

Chapter 146

Wrong Place to Touch

Oregon continent was the place where shifters lived, where they mined magic stones, the only continent that could provide the magic stone for the magic users and healers.

Andelus continent was where the Holy Kingdom was, the place where magic users came from, most of the people there knew how to perform magic and Karam continent was the place where most people there was a merchant.

The three continents had a long history and they relied on each other to keep the economy in each place going.

But Marca El continent was different place entirely. They lived alone and fulfilled their own need. They didn't interact much with the other continent and only recently they were a little bit more open with different culture and explored different places, ever since their new king sat on the throne.

"I have never seen people from Marca El continent before." Dawn stared at the letter that was sent from the palace, it bore the king's stamp and sounded very formal.

"Actually, their representative attended our ceremony. Do you remember a tall man with earpiece on his left ear? He was wearing an armor."

"Oh, yes. I remember." His armor stood out, Dawn could recall him easily.

"Marca El, is the place of the knight, so what they said." Zenith then told her a little bit information about that continent.

Because there were so many civil wars there, all the people there knew how to fight, including women and children. They were taught how to use weapon from a very young age.

Rumor said, they could use anything as a weapon, even a stick of wood.

"What is Zander's plan with them?"

Zenith was not sure. He had lost in touch with Zander related the affair in the palace. He had told him to leave him out of it at least for a year or two and despite his twin protest, Zander didn't bother him much, until now...

"I am not sure."

It seemed, there were a lot more for Zenith to catch up after leaving the capital for half a year.

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"Zander, you pissed them off," Zaya reminded Zander again. "You stopped selling magic stone in the market."

Zander had been doing this for three months now after he established a new regulation. Because he stopped selling magic stone, the price of magic stone in the market skyrocketed, because the demand was way more than the market could provide.

The magic stone became rare because the king refused to sell them.

"What is your end goal with this?"

"Is it obvious?" Zander put on his golden mask and looked at Zaya, who had been hounding him, demanding an explanation.

"You are upset that they will not do anything to Aurel even after we proved that she used black magic? We know their hypocrisy."

"Also, because they have been asking for you to return to Holy Kingdom. This is your homeland, you are not going back there, unless you wanted it too and that woman will not leave this continent until Holy Kingdom compensated me for what she had done."

The Holy Kingdom refused to take responsibility for what Aurel had done and instead, asking her to return, so they could punish her.

It sounded fair, but there would always be an underlying meaning behind it.

They wanted to kill Aurel once she reached Holy Kingdom to eradicate any proof that she colluded with black magic that could tarnish their name.

If they wanted to kill Aurel without taking any responsibility of her action, Zander was way more than capable of doing so.

It would be better for Zenith to kill her, so he could get the information out of her.

But the problem was; if they killed Aurel now, it would give the Holy Kingdom a ground to demand compensation from Zander.

Word could be twisted and war could be weighed. It was more complicated than it seemed, especially now when the magic stone involved.

If they couldn't buy from them, it would be most likely they snatched it from them.

The tension was so great at the court and the five elders had been very hostile in every meeting. Zander was so close to kick them out.

"You will create problem with the Holy Kingdom," Zaya stated.

"They had been colluding with my dirty councils for years, having illegal transaction of black magic behind my back and did all the things to bring me down from the throne, so they could have more access to the magic stone." Zander leaned his back against the arm rest. "If there was someone created a problem first here, it would be them."

They thought, by putting Zenith on the throne, they would have more access to their magic stone, since Zenith was 'their people', little did they know every contention between him and Zander were all staged.

"After all, this is not the first time Holy Kingdom people tried to invade our kingdom." Zander stared at the fireplace grimly.

Zaya understood what he meant.

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At first, Zenith didn't want Dawn to come with him, but a letter from Zaya came and she specifically asked for her to come to the capital city, because there was something she wanted to discuss with her about the poison.

And from the sound of it, this was really important.

Dawn had felt it from the beginning that sooner or later, she would be tangled in this matter. She couldn't truly wash her hand from this.

Therefore, she decided to persuade Zenith to take her to the capital city.

"Your method will not work," Zenith said darkly when Dawn tried to seduce him to let her come with him.

Her attempt was actually very adorable because Zenith didn't think she knew what she was doing when she peppered kisses on his neck and caressed his hair.

"You touch me in the wrong place, Dawn." Zenith then took her hand away from his hair down to his crotch, which made Dawn widened her eyes and blushed.

Chapter 147

Fooled Them All

The plague in the Moonlight pack had started a few months ago and now, it had spread to most people in the harbor.

There was nothing serious, the shifters were fine, but the merchants and non-magic users' people were sick.

"The palace replied to our letter. They said, they would send the royal healer to take care of the plague here," Blake reported the progress to alpha Tony.

He replaced his father's position as the beta of the pack and now, he managed all the task that his father used to do.

"Because Marca El people will come to our continent, the alpha and the luna from the north were summoned to the capital city," Blake added this information.

However, the last report hanged in the air. After what happened, they didn't talk much about Dawn, neither they had ever mentioned about the former beta Jason and the former luna Julia.

The incident was not only embarrassing, but also tarnished their name.

"Go back to the harbor and bring Lyra with you, she could check the situation there, so when the royal healer came, she could give the information that will be needed to cure all the sick people."

"Yes, alpha."

Alpha Tony gave some more task about the flow of the trading in the harbor, after that, Blake left the room. He didn't really enjoy this position, but he had to endure it a little bit longer, so he could get what he wanted.

Right now, with Julia was not here and his mother spent her time locked herself in her bedroom, nobody nagged him to spend his time with Emily and Arren.

That woman felt weird with the possibility that they could be a sibling and distanced herself from him, which Blake found very liberating. He couldn't care less whether they were sibling or not, as long as she was out of his hair, he was fine with all the possibilities.

Blake took Lyra with him to the harbor and while she did her assignment, he went somewhere.

"I will pick you up before sun down, there is somewhere I have to visit."

Lyra agreed and Blake walked away. He walked alone in the bustling street of the harbor, in the distance, you could see the ships were being docked and people from various continent were walking hastily, talking in their language.

Blake went to an inn in a less busy street and entered the building, there was someone that he wanted to see.

"This is me," Blake said, as he knocked on the door.

"Come in."

Blake entered and he saw his father had been waiting for him.

Until now, Jason didn't know that Blake was the one, who told Ava about his affair. He got the position as the beta because he trampled his own father, but Blake also kept his father close to him, because there was a dirty deal that Jason had with a few merchants.

This... Blake could use it to take down alpha Tony, since that was the original plan of his father too and later on, even if alpha Tony didn't want to give the position to him, the alpha wouldn't have any other choice.

"Sit down, son."

Blake fooled both parties.

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"Lance, I don't want to be here," Aurel whimpered when Lance came to bring a warm food for her and blanket.

Lance couldn't get her out, but he could make her situation became a little bit more comfortable, especially when her hand started to fester. She had been sick for days and Zander only let the healer to see her once, just enough to keep her alive.

"Please, get me out of here."

"Aurel, the king banned the ship from Andel kingdom, you can't escape even if I can get you out of here." Lance caressed her cheek, as Aurel held his hand with the only hand she still had.

"It's okay. I can find my way back to my continent, as long as you get me out of here, I know what to do." Aurel brought his hand to her lips and kiss it. "Please, Lance. I only have you."

Lance thought about it for a while, he looked hesitated, but then he spoke in low voice.

"The palace will be busy within two months from now because people from Marca El will be here. Just hold on until that time," Lance said.

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Because Dawn was pregnant, he wouldn't want her to travel for a week to reach the capital city, thus he demanded Pyro to come and create a portal for them to immediately reach the palace.

With that, they could arrive in a matter of second.

"It is very convenient to have a magic user on our side," Darius said, as he patted Pyro's shoulder, grinning from ear to ear.

Of course, he came with the alpha and the luna, so did Celine, while Thean, would lead the northern warrior, traveled by land.

"Oh, shut up..." Pyro growled at him, which made the gamma laughed.

"Be careful, luna," Axel said, he then gave her a small pouch to her. "This is to keep you safe."

"Hm?" Dawn opened her hand and saw the talisman that was put into a small black pouch. "You believe in this?" It came as a surprised for Dawn that Axel was rather religious, since the beta didn't talk much and she spent most of her time with Darius, thus she didn't pay close attention to him.

"Oh, you will not believe it, if I told you..." Darius didn't have a chance to finish his sentence when Axel kicked him into the portal.

Dawn laughed and thought it was so cute of Axel. "Thank you, I will always keep it with me." She put the talisman in her pocket dress.

Axel smiled and they left one by one. Like usual, he would be in charge for the pack whenever the alpha was not around, at the same time Thean would leave with the warriors too.

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Going Back to the Capital City

"Dawn!" Zaya greeted her cheerfully when she saw Dawn and made a big fuss when she saw her bump. She was already six months pregnant and it would be obvious for people to see. "Heaven! The baby will be here in a few months!"

Zaya was someone, who was full of positive energy, being with her made Dawn happy. She liked her and it was obvious Zaya liked her back too.

"Oh, you are so cute! Come, I will show you the blanket that I have knitting for the baby, you too Celine," Zaya said. She took Dawn's hand and Celine with the other. "They will discuss about boring thing, let's do something more interesting."

"Don't tire her out." Zenith warned Zaya, he had said before that his little sister could bring bad influence to his mate. "And don't go out of the palace."

Zaya pursed her lips. "I know, don't nag me."

"Look after my mate."

"Yes, alpha," Celine said replied with a smile. They didn't bring Yara with them, because she would come with Thean and the other warriors later.

Zenith kissed Dawn's lips. "Just tell her to stop if you don't like it, okay? She can be too much."

With that, Zaya left with Dawn, leaving all the men to start with their discussion and once the two of them left, Zenith faced Zander, who didn't say anything from the beginning.

"So? What plan do you have with people from Marca El?"

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"Here, look at this, what do you think?" Zaya actually had been knitting blanket for the baby ever since she learned about Dawn's pregnancy.

However, after gushing over the blanket and talked about trivial thing, Dawn knew this was not the main reason why Zaya took her here.

"So, what happened? There must be something you wanted to tell me, I guess?" Dawn finally asked.

Celine could feel that too.

"I know you are not only beautiful, but also smart!" She said with feeling, as she hugged Dawn and kissed her cheeks. From the look of it, Zaya really liked to hug and kiss people that she was close with. She was being very affectionate.

She then explained about everything that happened in the capital city in the last six months since she left. Also, the problem with Aurel and Andel continent, to be precise, the dispute with the Holy Kingdom.

But, what Zaya really wanted Dawn to know was the information about the sect they had discussed before.

It was the sect where they created a poison that could kill shifter's wolf spirit and get rid the magic from the magic user, unable them to use their power anymore.

"Zander didn't have wolf spirit, that's why the poison didn't kill him, but for the other warriors, who have been inflicted by the poison, they couldn't shift and eventually died."

Dawn and Celine already knew about that.

"The latest information about this sect came from Andel Continent."

"Holy Kingdom?" Dawn guessed.

"Not exactly, but Zander believed this is the people that Aurel had been having a contact with ever since she was here."

Which meant, it had been years Aurel supplied these people with the crucial information about what happened in the capital city.

Even though Aurel couldn't disclose Zander and Zenith's health condition because of the oath that she took, but she knew more than a healer should, since she had been around them for long.

"Currently, there are five warriors, who couldn't shift."

"Again? Even after Aurel was put in the dungeon?" But then, Dawn remembered that the wench still managed to harm her in the past life even when she was not in the pack house anymore.

Zaya explained that after what Dawn had done in the past, it stopped for a while, but it started again around two months ago.

"Let's see them." Dawn was curious, probably with her new knowledge from the past, she could find something that she missed before.

However, Zaya rejected that idea. "You are pregnant, Dawn. My brother will kill me if something happened to you," she said, there was a hidden meaning behind it. Both of them knew Zenith would do that. He had done it after all. "I am not a shifter, so it will be fine with me, but you are a shifter, we don't know yet the source of the poison this time."

Celine then volunteered. "I will check." She was a healer and it wouldn't do her any harm if she went to the warrior's quarter. "I think I will check now, so we can know for sure what happened, I will report it back to you right away, luna."

Dawn wanted to stop her, telling her that she could do it later, but Zaya stopped her.

"Okay. You can leave, Celine."

Celine left the two of them and Dawn leaned over, she knew Zaya had another intention to let Celine left.

"What? What happened?"

"I think she has been wanting to leave because of..." Zaya started to tell Dawn some information that she should know about Celine. This would be only among the two of them.

Zaya saw Dawn and Celine had gotten closer, thus she thought Dawn should be aware of this.

"Is Lance blind or something?!" Dawn was enraged. "How could he neglect our beautiful and intelligent Celine for a wench like Aurel?!" She couldn't help it, but what Zaya told her hit home.

"I know, right?" Zaya was upset too. "I know right? They are mate, how could he have his eyes on another woman?"

Dawn felt a little bit bitter about that, because apparently, not all shifter thought the mate bond was a sacred thing and they were willing to go through pain to hurt their own mate for their own selfishness.

"Why don't let Zenith kill Aurel?" Dawn asked. "He can get all the information from her, if he killed her, right?"

"You are right about that." Zaya nodded. "Currently, the men must be talking about this too."

Chapter 149

Your Priority is Questionable

"You need to kill her, in that way, we will know what kind of information that Aurel has been feeding that people and who are they." Zander looked serious when he let them knew about the plan.

Not like Zenith, who used to do thing in silent and rarely gave an explanation, Zander would explain his plan in detail to the people that involved, therefore Zenith found something was off.

"Where is your gamma?" Zenith asked, he didn't mind to kill Aurel, he did once, he could do it again without guilt for the second time. "Why is he not here?"

Darius and Pyro were here, though Axel was not presence for obvious reason, but there was no excuse for Lance for not being here with them.

"Something you didn't tell me?"

Pyro looked uncomfortable, but in the end, they knew this must be said.

"I will let go of Lance." Zander leaned his back against the sofa. He looked casual, as if he talked about the weather.

"What do you mean with let go? Like getting rid of him?" Zenith emphasized this.

Darius straightened his back, because he could sense this was a very serious matter and Lance must have messed up big time.

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"You are here!" Lance finally found Celine in the warrior's quarter after he heard about her arrival. He thought she would come with the other warrior from the north, which meant, it would take her a few days to reach the capital city, but as it turned out she came with the alpha and the luna by using the portal. "Why didn't you let me know when you are already here?"

Celine stood up and faced Lance. "Let's talk later, I am working now."

Lance narrowed his eyes, he was about to say something, but he clenched his jaw and then agreed to talk about it later.

But then, Celine got an order to leave for Moonlight pack to relief a plague that spread around the harbor. She was expected to find a cure for the plague before the people from Marco El arrived, which meant, two months from now.

This made Lance was very upset because he felt like the king was trying to separate her from Celine.

"You can send someone else, Zan, why would you always send Celine away?" Lance came to the king's room to complain about this.

"Mind your words, Lance! You are talking to the king!" Pyro hollered at him. Recently, Lance's behavior became even more erratic.

"Leave us alone, Pyro." Zander dismissed his beta. He took off his golden mask and faced his gamma.

Pyro sighed deeply, he looked at Lance with a mixed feeling, but he chose to walk away. Lance was not a little child, who needed to be told what to do, therefore, he didn't have any obligation to warn him, though he had done it countless time by now.

"I am sorry for my disrespectfulness, but I really need an explanation about why did you sent Celine away? Are you trying to separate us?" Lance looked frustrated.

"Are you aware that I take responsibility of the whole kingdom and with the tension between our kingdom and the Holy Kingdom how little time that was left for myself?" Zenith threw a dagger look at Lance. "Do you really think I have time to think about your relationship with your mate?"

Zenith suggested for him to kill Lance, so he would know what made the gamma was infatuated with Aurel.

But Zander didn't agree with the idea right away. Lance was someone crucial by his side. His disappearance would be noticed right away, just like how they couldn't kill Aurel recklessly.

"I know about that, but can't you send someone else to Moonlight pack? Celine just returned to the palace and you sent her away again."

"Did she tell you that she didn't want to go? Did she tell you that she wanted to stay with you?"

Lance fell silent. He couldn't lie in front of Zander.

"If you really thought of her as your mate, she shouldn't think of herself as if she was an afterthought for you."

"I have never treated her like that. She is always my priority."

"Just like how you prioritize to make a little trip to the dungeon?"

Lance blanched. The king knew.

But then, what did he expect...?

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Dawn gasped when she was sleeping, because her baby suddenly kicked her rib and this was rather hurt.

Recently, her baby would be awake around midnight and slept throughout the afternoon, but it would be hard to sleep when your baby was so active. How could you sleeping when you could feel this little one tried to get your attention?

"What is it?" Zenith woke up when he felt Dawn's body flinched in his arms. "The baby is awake?"

"Yeah... the baby kicked my rib..." Dawn was sleepy, but she was in pain too. She curled her body.

She was around seven months now and as her stomach was getting bigger, it was hard for her to move and she could only sleep on one side of her body, forget about laying down on your back, because it would feel like there was a brick on your chest.

Zenith pushed himself into sitting position.

"It's okay, the baby will sleep later." But Dawn's body jolted again and through her thin night gown, Zenith could see the baby nudged her from inside.

This was the time when Zenith felt helpless because there was nothing he could do. He could see the little light had grown into a little wolf, this cub spirit moved around actively, thus Zenith could imagine what the baby was doing inside Dawn's womb.

Unfortunately, Zenith could only see the spirit and couldn't actually communicate or even touched it.

Still, he did his best to alleviate the pain.

Zenith rubbed his palm against her belly in circle motion and hummed a song. This was the only method that he could think of.

Chapter 150

Going Back to the Former Pack

Emily watched her baby crawled on the floor. The little boy had started to say his first word, which was 'mama', but she didn't feel excited at all. She took care Arren, but barely, just enough to keep the baby alive.

Alpha Tony didn't show his interest toward his grandson too. He didn't treat him badly, but there always be this disgusting look on his eyes whenever he saw the baby.

They didn't talk about this. It was a taboo topic, but the possibility of Emily to be Jason's daughter was as high as she was Tony's daughter. The thought made them sick, thus they had never visited the topic at all and pretended nothing happened, as they continued with their lives.

Today, Tony would go to the harbor to meet with Celine, the healer that had been sent from the palace.

Celine arrived a few weeks ago, but only now Tony decided to meet with her, because he wanted to know about Dawn. He heard about her pregnancy and ever since then, he would always regret what he had done.

If only he treated her better, he would have a chance to be in his grandchild's life.

"Appaa... apaa..."

Arren crawled toward him and tugged his pants to get his attention, as he gave him his toothless smile.

"Can't you give him a little bit attention?" Emily asked her father. "You don't need to be so cruel to your own grandson."

However, Tony didn't say anything, he only threw Emily a disgusting look. This was the girl that he thought was his own daughter, he felt guilty because he abandoned her in her early years of life, thus he spoiled her and forgot about Dawn.

But as it turned out, there was a possibility this ungrateful child was not his. To top it off, she could be Jason's. His beta, the man that he had known almost his life. Someone that he could consider as his best friend and confidante.

The betrayal hit him so hard.

Tony walked away. There was something more important that he needed to do. He didn't have time to play grandfather to Emily's child.

Once the door was closed, Emily threw a glass in her hand against the wall and screamed in frustration. She hated it. She hated everything.

Arren cried because some sharp shard cut his cheek and he was afraid because his mother was screaming like crazy. The poor little boy sat there, crying and calling for his mother, raising both his arms to be picked up, but Emily didn't do anything.

Instead, she glared at her son with so much hostility.

However, as if she snapped out of her craziness, she immediately rushed toward her child and picked him up. She hugged him, but still felt this frustration that bubbled up in her heart.

"I shouldn't have given birth to you... I shouldn't have given birth to you." But, more importantly, she shouldn't have been together with Blake.

Because right now, that man didn't even care about her and his son's existence.

And for alpha Tony, he trusted most of the task as an alpha to Blake, because he managed everything well, while he was barely able to focus on what he was doing.

When he reached the harbor, he met with Celine and made a small talk with her. She worked really well and now the plague was under control and alpha Tony complimented her for that.

They had this small talk before he came to the main topic he wanted to talk to with her.

"I heard Dawn is currently pregnant and she is due in two months?" Alpha Tony asked, the two of them choose a tavern that was not too crowd to have this conversation.

Celine knew this was his main reason to look for her. "Yes, the luna and the baby are fine. The alpha treated both of them well, there is nothing for you to be worried about, alpha Tony."

Alpha Tony thanked her. "Did she... ever mention something about me?" He didn't have a high hope for this answer, but still when Celine said they had never talked about her family, it crushed his heart.

"But I think the discussion about family is a sensitive topic for her, thus the luna has never talked about it with me." Celine insinuated that probably Dawn talked about it with the alpha, since they were mate and they would discuss a lot of topics together.

"Thank you, Celine. You are a kind woman."

Celine nodded politely and that was all Alpha Tony could get from Celine. Dawn was fine, she was going to give birth in two months and she was currently in the capital city to welcome people from Marca El.

A month went by and this was the time where the ships from Marca El started to dock to the harbor.

But, because the royal family would greet them, two days before the ships arrived at the harbor, the king was already there, so did Zenith, Dawn a few important figures, including the people from Holy Kingdom.

The entourage was so large and there were two luxurious carriages that bore the symbol of the kingdom.

One belonged to the king, where princess Zaya was in the same carriage as her brother, while the other belonged to the alpha and the luna from the north.

The carriage was obviously very spacious, which made it easy for Dawn to sleep soundly during the night, unless her baby tried to get her attention again, but even so, Zenith would be there to calm their baby, singing for them.

Surprisingly, it worked.

This would be the first time for Dawn to step in her former pack again after more than half a year. She didn't feel anything, she knew that her father was still alive and he would live until a few years ahead.

However, this would be the first time for them to see how heavily pregnant Dawn was, especially Blake. His eyes were bloodshot.