princess Zaya, this is how you will treat us in your homeland? We treat you with respect when you were in our land!"

"I am grateful for that, but this matter has nothing to do with respect. Don't you want to know whether she has been practicing black magic or not? Are we going to have this argumentation a whole day instead of revealing the truth?" Zaya straightened her back, she looked at the elder right into his eyes.

All of them gritted their teeth, but in the end, they agreed to check on Aurel, whether or not she was using black magic.

They were not as strong as Zaya, thus it needed the five of them to check on Aurel, whether or not she used black magic.

A rune was created in the middle of the throne room with Aurel was standing at the center of it and the five elders circled her.

Aurel looked scared, she clutched her chest and looked around like a missing child, she looked at Lance, pleaded with her eyes, begging him to save her.

"My king..." Lance said, he didn't know what to say next, especially when Zander put all of his attention on him.

"Speak," Zander said, while the five elders began their ritual.

"Should we go this far?"

"If this is up to me, I will go further than this."

Lance shut his mouth and said nothing. He stopped himself right in time before he put himself more in trouble.

However, the king was not happy with this.

Half an hour later, they could see the rune turned black and Aurel screamed as she lost control over her body, she told them to stop, because it hurt her.

This was a sign of someone just using black magic, the trace of magic.

But suddenly there was this explosion that came from Aurel's body, Pyro and Zaya moved very fast, while the latter created a protection around her, Zander and Lance, Pyro tried to contend the backlash that came from Aurel.

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"Mother, are you, okay?" Blake approached his mother; he sat next to her.

Ava had been crying for hours, but now she shed so much tears already, she couldn't cry anymore.

The aftermath of the affair between Jason and Julia was brutal. Ava stripped Julia naked in front of so many people. Even when the alpha came to calm the situation down, she didn't stop to insult Julia.

Ava didn't know what alpha Tony would do to that woman, but obviously, Jason wouldn't leave this mess unscathed.

The beta accepted her anger, he didn't retaliate when Ava slapped him so hard and kicked him out of their house.

Ava humiliated the two of them in front of all the pack members. She chose this path because she wanted them to feel the humiliation for their act.

It was them, who had done something wrong, but why would she be the one, who had to endure it too?

"Thank you for telling me, Blake," Ava said.

She knew what Jason had done was the same like what Blake had done to Dawn, but she was too tired to be angry with her son. She was disappointed on Blake, but she loved her son so much to chase him out of her life.

More so, the situation between her and Dawn was different.

"I am sorry I have to tell you about what father did, mother," Blake said.

It was him, who had told Ava that Jason and Julia were together in their house and she had to return immediately. That was how she caught the two of them in the act.

"Don't worry, mother. I will take care of you." Blake hugged his mother, but when Ava didn't see it, there was a small smile on the corner of his lips.

This was only a little payback for what his father had done to him.

Jason wanted Blake to be the alpha of the pack? Sure, he would do that... by using him as his stepping stone.

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### A Disgusting Possibility

The news about what happened in the palace finally reached Zenith, he learned that Aurel was proven to use black magic and now she was under tight security and Zander was dealing with this matter with the representatives from Holy Kingdom.

Aurel was still alive, though she was not in a good condition.

Zenith folded the letter and then burned it. He wouldn't get himself involved in this matter, as he had more important thing to take care of.

Dawn wanted to eat something sour, but she didn't know what she wanted to eat specifically.

"I gave up. I don't know what she wanted to eat. I have given everything that we have in the kitchen, every sour food, but she didn't seem interested." Darius threw his arms in the air. "She looks for you now, maybe she changed her mind and wanted to eat you."

Zenith smiled with that statement and the gamma shuddered.

"Why do you have that creepy smile on your face?"

Zenith didn't answer that and simply walked away from him. If his mate wanted to see him, what else he should do but to oblige?

"What do you want to eat?" Zenith asked when he found her inside their bedroom with Celine, the healer immediately left when she saw the alpha came.

"I don't know what I wanted to eat. Everything tasted not right in my mouth." Dawn complained, she tried to remembered whether she felt this way when she was pregnant with Rex before.

"Do you want me to cook something for you?" Zenith caressed her hair. She gained a little bit weight and he could tell.

"Yes, please..." Dawn grinned, she acted docile when Zenith told her to wait there.

The alpha returned not long after with a soup. He said it was a sour soup, since she wanted something sour.

Dawn had never heard anything like sour soup before, but when she tasted it, she liked it.

"Is it to your liking?" Zenith asked when he watched her beamed. Finally, she could eat.

"Yes, this is so great!" Dawn hummed. "You should cook for me, it seems our baby has a peculiar taste," she said jokingly.

"Sure, I will do that." But the alpha took it seriously. "I will take care of you and the baby."

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"Please, forgive me... please forgive me," Julia knelt down in front of Tony, she hugged his legs, crying so hard because the alpha wanted to banish her from the pack. This was the only punishment that he could think of, because the other punishment would require for Julia to be locked inside the dungeon forever. "Please, I am sorry. I am sorry..."

Emily watched her mother was being so pathetic. She was angry with her, but at the same time, she was her mother. She relied on her so much.

"How long you have been with him?" Tony asked grimly, he remembered what Dawn had warned him. He remembered what she said and now, the reality hit him and the guilt racked his body.

He betrayed his beautiful mate and abandoned his daughter for this kind of woman? How could he be so blind? He did not only lose his mate, but he lost his daughter and now, this woman stabbed him on the back.

For what he lost his little family for?

For a cheater like Julia?

Even the stupidest person would tell him that it was not worth it.

This woman didn't have any worth and he lost everything for her.

"Tell me, how long you have been with him?" Tony grabbed her face and screamed at her. "ANSWER ME! Don't you dare to lie to me. I will know and you will spend the rest of your life inside the dungeon!"

Julia was so scared, she was hyperventilating and cried so hard, she didn't even dare to look at Emily, who was standing at the side.

"What is it? You have been with him from the beginning?"

Julia was the prettiest woman in this pack in her young age, Tony knew that his beta had his eyes on her, but it was him that got to be together with Julia in the end.

However...

"You have been with her from the beginning?" He repeated the question. Not only a year or two, but for more than twenty years!?

Julia didn't answer that, she only cried harder and that was enough answer for the alpha.

And the next question made Emily felt sick to her stomach.

"Is she even my child?!" Alpha Tony pointed his finger at Emily. "Is she, my daughter?!"

Julia could only answer with 'I don't know'. She repeated the same answer over and over again.

Hearing that, Emily rushed out of the room. She emptied her stomach in the bathroom and felt very sick.

If she was not alpha Tony's daughter and actually beta Jason's, it meant... she and Blake were sibling? The thought sickened her. This was very disgusting. This was so wrong and disgusting.

"No... I am alpha Tony's child... I am his child..."

Emily regretted it to tell Blake about the affair between her mother and father. She should just shut her mouth and this would never happen. She wouldn't learn this sickening possibility.

"No. I am alpha Tony's daughter."

She repeated the same thing over and over again, until she believed that.

Later, the ceremony between her and Blake was canceled, but because of Blake's situation, he still needed to mark Emily.

The night when he marked her was gruesome, the pain was unbearable and Blake didn't seem to care with her pain. He was simply there to fulfill what was demanded of him.

Meanwhile, Dawn was having the best moment in her life.



The news about what happened in the Moonlight pack reached her after two months and when she read them, she didn't look sad.

She was enjoying the moment when she felt the first kick of her baby and let Zenith knew about it excitedly.

"Zenith! Come here!"

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### Life is Good

Dawn was around fifteen weeks pregnant by the time she felt the first kick from her baby. She couldn't hide her excitement at all, as she rushed toward Zenith in his study room and greeted Darius and Axel, who were there.

"Zenith! Come here! Feel this!"

Despite Dawn was the one, who asked Zenith to come to her and feel their baby, it was actually her, who walked toward the alpha, because she didn't want to wait.

Excitedly, Dawn put Zenith's palm over her little bump, but she pursed her lips when her baby didn't move again.

"What is it? The baby moved for the first time?" Axel asked, he came closer toward Dawn and looked at her with curiosity. "The baby really moved?"

"Yes, a moment ago I can feel it," Dawn muttered. She tried to poked her belly gently to make her baby moved again.

"Why? The baby didn't move?" Axel asked again, while Darius came closer too curious.

"I think the baby is sleeping." Dawn tilted her head, she poked a few more times, but still there was no movement.

Meanwhile, Zenith smiled when he saw the little light rested on Dawn's right shoulder. "I think he is sleeping," he said.

"Right?"

"If the baby moved again, can I touch it?" Axel blurted out the question and Darius slapped his back. "What? I am only curious."

"Seriously, read the room." Darius glowered at him.

But later on, when Zenith was not there and there were only him and Dawn, he came to her and request the same thing, which made Dawn laughed at him.

Darius was being sneaky.

Since Dawn returned to the pack house and she freed Kynes and Pyllo from being her personal maid, it would be Celine, who would help her with everything, since there was nothing much that she could do here as a healer, except to help the alpha with the treatment to calm his beast down every once in a month.

Dawn also watched for the first time how the treatment went and tried to figure out why there were two poisonous plants in the ingredients of the concoction that Zenith had to drink after the treatment.

She still couldn't understand why Zenith's beast would go out of control.

But, overall, life was good for her.

Dawn found a young girl, around the age of sixteen to be her personal maid. She was a shy girl, but a hard working one.

"Are you sure to take her as your personal maid?" Zenith asked one night when she suggested the name.

"Yes."

"I will ask for Axel to do a background check on her."

That girl's name was Yara. She was a girl, who lived in a rickety house with her old parent. Dawn met with her for the first time when she walked around the pack and she was offering her a bouquet of flower.

She didn't ask for money, but a loaf of bread. Winter was rather harsh in the north and Yara's family could be counted as one of the poor families in this pack.

There were not many poor families here, since the alpha was very much involved, but still, there would be some people, who needed more.

"Thank you, luna. You are so kind, I will serve you well. I will give my life to you," the young girl said when Dawn met with her again for the fifth times to buy her flowers after Zenith gave her a 'go ahead', since Axel didn't find anything suspicious about her.

Not only Yara, but her old parents were moving to the pack house as well, which she was very grateful for, since this place was warmer than their rickety house, especially during this winter.

"You look so happy," Zenith said, as he approached Dawn, who was sitting on the bed, enjoying her late-night snack. She had been snacking so much lately.

"Yara is good." By this time, Yara had worked for two weeks. "What is that with you?"

Zenith sat down next to her and then put down a few letters on the bed. "I think I need to let you know about this."

These were the letters that Zenith had been keeping from her when she came to the north for the first time, the letter from alpha Tony and Blake, asking about her.

"I thought to burn them, but then I remembered how you thought no one sent you a single letter when you came here."

Dawn looked at him, she understood what he was trying to say. "Thank you." She spent an hour to read all the letters and by the time she was done, she was the one, who burned them.

"Do you want to see your father?" Zenith heard the last time; he appointed Blake as his beta. He banished Jason from the pack, the same punishment that he gave his luna.

"When I went to my pack the last time, I have told myself that they were all dead to me. I don't have family anymore."

Dawn walked toward Zenith, as he sat on the edge of the bed and she stood in front of him.

"But now, I have you and our future child. The two of you are my family and that's enough for me."

Zenith pulled her closer and kissed her little bump. Yes, this little family of them was enough and if life could be like this forever, it would be nice.

However, when Dawn entered her twenty-four weeks pregnancy, a letter came from the capital city, where Prince Zenith and Princess Dawn were expected to attend the royal banquet. There would be a representative from Marca El continent and Zenith was needed to greet them at the harbor.

"Marca El?" Dawn rarely heard this continent. Not like Andel continent and Karam continent, where the people from there would come and go frequently, it was so rare for people from Marca El to be here, unless it was a very important thing.