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"We will go for a ride?" Iris blinked her eyes, if they were going to ride, it meant they would go somewhere far. "Where are we going?" She thought Cane asked her to have lunch in the dining hall.

"To the city," Cane said lightly. "You have not seen it."

This was the first time for Iris to be in the capital city and when they went out before, it was not for sightseeing.

"Oh, okay." Iris was thrilled that Cane was actually taking her with him to the city.

She didn't mind if he did this because he was concern with the dark wisp that would make an appearance all of sudden, thus he would take her almost everywhere, or even when he took her out because he wanted to see directly the chaos in the city. She didn't mind it at all.

The fact that Cane included her and involved her in his plan made her felt she was part of something. This sense of belonging made her heart warm.

It didn't take Iris for long to change her dress into a simple one that suit for a ride.

"Can you ride by yourself?" Cane took her hand, as they walked out of the bedroom. He knew Redmond taught her how to ride, but he was not sure the progress of it, since he had never seen her on the horseback before.

"I think I can," Iris replied, still doubtful. She remembered how frustrated Redmond was and he was barely satisfied in the last time he taught her before they went to the capital city. But then, Redmond was a perfectionist, it was hard to meet with his expectation.

Cane said nothing, as he led the way to the front yard, where four horses had waited for them. Aside for them, Redmond and Ethan would come as well and right now, the two of them were bickering again about something insignificant.

Iris wondered if there would be time when they started to claw at each other faces.

"I told you, she can't ride the horse on her own!" Redmond barked.

"I am not surprised to hear that, due to your poor way of teaching, she still can't ride a horse by herself!" Ethan bit back. He looked more like himself right now, though his face was a little bit pale and he was way skinnier than the last time they saw him before the order from the king to lock him up.

However, seeing him bickering with Redmond, somehow, gave a sense of relief for Iris. It was way better than his hollow expression when she saw him in the main hall.

"Say it again! I will cut your head off!" Redmond growled.

"What? You should be ashamed of yourself!" Ethan didn't back down.

"Enough!" Cane snapped at the two of them and they stopped bickering, but they kept throwing a dagger look at each other.

After making sure the two werewolves wouldn't kill each other off and backed down, Cane shifted his attention toward Iris beside him.

"Go on," Cane said, as he let go of her hand and let her to climb the horse by herself.

"The horse is too big for her," Redmond chipped in.

He was right. The horse was too big for Iris, because the horse that she used to learn was a dainty horse, not a warhorse like this one, which look so intimidating.

Yet, stubbornly, Iris tried to climb it clumsily. It was hard and Cane could see how she struggled.

"I told you, she can't ride this horse," Redmond scoffed. "She is too fragile to this kind of horse." And there, he ran his mouth recklessly again, thankfully, Iris didn't know what he said and Cane didn't want to waste his breath with him.

In the end, Cane helped her to sit down comfortably on the horseback. She blanched because it was a little bit scary to ride this horse, as she held the rein so tightly.

"Th- thank you." Iris stumbled with her words a little and when she thought Cane would take the other horse, he actually jumped easily and sat down behind her.

And like what had happened a few times before, he trapped her small body between his arms, as her back leaned against his sturdy chest.

The alpha could see that his mate wouldn't be able to handle this warhorse. She would only end up hurting herself if she insisted to ride alone.

"See? I told you, she is too delicate for this kind of horse!" Redmond said to Ethan smugly. No matter what the problem, he would feel better if he could one up this gamma.

Ethan was seething. He was not happy. "I will teach her how to ride and you will see, under my tutelage, not even a horse, she will be able to ride a dragon!"

That was ridiculous, even Ethan felt that sounded hilarious, but he kept a straight face when Redmond laughed his ass off. The gamma climbed his horse and caught up with his alpha, who had left them behind, didn't even want to listen to their squabbling.

The sky was so bright and the city was bustling, people were doing their activities, but even though it looked normal, Iris could sense the tension in the air, especially with those eyes that looked at them curiously.

They didn't even hide their interest about why the alpha and the luna of the Howling Wolf pack would be in the city without their retainers and only two warriors by their side.

Their curious gaze specifically directed at Iris. This was the first time for them to see Gerald's daughter. The runt. What they heard was true. She was beautiful with peculiar hair and eyes, but she looked so delicate and fragile, especially when Cane was sitting right behind her on the warhorse back, as comparison.

Cane rode the horse slowly, as they reached a restaurant that was not too crowded, but there was a carriage right in front of it with the royal symbol.

"We will eat with prince Kellan," Cane said.

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The first thing that Iris saw when they arrived at this quiet restaurant was the extravagant carriage in the color of dark purple in front of it. This place was not usually almost empty like this, but it was intentionally cleared because there was an important figure inside, as you could see a few royal warriors guarded this building.

Only those princes, princesses and all the royal family, who were allowed to take the royal warriors.

Cane dismounted the horse and helped Iris to get down too, as one of the royal warriors approached them and took the horse away.

"We will eat with prince Kellan," Cane informed Iris.

Hearing that name, she was stiffened. A rush of uneasy feelings came within her, she felt like she wanted to flee from this place, but instead, she let Cane to take her to walk into the building.

Iris did not know why she felt like this. She was almost sure she had never had any problem with prince Kellan before. She barely remembered him, but why the thought of him was so dreadful?

On the other hand, Cane glanced at Iris, he saw how sluggish she was. She lowered her head and clutched her dress tightly, something that she always did whenever she felt uncomfortable.

However, Cane couldn't figure out what the reason of it. She was fine just a moment ago.

A warrior walked them to the second floor and opened the first door on the left, let them walk inside, while Ethan and Redmon stood on guard with the other royal warriors outside.

This room was not too big and there was only one table with four chairs in the middle of the room, the wall was white with a lot of picture hang on it, there was a citrus fragrance when they stepped in, while prince Kellan was sitting on his wheelchair, staring at a huge window, the sky was clear and the winter sun was dim.

The prince turned his head when Cane and Iris approached the table. His smile was so warm, like a morning sun, as his eyes lit up gently.

"It's a pleasure to meet you both," prince Kellan said in his pleasant voice. He looked exceptionally gorgeous in his dark purple robe. No wonder people liked him, because he had this charm on him that could make people comfortable to be close to him.

However, Iris still felt uneasy with the sight of prince Kellan.

Cane took her to sit next to him, facing the prince, while he held a conversation with the prince and Iris kept staring at her fingers, fiddling with her dress.

"The pleasure is mine," Cane replied.

They exchanged a few pleasantries word before they ordered food for their lunch. A waitress came to the room and she looked smitten by the two men there. She knew about prince Kellan, but she kept glancing curiously at Cane.

Only when she noticed Iris with her auburn hair, she got the clue about Cane's identity that he was the alpha of the Howling Wolf pack. People in the city had been talking about the two of them.

Cane tapped Iris's shoulder to get her attention. "What do you want to eat?" he asked, as he gave the menu to her.

However, Iris didn't even see the menu at all before she spoke softly. "Same like you."

Cane didn't prod her and gave the menu, as he ordered the same thing for both of them, while prince Kellan ordered a few dishes.

"Luna Iris, isn't it?" prince Kellan started a conversation with Iris and this made her lifted her head, as Cane let her know that the prince was talking to her.

"The last time we met in the main hall, I didn't have a chance to greet you. My apology for my rudeness," prince Kellan said politely.

"It's supposed to be me, who needs to apologize for not greeting you at that time." Iris's voice sounded normal, but she couldn't stop fiddling with her fingers, feeling uncomfortable.

She felt so silly to have this kind of feeling when prince Kellan was being respectful with her.

"I remember I went to the Blue Moon pack for the first time when you are only six years old. I saw you from afar because your hair is very pretty." Prince Kellan reminisced that moment.

Iris didn't say anything, she didn't remember any of that. She only knew the prince often visited the Blue Moon pack, but her memory was fuzzy during that time. She couldn't tell whether they had met when he visited or not, or what he was doing in the Blue Moon pack.

"Did you remember when I comforted you when you cried because alpha Gerald didn't allow you to play with that stable boy?" prince Kellan looked at her expression closely, waiting for her reaction when he mentioned that moment.

But, Iris only remembered the stable boy that her father had killed because she played with him, yet she didn't remember when prince Kellan came to her comfort.

That was the sad moment that she wanted to forget because she lost the only person she could call as a friend.

"I am sorry, prince Kellan, I don't remember that moment." Iris shook her head. She wanted to end this conversation with him, because the way he looked at her made her suffocated.

"You don't remember?" Prince Kellan emphasized this question and Iris shook her head again. "It's okay, you were only eight years old at that time and it had been a long time ago, it's normal for you to forget." There was this warm smile that tugged on his lips. He looked so kind and nice.

Iris said nothing and Cane noticed how uncomfortable his mate was with this conversation.

"I heard you built new orphanage building again after two monster attacks in the new year party," Cane stated swiftly, as he grabbed Iris's hand under the table, because she clutched her dress so tightly.

Prince Kellan sighed. "Many parents died during the attack, leaving so many orphan."

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Because of the monster attack during the new year party, there were many people died and most of them left their children behind.

When some of the children was lucky enough to have their other relatives to take care of them, some of them was not that lucky, as they had no one.

Capital city was a large city, where many people came and go and most of the citizen was shifter or merchant, while the rest was a mixed of any other kind.

With the fact the shifters were the origin citizen in this capital city, thus most of the shifter children had another family to take care of them, the merchants were not, therefore when they died, their children had no one to rely on.

In that case, prince Kellan stepped up and used his own treasure to build another building for the orphan children and now the construction was underway. He would be in the city often nowadays.

It was also him, who had reached out to Cane and offer his help, once he heard about the new duty the alpha had received from his father.

For Cane, there was no reason for him to turn down the offer. Seeing how his father and alpha Derick from Celestial Moon pack had supported him when he was a crown prince and more so, because he had an impeccable image among the people, it would help a lot with his good reputation and how people loved him.

"It's nice of you to help those children," Cane said, he kept holding Iris's hand under the table, while she stayed out of the conversation between him and prince Kellan.

"It's something trivial. It's an obligation for a sovereign to help their people. My father is a little bit strange to want to cover up the whole thing." He heard about how his father had killed the guards that witnessed the first attack.

On the other hand, Cane didn't have any objection with his statement. It could be said he was the most decent person in the royal family.

Cane glanced at Iris, who was exceptionally quiet and looked very anxious, as she kept her head low. Something was amiss with the way she behaved.

Not long after that, the food arrived and they enjoyed their lunch with a light conversation, mostly prince Kellan would tell Cane about what was going on in the city and how the citizen opinion about a certain thing.

Basically, the prince guided the alpha to know more and learn about how the citizen looked like, and gave him a few suggestions regarding his task from the king.

Meanwhile, Cane listened carefully, asked a few things and most of them said nothing. He was not a chatter and was an observer, thus he processed every information and tried to deduct what the necessary steps that he had to take later.

He had his own plan that he didn't share.

If his father trusted this prince and supported him thoroughly, Cane needed time to build his trust on prince Kellan. He wouldn't follow his father's steps blindly.

In the middle of the conversation, Iris put down her spoon and tugged on Cane's robe to get his attention. "I want to go to the bathroom," she said in whisper.

"Ask Redmond to go with you."

Iris nodded and then stood up to walk out of the room, while prince Kellan followed her with his eyes and this didn't go unnoticed by Cane.

Prince Kellan realized this and played it off. "She is very quiet. She doesn't change at all." He smiled at Cane, acted normal.

People would say that when they met Iris for the first time, but when you got closer to her, you would know how she could be a chatter. For that, Cane knew well enough.

But, he said nothing and made prince Kellan assumed he silently agreed with his statement.

Meanwhile, when Iris walked out of the room, Redmond stopped bickering with Ethan and followed her. The two of them had been bickering as soon as Cane and Iris entered the room, thus the other warriors could sigh in relief as the peace returned and they didn't need to get a headache upon hearing them. They argued for the sake of arguing.

"Where is the bathroom?" Iris asked, her voice was so small and her face was exceptionally pale.

"Follow me," Redmond said. He glanced at Iris and tapped her shoulder. "Are you okay? Why are you so pale? You don't like the food?"

Iris just waved her hand and said nothing, thus Redmond didn't make a fuss, thinking she was only her usual self, since she often looked pale in this kind of weather.

Once inside the bathroom, Iris couldn't hold it back any longer, as she vomited. She regurgitated all the food she had eaten and couldn't stop until she felt her stomach hurt and her throat was burning, while outside of the door, Redmond kept knocking, asking whether she was alright, because he could hear it.

However, Iris was too occupied with her own pain, as she bent her body and tried to keep her hair from being dirty. She didn't even notice when Redmond was trying to tear down the door.

"Hey! Open this damn door!" Redmond kicked the door and he managed to break the lock in his third attempt and watched Iris in her wretched condition. "What the hell is happening with you?"

Iris waved her hand, in attempt to tell him to go away because she didn't want him to see her like this, still, Redmond approached her and knelt down beside her, as he gathered her hair and helped to massage her shoulder and neck.

"Did you eat something wrong? Or..." his voice trailed off. "Are you pregnant?"

Fortunately, Iris didn't see him, thus she couldn't read what he had said, because there was no way she was pregnant right now with Cane's condition.

However, Redmond's imagination was so wild. He would clarify this with Cane.

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Iris didn't return to the second floor, where Cane and Kellan were still having a discussion, she didn't see a point for her to be there, after all the whole conversation didn't involve her. it didn't make any different whether she was there or not.

Instead, she went to the first floor, where she sat down next to a window and leaned her head against the wall, staring at the white city out there. There were not many people outside at this hour, as they preferred to hide from the cold weather inside the comfort of their house.

Redmond frowned when he saw her like this, he waved his hand in front of her face to get her attention. "Don't you want to see a healer and check your condition?"

"I am fine." Iris stretched out her hand to take her tea cup and drink it.

"You don't know, maybe you are pregnant," Redmond blurted it out and Iris almost choke on her tea when she read what he said.

"I am not!" Iris hissed. She put down her tea cup, as her face turned so red. How could he talk something so vulgar like that casually to her? More so, Cane would question her loyalty if he thought she was pregnant. "Don't talk nonsense." She couldn't tell him that Cane was sterile, neither Redmond knew the last intimate moment between the two of them was when she was in heat.

Redmond's frown deepened when he heard that, because he thought Iris was in denial. "It is normal you know, for you to be pregnant right now. You have been marked and mated for more than half a year now and from what I see, he treats you well. Your bed activity must be not so bad too."

"Be quite!" Iris's face was as red as her hair right now and she looked around, afraid someone would hear the conversation.

Yet, Redmond rolled his eyes dramatically at her little annoyance face. "Or maybe you need to seduce him."

"Redmond!" Iris really wanted to cry at this point, because she couldn't make him stop spouting nonsense, but the warrior seemed to enjoy his time, knowing how embarrassed she was.

"It is normal to seduce your mate, you need to get pregnant and give birth to an heir, before he did it to his future mistress." In Redmond's mind, it was only a matter of time before Cane would choose a mistress, because that was the norm, something normal for someone with high status to do.

And if that happened, Iris's position was in danger. It couldn't be said that she had been accepted by the people in the Howling Wolf pack and now with Blue Moon pack was under Cane's control, Iris had to gain a little bit power by having an heir first from the alpha.

Redmond was only looking after her.

However, that was not in Iris's mind. She grimaced when she heard that explanation. "Forget about that. I don't want to talk about this topic anymore."

Iris turned her head at the window, refused to read what Redmond said and with her condition, if she didn't look at the warrior, it was useless whatever he said, because she couldn't hear it.

"Hey, you need to think about this seriously." Redmond waved his hand in front of Iris's face to get her attention, so they could get back to the discussion.

He also shook her hand on the table, but Iris retracted her hand and closed her eyes, stubbornly refused to have the conversation.

Redmond scoffed when he saw how reckless Iris was with her position, thinking Cane would favor her forever if she didn't give birth to his heir. Therefore, he decided to clarify this with the alpha later, so he could take her to see a healer, or at least the healer could give her something to help with pregnancy.

Even after an hour passed, Iris still stubbornly closed her eyes. He knew she didn't sleep, but he couldn't do anything, neither he could shake her body to wake her up. They were in public, people would gossip about her if he touched her recklessly, it was not that Redmond would do it in private either.

After another half an hour passed, Cane came with Ethan and spotted his mate, sitting at the corner, near the window with Redmond.

The alpha approached Iris and caressed her cheek to wake her up, in which Iris immediately opened her eyes, startled, but then relax when she saw it was Cane, who touched her.

"Sleepy?" Cane asked.

"No." Iris shook her head. "I just closed my eyes."

Cane nodded and took her hand. "Let's go."

Iris stood up, but then she halted when she saw four warriors helped prince Kellan to get down from the second floor, they carried him with his wheelchair down the stairs.

The prince smiled apologetically at them, , since it was not a pretty sight to see, as if his condition was something that he needed to apologize for.

Cane nodded politely, but he could feel how tensed Iris was to see the prince and he couldn't figure out the reason behind it. He didn't dig too deeper, but from a brief conversation he had with him, he learned that prince Kellan met with little Iris a few times before the tragedy befell on him.

However, Iris seemed not to remember any of it.

"Will you return to the palace?" Prince Kellan asked, as a warrior pushed his wheelchair toward Cane and the other.

"No. I need to go somewhere," Cane replied.

"Hm." Prince Kellan nodded, understanding. "Then, I hope you don't forget about our conversation and wish your mate will consider it."

"I will talk with her," Cane replied, he glanced at Iris, but she didn't follow the conversation, she was half hiding behind the alpha right now.

"Then, I will take my leave, take care." Prince Kellan tilted his head and Cane squeezed Iris's hand to get her attention, so she could see what the prince wanted to say. "I will see you soon."

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JEWELRY STORE

'I will see you soon.'

Iris really didn't wish to see him again. She didn't want to meet with the prince, but she was clueless about why she felt this way, neither she could voice out what she was thinking, thus she smiled politely and nodded.

Subconsciously, she hid herself behind Cane's back, where she felt a little bit of comfort. People would think she was only timid, not actually scared of the crippled prince, who couldn't do any harm on her.

After a few exchanged words, prince Kellan's party left the restaurant. A warrior that pushed his wheelchair helped him to enter the carriage and they left.

During that time, Ethan and Redmond bickered again about some random things, while Iris stared at her shoes and Cane fixed his eyes on her.

"Let's go," Cane said, as he took her hand and they went out. Ethan and Redmond followed them, squabbling about the tea that he preferred. They seemed wouldn't stop bickering as long as they were together.

The alpha helped Iris to mount the horse, but this time, he gave the rein to her, which made her tilted her head to look at him.

"Try," Cane said curtly. He wanted Iris to learn how to ride and he used this opportunity to teach her.

"I don't think I can..." Iris mumbled.

"Try."

This warhorse was so big, she felt intimidated by it, yet with the thought that Cane was right behind her and he wouldn't let anything bad happen, made her willing to try.

The horse moved and her body was stiffened, but because of the current task at her hand right now, she could ignore people's eyes that stared curiously at her and Cane. She also forgot about the tension that she felt because of the meeting with prince Kellan, as she was so focused to get the horse to move and control the direction.

Cane placed her hands on her waist, helping her to relax, but more so as a gesture of protection.

"See?! I told you, she only needs a good teacher to teach her how to ride. You are so suck!" Ethan pointed his finger at Iris, who was taking the reins of the horse, taunting Redmond.

"That's because I have taught her the basic skill!" Redmond scoffed derisively. "Do you really think she can suddenly ride a horse?!"

"Oh, shut up and admit your incompetency!"

And just like always, both of them had a lot of energy to squabble along the way, while the alpha and luna in front of them paid no mind to them and the people stared at the two with questioning looks, wondering why the two warriors seemed like they were going to kill each other off, instead of being quiet, like any other warriors, who guarded their master.

After they rode for two hours and because there was nothing much to see, since the situation in the city was still tense, many people hid inside their houses because of the cold weather and scared of the rumor of the black magic, the citizens were afraid they would catch the same curse like princess Osana did, they finally stopped in front of a jewelry store, where they dismounted their horses and three young boys approached them to get the horses to the stable.

Iris was surprised Cane took her to a jewelry store. Would he buy her something? But, Cane didn't look like a person, who would splurge on something like this, especially to a woman.

However, what the reason he took her here? It would be more ridiculous to think that Cane wanted jewelry for himself.

Iris glanced at Cane, but the alpha didn't show any expression on his face, thus it was hard to tell what was in his mind. Iris didn't think there would be a person in this realm, who could figure out the way his mind was working.

They went inside and Iris could see a lot of beautiful jewelries and gems on display, as a few people greeted them, but Cane walked past them all and went to the back door of this jewelry store, where they meet with Will, who had been waiting for them.

As expected, Cane had a plan under his sleeve again whenever he did something. Iris knew there was no way he would come here to shop.

"Long time no see, Will," Iris greeted Will, in which he only nodded and smiled politely. He looked so different. He almost looked like Ethan when she saw him for the first time in the main hall, after he was being locked away for days, but there was something more about him. "Hanna has been trying to reach out to you. She said you don't return her letter."

Iris was unaware of what had happened to Will, so did the rest of them. It was only Cane, who had the full picture about the assault. Even after Will heard princess Osana's current predicament, it didn't improve his mental state at all.

"I will write to her."

That was the only answer that Will gave to Iris and when she was about to ask him again, Cane pulled her closer to him. Iris raised her head and looked at the alpha.

"Watch your steps," Cane warned her simply.

They were walking in the back alley of the jewelry shop, it was a narrow alley and there were few empty bottles of alcohol scattered on the snow covered ground. Iris could stumble on one of them.

A moment of disruption was enough for Will to move to the back of this small party, walking behind them all, thus Iris couldn't continue with the conversation.

The jewelry shop was only a façade, what they actually sold was magic stone, in which was provided by the Howling Wolf pack.

This place also the place, where the spies used when they gathered information in the capital city.

"We will stay the night here," Cane told Iris, as he opened the door to a warm lodge.

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After they walked for a few minutes in the narrow alley behind the jewelry store, they arrived at a two stories lodge.

"We will stay the night here," Cane told Iris, as he opened the door to a warm lodge, where the fire was burning in the fireplace and Leros and Clad gathered around it to warm their body.

Both of them immediately stood up when they entered the room and the alpha took Iris to sit down in front of the fireplace to warm her body up.

He helped her to get off her cloak and without saying anything, he left her there, as he walked away with Will in tow.

"Do you want hot chocolate?" Redmond tapped her shoulder to ask her. It seemed, he had been here for a few times.

Cane let Redmond knew this much because he held onto the fact this man wouldn't be able to betray Iris after he pledged his loyalty on her, thus as long as Iris was on his side, he didn't need to worry about him.

"Yes, please..." Iris said, she sat closer to the fireplace and was happy because she felt warm. She looked around and saw Leros and Clad minded their own business, they were not hostile toward Iris, but they didn't really think of her existence. They didn't even greet her.

Probably, because they still saw her as Gerald's daughter, which was something that was not surprising behind the reason why they ignored her.

Meanwhile, Ethan was rummaging the kitchen, looking for something to eat, since he didn't eat anything in this afternoon and bickering with Redmond made him starving.

Redmond returned not long after and handed a glass of hot chocolate for Iris.

"Thank you," Iris mumbled and sipped her drink. It tasted so nice, but of course, hot chocolate that Hanna made was still the best.

"When will you check on your condition?" Redmond started it again. He still didn't drop the topic and Iris immediately knew what he was trying to say.

"I am not pregnant and I am fine. Stop it." Iris threw him a stern look, but she was too delicate to be able to scare Redmond off.

He pursed his lips and decided to bring this matter to Cane directly.

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"What now? What do you want from me now?!" Haco was furious. He had been very anxious, asking for a meeting with Cane ever since he learned that the one, he had cursed was princess Osana. He didn't even dare to leave the room and was in constant alert, afraid the royal warriors would barge in and take him away. "I warn you! If they catch me, I will spill the bean, I will tell them it was you, who had ordered me!"

"Okay." Cane nodded. Didn't seem to worry at all with the threat and this made Haco even more irritated and distressed about how care less the alpha was.

"Do you know the consequences of your action? Do you know what kind of situation you have dragged me in?"

"I know."

Haco felt like he wanted to pull his hair, feeling frustrated. Of course, Cane knew what he was doing and the consequences that entailed behind his decision.

"If you want to make a move to royal family, leave me out of it!" Haco growled.

Right now, Cane was having a conversation with Haco inside the room in the second floor, aside from both of them, there was also Will there, but he didn't utter a single word. He had been extremely quiet ever since he was here, not even Aderan could figure out what had happened to him. He always dismissed anyone, who was trying to talk to him and choose to be alone most of the time, if he didn't have a duty to finish.

Will was not a talkative person, but right now, they were well aware, there was something awfully wrong with him during the second monster attack.

"You can leave if you want." Cane leaned his body against the table behind him, he crossed his arms, as his dark eyes fixed on the grumpy old man. "The door is open."

"What?" Haco was taken aback, he didn't think that Cane would let him go easily. "You will allow me to go, but then you will send your men to kill me?"

Haco wouldn't be afraid of those shifters if he had enough magic stone. With his power, it was a kid play to fight them off, but the problem was; he didn't have any of magic stone and he was so broke to even buy one.

"No." Cane shook his head. "You can go to the palace and told them about what you have done or even the location of this place."

Haco scoffed when he heard that. "They blindfolded me when they took me here, I don't even know where I am right now."

Cane smirked. Haco was right. He didn't have any idea where this place was. "I can ask Leros to take you to the city and you can go to the palace on your own then."

Haco narrowed his eyes when he heard that. He knew it wouldn't be as simple as that, knowing how calculative Cane was, there must be something he had prepared if he let him go just like that.

"Don't you afraid I will tell them all about what you have done?" Haco was alarmed to see Cane's smile. Whenever he smiled like that, it wouldn't be a good sign.

"Sure, you can." Cane then added. "Do you have any proof?"

Haco was silent for a while, but one could see how his mind was working so fast. Cane was right. He didn't have a shred of evidence of the alpha's involvement in the curse. No one even knew about him, as he was trying to keep it low and let his existence unknown because of the lycan.

"It can be your words against the special envoy of the king." Can showed him the golden stamp.

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Cane knew what he was doing and saying, especially how to play with people like Haco. The sorcerer had nothing. No money, no place to stay, no magic stone for his power, nothing.

"It can be your words against the special envoy of the king." Cane showed him the golden stamp he received from the king.

Seeing that, Haco cursed under his breath. "Shit! Damn you, Cane! You trap me! How can you scheme against me?!"

Haco knew the meaning of the golden stamp and the privilege that the holder would get. The authority was almost absolute, only the king himself, who could deny it. He could use the royal warrior and all the resources.

"How can you get that damn thing?!" Haco was dumbfounded. Now, he was conflicted, though it was very clear for him that he couldn't go against Cane now, but to support him, it could mean he dug his own grave.

Because once Cane was down, he would be buried with him as well, but this alpha was very cunning, thus the end result was still unclear.

"Your choice, Haco." Cane put away the golden stamp. His black eyes fixed on the sorcerer, as he watched how conflicted he was right now.

On the other hand, Haco kept cursing at Cane, but the alpha let him to say whatever he wanted. He used to hear such words, more so, he had every right to be upset with him, because this wouldn't be the last time, he would use him and his power.

"Tonight is the new moon. I want you to greet her again." Cane tossed a magic stone to Haco.

Will flinched when he heard the task that Cane gave to the sorcerer. He knew, who Cane meant by 'her'. It was princess Osana, the alpha wanted Haco to torture her again tonight during the new moon, surely Cane had something in his mind to do it at the same time of his transformation into his lycan form.

One magic stone wouldn't be enough to kill the princess and Cane didn't intend to kill her right away. Death was so easy for people like her, but of course, princess Osana's curse acted up along with the appearance of the lycan in the city would make the already tensed atmosphere became even more chaotic.

"It's too dangerous, alpha." Will finally opened his mouth, after he had been very silent.

"I know." Cane had thought about that, that's why he took Iris with him. He believed this cursed soul of lycan would be docile enough to be with the woman that it wanted.

"You know what," Haco sneered, he played the magic stone in his hand. He was irked because he didn't have any other choice but to follow this deranged alpha's plan. This alpha was a threat to his life, but also his only protection. How upsetting that fact was. "If you fighting a monster, you will become a monster too."

Cane turned his head away and looked at the bleak sky through the window, as he replied. "It's hard to make a good choice when you don't have good options."

His choice was limited and just like the wise man said; the best defense was a good offense.

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When the night started to fall and Will had a conversation with Cane without the sorcerer there, since Haco stormed off the room after the alpha told him to do his job, he went to his bedroom.

He stayed in this room with Aderan, but right now, he went out with Leros and Clad to finish their task from the alpha.

It was a task for them, but also a way to make them leaving this place, since the three of them still unaware of Cane's dark secret. Tonight was a new moon after all.

Will stared at the fruit knife on the basket. He glanced at the door and made sure no one would enter this room, as he grabbed it and started to make a few cuts on his arm.

Recently, he developed this habit, where he felt so numb and had no desire to live. He wanted to feel something, anything, even if it was pain.

However, in contradiction, he felt so much agony inside, thus he wanted to offset the pain with the physical one.

Blood dripped from his wounds, as he made these cuts.

Fortunately, or rather unfortunately, he was a shifter, he could heal from these wounds in a matter of seconds, the reason why no one knew about this habit of his.

There was a moment when he thought he wanted to cut off his arm, he felt disgusted whenever he remembered the way he touched princess Osana's body, he felt so dirty and unworthy. He wanted to peel off his skin to feel clean again, but then he was so filthy, there was nothing that could help him.

He cut his arm deeper and this time, it took minutes for it to heal...

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Iris almost forgot that tonight was the new moon if Cane didn't mention it.

Actually, she wanted to ask a few questions about the lycan to Haco, but the sorcerer seemingly was in a bad mood ever since he had a conversation with Cane and was short with her, thus she didn't prod further.

"I could see how you act around prince Kellan. Had he done something to you?" Like usual, Cane didn't beat around the bush when he wanted to know about something.

Currently, they were in one of the bedrooms in the first floor with all the curtain was drawn, so this place looked like isolated.

Iris was sitting on the head of the bed, while Cane was sitting on the end of it, they stared at each other and had a simple conversation, waiting for the midnight to come.

"No." Iris shook her head. "I don't remember aside from the fact he used to visit Blue Moon pack in the past."

"So, why did you look uneasy around him?"

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The way how Iris was not comfortable around prince Kellan didn't go unnoticed by Cane. Her whole body radiated her discomfort and a few months together, he learned a few of her habit and knew her body language whenever she felt something.

It was not difficult, since she was the most honest person that he had ever met, almost like she was having a hard time to hide her true emotions.

"So, why did you look uneasy around him?" Cane asked her gently. The room was quiet and it felt peaceful to have this deep conversation with her.

Iris fiddled with her fingers again. Her brows furrowed slightly, as she opened her mouth and was about to answer him, but then she closed it and thought over of her reply. It took a whole two minutes before Iris could come up with something and the answer was not satisfying.

"I don't know," Iris said in defeated tone. She had been thinking about this matter, about this weird feeling she felt when she saw the prince, even when she saw him for the first time in the main hall, but she couldn't figure out where this feeling stemmed of. "I don't know why I feel uneasy around him. Maybe because I don't know him well..."

The last reason was an excuse, because there was no way it could be the reason why she looked so anxious around him, yet Cane said nothing and let her to talk.

When Iris didn't say anything, the alpha finally spoke again. "Did he ever hurt you?"

Iris shook her head. "No."

"'No', because you don't remember it, or 'no' because he had never hurt you?"

Iris felt Cane was a little bit aggressive with his question, there was a layer of acrimony in his voice, she almost thought this was not a light conversation, but an interrogation instead.

The way Cane stared at her sharply made Iris stumbled to find the right answer, but still, she couldn't give him a definite reply.

"What things that you remember when you were with him? He said you were with him a few times when he visited Blue Moon pack."

"I don't remember, alpha..." Iris replied in small voice. "I only remember he came often to the Blue Moon pack, but I don't remember my interaction with him." She was saying the truth. No matter how hard she was trying to remember it, she couldn't recall any event with him. "I swear, I don't lie to you." Iris raised her hand, as a gesture that she swore upon her life.

It always bothered her whenever someone didn't believe her, because Masson used to call her a liar and that fear engraved so deep within her right now, without her knowing it. She was getting anxious whenever people didn't trust her, especially those who she cared.

Cane stared at her sharply, he was deep in his thought and the way he looked at her made Iris felt so small and a little bit scared of him. She didn't know what he was thinking about her unsatisfying answer, neither she was aware

what he was feeling right now, but such intense gaze made her lowered her eyes and stared at her fingers instead.

Why did he look angry? Iris couldn't understand that. Maybe he was angry because she couldn't give him the right answer? But, Iris couldn't figure out, why she forgot about her interaction with prince Kellan completely. Was it because she was so young?

The more she was trying to remember it, the more she was not willing to do so, it almost felt like she was being forced to step into a dark room, when she was so afraid of darkness. It had been like this since she was a child, she was afraid of something that she couldn't see, she was afraid of something that she might find out there.

Probably, she was also afraid of something that she might recall when she tried harder than this to remember. It almost felt like there was a tug of war in her mind.

For a while, the two of them were deep in their own thought, silence engulfed this closed room.

During that time, Iris thought, Cane must have tried to talk to her, but because she didn't look at him, she didn't know what he was talking about. She felt uncomfortable with his question and the way he looked at her.

Iris only lifted her head when Cane stood up and sat down right in front of her, he was so close, until she could smell his scent.

"Prince Kellan asked you to see the orphanage, in his opinion, it will be good for them to have a female figure, after they lost their parents. He thought you will suit the roll."

More than that, having prince Kellan on their side would win public opinion, it would benefit Cane in the long run when he had to do the task that was given from the king. More so, there was no harm to introduce Iris in this occasion, winning people's heart would calm them as well, giving them the reassurance that they needed.

In the course of time, he could use such support to suppress the king, even without the golden stamp. It would give a safe net for him, if he played public sympathy well.

Yet, Cane had his own consideration. He stretched out his hand and caressed her soft hair, playing with her curls between his fingers.

"That's what he thought." He emphasized the word.

Iris blinked her eyes, she didn't see anger in his eyes anymore and this was a relief for her. "And what you thought?" she asked carefully.

"You will never accomplish anything when your heart is not set on it."

In another words, if Iris was forced to do it, the end result wouldn't be as expected. Cane knew how traumatized those children when they lost their parent and having someone that didn't want to be around them, neither had a heart to do so, was not a solution.

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Being in slavery for a decade and witnessed despairing things around him and endured all the worse things that one could only imagine, made Cane was well aware of such thing.

This was one of the reasons how he could be very sensitive of the change of attitude when Will approached him after the second monster attack, he could tell right away something horrendous had happened, so did with Iris.

There was something off with the way she reacted around prince Kellan, which made him held back his opinion about the prince, despite his impeccable image in front of the people.

"Don't do it when you don't want it, especially when you have an option to choose." This was Cane way to say that he didn't force her to take the role prince Kellan had suggested.

Iris had a choice to refuse, to not get involved and Cane wouldn't pressure her to do otherwise. Probably, this was part of his guilt for what he had done to her in the library, thus he gave her as much freedom as he could give to her.

Though it would set back with his plan a little bit, but in a bigger picture, it wouldn't have any impact for the whole thing.

"Think about that carefully," Cane said. He caressed her earlobe, which made her squirmed and caught his hand. He knew she was ticklish whenever he touched her there, but he kept doing it anyway.

Iris held his hand and put it down, putting it away from her ear.

"I need to do something tonight and I need your help," Cane continued talking, as if there was nothing happened.

"What can I help you with?" Iris lit up. This was the first time for Cane to really say it to her that he needed her help, thus she was so eager.

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"Mother, is not fair!" Alan was screaming like a child to his mother. He had been in lady Cyan's place for hours, but no matter what lady Cyan told him, he refused to listen. He kept screaming at her that he wanted those people from the Howling Wolf pack to be punished, for whatever reason.

He was so mad that Cane got his hand on the golden stamp. The alpha could do whatever he wanted and with the stamp in his possession, he could even order him around, the thought of it alone nauseated him. How could his mother be so calm about the whole ordeal?

"Not everything is about you!" Lady Cyan finally snapped. She was usually very rational and calm, but she had reached her limit. Having an idiot son like Alan was a pain.

She would rather have a great enemy than to have stupid people followed her because those people could be her doom without her realizing it, as they dug their own grave and dragged her with their stupidity.

"I can't accept this!" Alan roared.

A harsh slap landed on his face, which made him stumbled on his feet and fell on his back, but what followed after that was something that made him widened his eyes in horror.

Alan clutched his neck, he couldn't breathe. He felt suffocated, as if someone strangled her and he looked at his mother in fear.

"Talk to me like that again and I will make you regret to raise your voice on me." Lady Cyan's voice was so cold, her eyes didn't hold any warmth, neither she looked like a gentle mother that everyone perceived of her.

The rumor about her was proven right that she was a witch, since she came from Andelus continent, the same place where the Holy kingdom located. Most of the people there used to use magic, but for the people in this kingdom, it was still unsure, whether lady Cyan was a magic user or not.

But with this, it was certain that she was one of the magic users.

"M- mother..." Alan stammered, he was afraid of his father, but he was even more dreadful of his mother whenever she lost her temper. Behind the scene, she was the one, who pulled the strings.

"Get to know that merchant from the Karam continent and get him to your side, understood?" Her voice was icy. There was no mercy in her beautiful eyes.

Alan nodded, because he couldn't speak now.

The more powerful magic user was, the more they could conceal their magic power from the other, thus it was hard to tell if there was a powerful magic user in the same room like you or not, unless they couldn't control their power and reveal themselves.

"Now, get lost!" Lady Cyan released Alan, as the crown prince crawled on his feet and arm to get away from this room as soon as possible.

He dreaded his mother, there was no slightest doubt that she would kill him, if she was really pissed off. There was something more powerful than this whole kingdom about his mother, as lady Cyan had the king wrapped around her fingers, though she kept low profile on everything.

"My lady." Sarah, one of her ladies approached her and informed her about princess Osana's condition. "The curse is acting up again, right now, the princess is adamant for you to visit her."

Lady Cyan narrowed her eyes when she heard that, but she followed Sarah out of the room.

Black magic.

A magic user, who used black magic was only a handful and she was sure she kept on track, who were they, but for someone to use the black magic on the royal family and she didn't know, who was that, was something that irked her.

Who was this magic user, who dare enough to curse the royal family?

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Iris was staring at Cane, as he started to shift into his lycan. His eyes turned red and Redmond stood by her side closely, he was being protective with her, which was not a good sight for the lycan.

Actually, Redmond was against this idea.

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Redmond was against this idea, he was adamant for Iris to be left out of this crazy plan, but she was the sole reason how this plan would work.

He was so pissed to see how Iris was so eager to throw her life in danger to agree with this. He could see how Iris was trying to please the alpha. She was so willing to help him with whatever he requested of her. She became people pleaser right now, because she was afraid these people would leave her if she didn't have any use for them.

Redmond could see this pattern from Iris, where she always looked for assurance from people around her and was willing to bend her back to please them. He hated this attitude of her the most.

Especially toward Cane. His word and his view were very important for her.

That was how Redmond saw Iris and all he wanted was for her to have a little bit backbone to reject such dangerous plan.

"Would you also die if he wanted you to do so?" Redmond asked scornfully, as he watched the alpha shifted into his lycan form. It looked painful and he grimaced when he heard the sound of cracking bone. This was the first time he watched Cane's transformation and Redmond was still bitter to be part of this dark secret of him. "You must value your life also, you know."

Ethan, who heard that scoffed. "You need to stop lecturing her, you know. You demand her to grow up and be strong, but you treat her like a child." The warrior gave him a side eye. "Part of growing up is making your own decision and face the consequences. Stop nagging her, she has endured as much as hardship like the rest of us."

On the other hand, Iris paid no mind to their squabbling and approached the lycan, as the creature looked so grim when he saw her between Redmond and Ethan. He barred his teeth and let out a dangerous growl.

Seeing how Iris was about to approach the lycan, Redmond instinctively wanted to stop her, but Ethan swatted his hand before he could grab her.

"She is not a child and the lycan will tear you up if you touch her," Ethan warned him sternly.

Redmond should have learned his lesson when Cane was under the black magic that instigated by Aria. How the lycan was so fond of Iris and wouldn't let anything happen to her. The lycan would kill anyone, friend or foe, if they as much as touching her.

It was not Iris, who they needed to be concerned, but it was them that should be worried about their own safety against the lycan.

Redmond grumbled, but he dropped the matter and let Iris to approach the lycan. He still remembered how he was almost dead the last time he fought off this beast. After all, this cursed creature had killed a thousand beasts by himself.

Meanwhile, Iris came to the lycan and caressed its head, as the creature nuzzled against her hand. She was no longer afraid of him and from what she learned from Cane's explanation. He still had a clear control over the lycan when he shifted during the new moon, whenever she was there as well.

It was safe to say that the lycan was still Cane in a sense, though he had different form from his wolf.

"Should we do it now?" Iris turned around to look at Redmond and Ethan. Will was not there with them. He knew about this plan, but he was not part of it, for some reason. Cane didn't allow him to get involved in this mission and Iris didn't ask why.

"I think it's time," Ethan said.

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Lady Cyan came to the East Palace, where princess Osana lived. She went there under a guise, because she didn't want anyone to know her to be here and tend to the curse princess.

The corridor was long, but even from afar, Cyan and her ladies could hear the sound of Osana's screaming voice that echoed throughout the walls.

The sound of it was nerve-wrecking and made one feel horror in their heart. The sound came not only from the place of pain, but also agony and anguish. Just what kind of torture the princess was going through right now?

They were terrifying. It was not confirmed yet that a black magic could be infectious, but they were afraid they could catch something ominous only by standing close to the princess's bedroom.

However, they couldn't disobey their master.

On the other hand, Cyan didn't bother with such thought, because she knew black magic and this one was a mere curse. She was a dark witch as well, she had practiced dark magic for so long with her younger brother.

With steady step and hoodie that covered her face, she walked through the corridor with her four ladies.

"All of you can leave," Sarah said, once they were right in front of the princess's bedroom. She dismissed all the guards there.

These royal guards knew the identity of the woman that hid under the hoodie, thus they nodded politely and left, while the screaming and crying continued from behind the closed door.

Cyan waved her hand and the door opened, and when she stepped inside, the door was closed on its own, as the screaming sound died down. People

from outside the door couldn't hear that, but the scream continued inside the bedroom.

Right now, this room was covered by magic and there was only Cyan and Osana were inside.

"Cyan! CYAN! Please, do something! Do something!" Osana was screaming her heart out when she saw Cyan, but she couldn't approach her because both of her arms and legs were being tied up, so she couldn't scratch herself.

The rumor about her was bleeding on her own bed was not completely wrong and how her skin peeled off was not a false rumor either.

But, one thing that they missed was the fact that princess Osana had been scratching herself to the point it ruined her skin, even her healing ability as a shifter couldn't help it.