

Chapter 196

Zenith was being a Tease

"My lips..." Dawn pursed her lips after Zenith was done with her, his blue eyes filled with annoyance and he didn't say anything, as he brushed his thumb against her bottom lip. "You need to apologize."

"I will not," Zenith grunted. He lowered his body and licked her lip. "What are you doing here?"

"I missed you." Dawn wrapped her arms around Zenith's neck and then lifted her body up to kiss him again.

They were alone in the tent, out of respect Celine and Pyro went outside to give the two of them the time that they needed to relish some tension.

"Don't you miss me?" Dawn grinded herself against him, which made his blue eyes become darker. "You don't miss me?"

"Dawn." His guttural voice sent shiver down her spine, but this made her become even more bold. "I miss you..." he nipped on her neck, as he carried her to the makeshift bed.

"Show me then if you missed me."

Zenith laid her down on the bed, not so gently, as he pinned her body. Dawn moaned when she felt the weight of him against her and this made Zenith turned insane. This woman was too much...

"You are being bold." He growled in her ear.

"Hm..." Dawn wrapped her legs around his waist and smiled coquettishly at him. "What are you going to do about it? Will you punish me?"

Zenith licked his lip. "Not today, love. People could hear your moan and I am not generous enough to let them hear how I pleased you."

And after saying that, Zenith stood up. It was easy enough for him to get away from her beautiful legs that trapped him.

It was hard for him to reject this temptation, but just like he said, he was not feeling generous to let other people hear them.

More so, his beast had been restless. He could end up hurting her if they kept going.

Dawn looked at him in disbelief. She immediately got up and glared at him. If he didn't want to do it, why would he bring her to the bed?

However, seeing the annoyance in his mate's eyes, Zenith chuckled. He leaned over and compromised with a kiss on her nose.

"You can't stay here for long, love." Zenith helped her to get off the bed and call Celine to come inside, so they could start with the treatment.

Dawn sat on the chair and watched Celine treating Zenith. She blushed when she watched Zenith took off his clothes, leaving his top bare and showed his built body. Somehow, she was angry with the fact that Aurel had seen his body for years.

Annoying.

On the other hand, Celine could only grimace with the intent of Dawn's gaze. She didn't know whether she had to laugh or cry for this.

Thankfully, the treatment didn't last for long, or else, the healer was sure that the luna would dig a hole on the back of her head.

Once it was done, Dawn gave the concoction to Zenith for him to drink.

"I am still not like it when you drink that concoction." Dawn narrowed her eyes at the empty glass, the liquid had gone, Zenith drank it. "It's slow acting poison."

"I am fine." Zenith caressed her cheek and kissed her again. He felt like he couldn't get enough of her and he was getting sick to be away from her. This battle needed to be ended quickly, so he could go back to his mate and his son. "You need to go now."

"Are you kicking me out?" Dawn squinted her eyes, unhappy.

"I will put you in my pocket if I can have that choice, Dawn, but right now, that's not even an option." He caressed her cheek. "Be good."

Dawn huffed and then stood up.

"I will call Pyro." Celine then went outside of the tent, leaving the two of them again, so they could have a private moment alone before they left.

"At the very least, tell me what is going on here. From the report I heard, it's very quiet in the other end, are they planning on something?"

Zenith then told her that some people in Moonlight pack had been isolated and the merchants and the people from different continent had fled this continent the moment they got a chance, or they moved to different area in this continent to avoid the battle.

But yes, it had been very quiet at the other end.

"Obviously, they are planning something. I will figure that out." Zenith hugged her.

"Okay." Dawn hugged him back and in return, she told him about Zade and what words he could say now. "You need to go back immediately, or else, he will mistake you with Zander."

"There is no way my son will mistake me with my ugly brother."

Dawn laughed at that. "I am sorry to inform you, but you are twin, your face is identical with each other."

Zander was not happy with that; he placed his hand over her chest and squeezed it.

"Hey, watch where you put your hand!" Dawn swatted his hand from her. He was the one, who didn't want to have happy moment with her and now he touched her. Huft.

When they were having this banter, someone called from outside and informed the alpha to come because there was something urgent that he needed to see.

Zenith's expression hardened, he immediately went outside and told Dawn to stay inside the tent, though she wanted to go and check too.

But Pyro entered the tent not long after, his expression made Dawn uneasy.

"What happened?" She immediately approached the magic user. "Where is Celine?"

"I don't think Celine will go with us; she is needed here." Pyro fished out his magic stone and was ready to create the portal to bring her back to the palace, but Dawn stopped him.

"Why Celine didn't come with us? I am not going anywhere until you tell me."

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Red Venom Snake

Dawn could smell there was something not right and the way Pyro scrunched his nose, she knew that her instinct was right. Something had happened.

"We need to go now, Dawn." Pyro grabbed her hand, but Dawn swatted his hand and then walked out of the tent.

This was ridiculous to keep her in the dark when she could help them. It would make things easier and faster to deal with the situation, instead of coddling her.

"What is it, Collin? Something happened?" Dawn asked one of the warriors that she knew.

"Oh, luna? You are here?" Collin immediately told her what happened and apparently, they were attacked by poisonous snake.

"Snake?" Dawn furrowed her brows.

"Yes."

Apparently, not long after Dawn was here, the warriors found snake around the camp area and they were not talking about one or two, but dozens of them, as if they just been buried on the ground and now, they decided to come out to the surface.

"Where is Celine?" If Celine was needed here, it meant there was a warrior that had been bitten by the snake, since it was poisonous.

"The healer is with the gamma."

"Darius?" Dawn's heart was beating fast.

"Yes, the gamma was bitten..." Collin said.

"Where are they? Show me the way to his tent!" Dawn felt her heart skipped a beat when she heard that. Darius was one of a few people that she cherished the most.

"Dawn, we need to go back," Pyro said, he grabbed her hand to stop her from going. If the snake was poisonous and there were so many of them, this place became even more dangerous for her to stay.

"Don't you hear him? There is poisonous snake here." Dawn glared at the royal beta, which made him took a step back because right now the luna was very scary, even Collin was taken aback with her outburst.

People always saw the luna as a kind and quiet woman, but to see her lost it like this was really surprising.

"Do you really think Celine knew poison more than me?" Dawn said in a matter-of-fact tone. She was a poison expert, she had years of memories, where she used to fight with her poison arts rather than to fight with her beast. "Step back, Pyro. If something happened to Darius, I am going to make you pay for that."

Dawn could see that Pyro was going to use his magic to force her to go back to the palace, but she wouldn't let him.

And without waiting for Pyro's reaction, Dawn asked Collin to take her to Darius's tent. His tent was not so far, but in the distance, she could see the warriors were trying to ward off the snakes that kept coming.

"Let me see him!"

Dawn ignored Zenith's heated eyes, who disapproved that she was still here, but he didn't say anything, because his rational side knew if there was someone, who could save Darius, it would be her.

"Tell me what happened with him." Dawn immediately checked on Darius. He was unconscious, but he had blisters on his skin, the color was so red, as if you popped it, blood would ooze out from it.

Celine immediately gave Dawn a run-down of Darius's condition. It was obvious that he was being bitten by the snake.

"I have tried to heal him, but he didn't respond to my healing power." Celine furrowed her brows.

Compared to Aurel, Celine's healing ability was mediocre, but she didn't think even Aurel could fix the situation either.

"Look where he had been bitten." Dawn grabbed a knife and tore Darius's clothes to look where he had been bitten.

"I think it's on his back." One of the warriors there told Dawn. "I saw one of the snakes slithered from his back when he was in his beast form."

"Get me one of the snakes!" Dawn said as she rolled Darius's body and saw his back. The warrior was right; there was a bite mark on his hip and the skin around it had turned into purple. "But don't kill it."

"I will get the snake!" Two of the warriors left the tent. It wouldn't be hard to get the snake, but the problem was to get it when it was still alive, since it was very dangerous and they could get bitten, more so, these snakes were very aggressive.

"Alpha, there are more casualties!" One of the warriors reported back to Zenith.

Zenith gritted his teeth and then went out of the tent to make an order. He gathered all the casualties in one place and called for Celine to look for them. He also made Pyro to create a shield around them.

It could ward off the snakes, but some of the snakes that had slithered inside would need to be killed.

While Zenith maintained the order in the camp, one of the warriors returned with the snake that they managed to catch. It was still alive and he put it in a clear jar.

Dawn's eyes darkened when she saw the snake. She remembered it. Another piece of her memories returned, as if she was seeing her nightmare appeared before her eyes. She felt like someone just squeezed her heart tightly.

"Red Venom snake," Dawn said. She was very certain of this. She knew this snake because she was the one, who had bred the species and used it against the people from the Holy Kingdom, to fight them off.

In her previous life, the people from the Holy Kingdom joined hand with Zander, while he worked with dragon sect. She still couldn't remember the detail of it, but that was what it was.

"Shit," Dawn cursed under her breath. The other person had used her knowledge against her and now, she needed to fight against her own creation.

Dawn closed her eyes, trying to recall whatever memories she had about the red venom snake and the antidote of it.

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His Brilliant Mate

"What snake is that?" Blake stared at the slither thing in Jared's hand.

This black magic user had been in this pack ever since they returned from their failed attempt to overthrow the king, while Vemion had returned to the west.

"Poisonous snake."

This man had been nurturing these snakes since a month ago and now he used his black magic, creating a portal to send them somewhere.

"They are beautiful, aren't they?" Jared was mesmerized by the snake in his hand, his eyes lit up and he looked like he was going to kiss each of them, which made Blake's stomach churned.

Ever since he was with these black magic users, he had been having a hard time to hold himself back from vomiting.

They were simply disgusting in the worse possible way.

"So, you are waiting for a month to nurture that snake?" Blake guessed. He had this room full of snake. He didn't want to step inside this room, unless he was being called, just like right now.

Jared gave him a disdain look, but there was this smile on his lips to cover his disgust on him. "You are very brilliant."

It sounded like a mocking rather than a compliment.

"What are you going to do now?" Blake leaned his body against the doorframe; his brows would be forever furrowed when she saw the slithering snakes. He felt like they were crawling on his skin.

"You are going to attack at Dawn... Dawn..." Jared smirked. "Don't you think that's beautiful name? You have been waiting to meet with her, right? So, do I."

Blake narrowed his eyes, he didn't like when this man talked about Dawn, as if he knew her. "She is mine," Blake growled. "You are not going to meet with her or even touch her without my permission."

Jared laughed at that. He liked this man passion for the mate that he had betrayed, he kept him by his side because his rage was very entertaining. His delusion was funny when he thought he could kill the alpha and get his mate back as long as the alpha was no longer in the picture.

But on top of that, he had more plan for him. He was still useful though...

"Alright." Jared nodded sagely. "She is yours. She is your mate, of course, you will be very mad if someone touched her and even make her pregnant."

Blake growled dangerously at him, but Jared simply reminded him of the task that he had to do once it was dawn.

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Dawn was biting her nails, while thinking of the antidote of the poisonous snake. The people who had been bitten would die within a few hours, that was all the information that she could get after she wrecking her brain.

What a useless detail... it only made her became even more nervous.

Hecate was called to come and also Zaya, together they worked on how to figure out the way out of this mess.

Zaya added more protection on the shield that Pyro had created, she grimaced to see the snake that slithered on the shield, she could feel them crawling on her skin.

"The bleeding doesn't stop." Celine pressed her lips, she tried to stop the bleeding when the blisters popped, but his healing power was useless and the shifter's healing ability didn't work.

"Here, use this. It can stop the bleeding." Hecate took out something from his box that he carried with him. It was a white bottle with black powder in it. He handed it over to Celine. "Be careful with my baby, it's expensive."

Celine would have rolled her eyes if this was in different situation, but she immediately took the bottle and poured it on the bleeding spot. The bleeding was ceasing down, but it didn't stop.

"The poisonous snake... the poisonous snake... Red Venom." Dawn chanted it like a pray. She then grabbed the jar and pulled out the snake from there, which made Zaya startled.

"What are you doing? Put it down!" Zaya approached Dawn, but she shook her head. Thankfully, Zenith was not inside the tent. He was out there, talking with Pyro about something.

It was only three hours before dawn.

"The antidote of the snake is... the snake itself." Dawn finally remembered that last piece of her memory. "That's right..."

"Do you remember?" Zaya could see the relief on Dawn's expression when the realization came to her.

"Yes, I remembered." Dawn looked at the snake, she then took a bowl and used it to extract the venom from the snake.

The reason why she named the snake as red venom was because the venom of this snake was the color of red.

And just like Zenith's poison, it was also the case where poison against poison...

"Hecate! I need something from your medicinal herbs!" Dawn then listed ten medicinal herbs that he needed to get from the palace.

"Those babies are expensive!" He screeched, but the look on Dawn's eyes made him running away from the tent and looked for Pyro to take him back to the palace, because he needed to get a few things. "Your mate is scary," he said before he stepped into the portal.

Zenith then went to the tent and saw Dawn was giving an order to a few warriors there in front of Darius's tent.

Her little expression looked very serious and she talked rapidly, while his warriors listened to her closely, as if they got an order from their alpha.

It might be crazy for Zenith to think this way, but he liked to see when Dawn took charge on his people. She looked... radiant.

She could handle the warriors and the situation really well. This version of her was something that he didn't see in their first life.

Dawn looked so alive. She looked like she could go through everything that was hurled toward her direction.

A smile made its way on Zenith's lips, as he stared at his mate proudly.

Chapter 199

At Dawn

Dawn remembered the antidote of the poison of the red venom at the critical moment, along with a few memories that came rushing back to her mind. She remembered about Jared, the leader of the dragon sect.

She remembered one particular moment when he preached about what kind of abomination a shifter was, though he was talking to one, since Dawn was also a shifter.

But it was only a glimpse of that memories, while the rest of it was still a blur.

However right now, she needed to focus on the matter at hand. She remembered the important detail about the antidote; thus, she needed to put her attention on that.

Dawn gave a few orders and then checked all the condition of the warriors that had been bitten. She saw the snakes that managed to be killed and then went to the shield that Zaya and Pyro had put to protect them. The shield looked like a transparent wall and Dawn had to hold herself back from shuddering to see how the snakes slithered against the shield.

"We need more of them to make an antidote," Dawn said. She frowned. She had goosebumps to see these many snakes.

Yes, she was the one, who had nurtured the snake in her previous life, but not to this amount. She used the snakes to fight against Zander, sneaking one or two to their camps, just like what happened here.

As far as she remembered, nurturing these snakes were not an easy task...

"Ugh. I don't like this..." Zaya grimaced. She patted Pyro's shoulder. "Good luck, Pyro."

"What?"

"I am too delicate to handle a snake," Zaya said innocently, in other word, she didn't want to deal with the snake, because the sight of them alone made her wanted to vomit and the royal beta didn't have other choice.

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"They are here, my king," Addie informed king Rowan about the ships.

It was not an easy task to deploy so many knights from Marca El to here, because their people were not used to cross the sea, but they were finally here.

"Good." King Rowan stared at the sky that started to turn bright. "How is the status in the Moonlight pack."

Addie then reported the latest information about the snake and how Zenith and his warriors were trapped there, apparently, luna Dawn was also there to help with the poison.

By this time, king Rowan already learned that the luna was an expert in poison and her presence there was expected, but when Addie told him Zaya was also there, he furrowed his brows.

"Why she is there?" He asked the question to no one in particular, but Addie answered him nonetheless.

"I am not sure, but I think she helped to put up the shield around the camp, since she is a magic user too," he voiced out his opinion. "What are you going to do now?"

King Rowan's eyes turned slightly darker. He pressed his lips. "We are moving now."

"Now?" Addie raised his brows. "I thought you want to watch how everything unfolded."

Yet, king Rowan said nothing and went out of the room, while Addie scrambled to prepare the knights so they could depart as soon as possible.

This news about the knights left the palace ground was reported back to Zander. His expression under the golden mask was unreadable, because he was not sure what king Rowan was up to.

"Let Zenith knew about this," Zander said. "The other king is coming to him."

He didn't know what king Rowan's intention, but he knew where he would go, there was no other place that he would visit at this moment aside from the harbor in the Moonlight pack.

"Our people also spotted five ships near the harbor, ready to dock." The royal warrior added. "There is no banner, but from the look of it, the ship came from Marca El continent."

Zander's blue eyes darker when he heard that. He stood up and waved his hand, gesturing for the royal warrior to leave him alone, there were a few things that he had to consider.

He couldn't leave the palace for a few reasons.

The obvious one would be because the palace shouldn't be empty and the second one was because of his condition...

After a few minutes, Zander called for Sebastian. He should have had appointed a gamma long time ago, but the position was still vacant.

"Yes, my king," Sebastian greeted him. He bowed to him solemnly.

"Bring ten thousand more royal warriors with you to support prince Zenith," Zander said, his voice was hard and heavy. "Once you returned with victory, I will appoint you as my royal gamma."

Sebastian lifted his head, he didn't believe with what he heard. Sebastian was a big warrior with brown hair; he looked like he could kill a Vermeyes on his own. The look on him was so savage that people would think he was a killer.

Therefore, a position as a gamma didn't really suit him, since he was not a flexible person.

There was a power balance between the relationship of the beta and the gamma. While Lance in the past was an easy-going person and could go

along just fine with Pyro, who took the lead, Sebastian didn't seem like he was someone that could be led in that way.

Nevertheless, it was an honor for him.

"I will do my best," Sebastian replied and then left the room to prepare ten thousand more warriors for Zenith's back up.

Ten thousand was a great number, thus the preparation would take at least half a day.

Meanwhile, at the harbor of the Moonlight pack, once dawn came, there was a surprise attack that was led by Blake. He led Moonlight pack's warrior and the warrior from the west to attack Zenith's camp, while the warriors that had been bitten by the snake just recovered.

"SHIFT!" Zenith roared, as he shifted into his black wolf and met with their enemies.

Chapter 200

The Side He Would Choose

"Once you are done here, I want you to go with Pyro, Celine, Hecate and Zaya. Get out of this place and go back to the palace, okay?" Zenith was dead serious when he asked Dawn to leave the harbor.

He was grateful for her to be here, since they wouldn't make it the snack attack without her and more so, she saved more warriors than she could imagine.

She knew how to make the snake became less aggressive so they could catch them without risking themselves of getting bitten, which would only add to more casualties.

If it were not for her, dealing with the poisonous snake and the sudden attack would be too much, but right now, Zenith only wanted her to be in a safe place.

"Do us a favor, okay? Let me fight with an easy mind to know that you are safe, don't argue with me about this." Zenith kissed her forehead and Dawn nodded.

"Please, be careful." Dawn hugged him.

And after that, the alpha led his warriors to fight against the enemy, while Dawn cleaned up a few things and made sure the warriors were taken care of.

For the warriors, who had been poisoned, they couldn't join the fight, but it didn't really matter, since their number was not really significant.

"Are you ready to leave now?" Celine asked. "Is Hecate here?"

"No." Dawn shook her head. "I have not seen him since an hour ago."

Celine frowned. "I have been looking for him, but I couldn't find him. The last time a warrior saw him was an hour ago, he went to one of the ships."

"We need to get him."

"I will tell Pyro and princess Zaya about this."

Dawn then went to look for Hecate, there were three ships that were docked there and she saw him went out from one of them.

"Hecate, we need to go now!" Dawn shouted.

"I have been wanting to see a ship!" Hecate said happily, like a little child.
"I have never seen a ship before or seeing the inside of a ship!"

"Okay, okay, but we need to leave now."

Just like she remembered... this man was a little bit... unique on his own way...

"I also saw ten ships out there!"

"Ten ships?" Dawn furrowed her brows.

"Five ships over there." Hecate pointed his finger at his left side. "And five ships there." He directed his finger at the other side."

"Are you sure, Hecate?"

"I have a good pair of eyes, you know."

Dawn didn't doubt that and actually, she believed him, which set off alarm in her mind because she didn't think it was a good sign.

"Show me, Hecate." Dawn rushed toward the ship where Hecate just came in and he followed her, showing her what he had seen.

"Look! There and there!"

Dawn gritted her teeth. She knew both model of the ships. The other ships from Marca El and the other one obviously Holy Kingdom. Dawn was familiar with it.

"Shit," she cursed under her breathe.

"Are we going to see more ships?" Hecate asked eagerly.

"We need to go now, Hecate." Dawn grabbed his hand and then rushed back to the camp, where in the distance, you could hear the battle had begun, howling and vicious roars filled the air, followed by the sickening smell of blood.

Dawn met with Pyro, Celine and Zaya and the royal beta took them back to the palace, where Dawn immediately told Zander about what she had discovered.

"I have sent more back up for Zenith," Zander replied, but it didn't ease his mind.

It would be a hard battle with Marca El against and Holy Kingdom were against them.

"Where are you going?" Zander asked Zaya when she was about to leave in hurry, though he could already expect what she was going to do.

"I am going to talk with king Rowan."

King Rowan must have had a contact with his kingdom to send so many people, but the worse part was; they didn't know whether he was on their side of their enemies.

Not only they had to fight against the people within their kingdom, but they had to fight against the Holy Kingdom too and if Marca El joined their ships, it would put them in a hard spot.

"What are you going to do? Convincing him to be on our side?" Zander read through her perfectly and since it came to this, there was no other way for Zaya to deny it.

"Yes," she admitted it readily. "I am going to talk to him."

"You can't."

"Zan, this is not time for this." Zaya flicked her hair, she was royally annoyed with her brother. "I am not a child anymore; this is also my duty to protect our kingdom."

Zander was not happy with this. She wanted to throw herself to that king to gain his support? This felt like a slap on the face for Zander, it only made him thinking that he was indeed incapable to be a ruler.

Not only he couldn't shift into his beast, but he also unable to protect his little sister. It brought back the feeling when he was crowned as the king when he was only sixteen and had to go against those old wolves, who wanted to take him down and he was so helpless, or when he lost his mate... because of his incompetence.

"You jumped into a conclusion too fast, Zaya. Don't you trust me that I can handle this?" Zander narrowed his eyes.

"I trust your judgment, Zan, but we need to see the reality of the situation."

"You can't talk to him."

"You don't know until you try."

Zander shook his head. "He had gone with all of his knights to Moonlight pack. He left a few hours ago."

All of them were surprised when they heard that. Wasn't it obvious? He headed for the battle, but which side that he would choose?