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PRANG!

The sound was so loud inside the king study room when a glass hit the wall and it shattered into thousand pieces on the floor. It was the king, who had hurled that fragile thing after he heard what had happened.

His face darkened and his breathing was labored when he tried to control himself.

Meanwhile, the guard, who informed the news knelt in front of the king, his head touched the floor, as he was trembling in fear before the king's wrath.

"The lycan appeared in the palace!?" He spat the word viciously. His eyes bulged from their socket, as he slammed his fist against the table and it left a deep dent on the surface. "HOW?! How the lycan can be here?!"

The recent information that he got about the lycan was; the warrior from the Howling Wolf pack was still looking for the lycan in the Goffa mountain after the cursed creature kidnapped Iris. Fortunately, they could save their luna, but then there was no more news about the lycan. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't trace it.

And yet, the lycan appeared in the capital city. It even showed up in the palace.

"What the hell is happening with all of you?!" King Aeon roared, he walked toward the guard and kicked him viciously, as the poor man flew across the room. "What happened with the protection around the palace?! Will one day someone be able to enter my palace, my bed and kill me while I sleep?!"

The two warriors inside the king study room lowered their head. They stared at the poor guard, who was vomiting blood after the kick. They also didn't have any idea what was going on and why the monsters suddenly appeared inside the palace, as if this place was a common area for them to roam around.

In a matter of fact, they had strengthened the protection around the palace, especially the king palace.

However, with the appearance of the lycan, the situation was way more precarious compared to the two attacks of the monsters in the new year.

"What now?! Tell me you managed to kill that lycan!" King Aeon knocked a lot of precious things from the table, he was completely enraged, yet he couldn't care less about it.

One of the warriors blinked, as he listened to the recent information that he received through mindlink. He shuddered when he realized what it was and this subtle reaction didn't go unnoticed by the king.

"WHAT?! WHAT IS GOING ON NOW!?"

The warrior stammered when he spoke, he blanched from fear. "The lycan kidnapped the fourth prince, prince Vemion, and now sir Lori is demanding to see you."

Lori was one of five the king's righthand men in the court. He was hailed from Red Claw pack, which was the richest pack in this kingdom. Their strength came from the amount of the money that they had from the magic stone mines.

This was one of the reasons why king Aeon wanted to take over the magic stone mines of the Howling Wolf pack and the Blue Moon pack so desperately, so he could have an even footing against Red Claw pack.

Needless to say, Red Claw pack was a pack that even the king didn't want to mess with.

"The former beta from the Red Claw pack has been informed and sir Lori is still waiting for his reply." The warrior ended his report.

The former beta of the Red Claw pack was prince Vemion grandfather and because Laluna was also hailed from the same pack, it would be hell if something happened to him.

"USELESS MUTT!" The king took long strides and snapped the warrior's head, it happened so fast and the poor warrior didn't see it coming, but even so, he wouldn't have been able to preserve his life if the king wanted to kill him.

His lifeless body fell on the floor with his neck angled weirdly. His eyes widened, but there was no more life in them.

"Call Leon right now!" the king glared at the second warrior, who immediately left the room, while dragging his fellow comrade out of the study room, the other guard there helped him as well.

It didn't take long for Leon to come, he was panting when he arrived and fear was written so clearly on his face. He knew he would be doomed with the lycan managed to break the security around the palace.

And he was not wrong with that because the first thing that he received was a vicious kick from the king, which sent him sprawled on the floor, while king Aeon stepped on his head. If he put more pressure on it, Leon's head would have exploded and the chief royal guard could do nothing, but plea with the king for his life.

"You are so useless, but you are still trying to beg me to give a mercy for you?" The king asked with sinister look in his eyes. "How can you explain about the lycan that kidnapped the fourth prince? How can you get my damned son and appease the people from the Red Claw pack?"

Leon stuttered when he explained to the king he had deployed all the warriors to look for the prince and even mobilized a lot of magic users to find him as well, yet it didn't please the king.

"You want to say you have deployed so many people and make the search for Vemion public? Is it your way to tell the public the lycan is finally here and set them in more panic? Do you want chaos in the capital city to happen?"

Leon was stunned. He didn't think that way. "My king... I..."

"IDIOT!" King Aeon kicked Leon's face, which made him lost two of his teeth and blood spurted on the carpeted floor. "Make sure your daughter can be Cane's mistress, or else, I will send you to gallows." He needed to get a hold of Cane. "Where is lady Cyan?!"

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THE BLOODY NIGHT

"Make sure your daughter can be Cane's mistress, or else, I will send you to gallows." Aeon needed to get a hold of Cane. His nephew had two packs under his command, not to mention the magic stone mines belonged to him as well, thus he thought to use Cane if worse came to worse with the Red Claw pack. He could use Cane to suppress them.

"Yes, yes, my king..." Leon replied with so much difficulty, as he spat a mouthful blood. "You don't need to worry, Nala will handle this task well."

Aeon scoffed when he heard that. Nala was beautiful, but Cane didn't even spare her a glance when she tried to throw herself to him.

"Send her to my bedroom, there is something that I want to discuss with her."

Leon's face turned slightly darker when he heard what the king commanded, because he knew what the king would 'discuss' with his daughter in his own chamber. "Yes, my king. Nala will wait for you in your chamber."

Hearing that, Aeon's mood was slightly improved, as he turned around and left the study room. He asked the royal warrior there. "Where is lady Cyan?!"

"Lady Cyan is currently with princess Osana in the East Palace. The curse is acting up again," the royal warrior replied. Only a handful people knew where currently Lady Cyan was, since most of them thought the lady would always be in her place and unless the king called her, she wouldn't leave, yet the truth was far from it.

Aeon growled when he heard that. This matter with the black magic and the lycan had given him a headache and restless sleep. His health had deteriorated because of it.

"I will go to the East Palace."

"But, my king, Sir Lori, princess Laluna and Lady Ayla have been looking for you."

The three of them were prominent figure in the palace and all of them came from the Red Claw pack. At this point, the future conflict between the royal and the Red Claw pack became more apparent.

Lady Ayla was Vemion's mother and of course, she was furious to know her son was taken away by the cursed creature, they didn't know what would happen to him.

On the other hand, the king only glared viciously at the warrior after he heard the report. "I am busy, I will meet with them later."

The king stormed away furiously.

Aeon avoided to meet with them because he didn't want to talk about the matter at hand before he discussed this with Cyan. He needed her opinion regarding this matter because she knew the right things to say and a perfect plan to execute.

However, when he arrived in the East Palace and entered princess Osana's chamber, acrid smell rose in the air and the atmosphere was so dark.

"What happened here?" Aeon stepped inside, after he closed the door. He didn't let anyone to enter.

The crying sound from princess Osana had ceased and the princess was currently sleeping with her limbs still tied on the pillar of her bed, while Cyan was panting beside the bed.

However, the horror didn't lay on the two women, but on a pile of five dead bodies of children around the age of eight to twelve on the corner of the room.

They were dead, it was obvious from their lack of movement. All of them were naked and bleeding, while in the middle of the room, there was a rune, written with blood. The blood from those poor children.

"What are you doing with them?" Aeon didn't feel sorry for the children, he only looked disgusted by the messy room.

The king approached his mistress and looked at her closely, Cyan's face was pale and her beautiful eyes held anger.

"There is another dark sorcerer in the capital city. I need you to call my brother back from Riverside pack." Cyan was seething with rage when she said that.

"The lycan showed up in the palace and that creature took prince Vemion."

"The lycan? In the capital city?"

Cyan was too occupied with the matter at hand, thus she had not yet received any information about the recent event.

"Yes."

"I need to stop or else, that dark witch from the palace will kill more children," Haco said, he was panting, as he laid down on his back, staring at the gloomy sky. It was so cold and even though it was not snowed, but the wind was icy.

Will stayed with him in the wood near their lodge, sitting next to him without saying anything.

"Will you say something? I feel like I am talking to myself," Haco complained. He grumbled because of Will lacked of response every time he said something.

"You love to hear the sound of your voice. You don't have problem with me not reply anything to you," Will finally said, so Haco could stop bothering him.

"Cih!" Haco scoffed disdainfully. "They must be here now."

True to his prediction, a few minutes before the sun rose, a lycan appeared from behind the trees, he was dragging prince Vemion with him, while the prince was begging for mercy.

Not too far from them, Iris came with Redmond and Ethan as well.

It came as a shock for Vemion to see these people with the rumored lycan, his mind couldn't comprehend the current situation, but he knew his life was in a great danger.

"Luna Iris, please... have a mercy..." Vemion begged her.

Meanwhile, Iris looked conflicted when he saw the prince, yet she said nothing, as she kept the distance between them.

"What... what are you going to do with him?" Iris couldn't figure out the whole plan, especially when Vemion knew about what they were doing, though he was still clueless about the fact the lycan was Cane.

However, before Iris could get the answer, she watched in horror when the lycan clawed the prince's heart out of his body and crushed it.

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LEAVE

Iris watched in horror when she witnessed a murder for the first time right before her eyes.

Prince Vemion was still struggling and begging for mercy after being taken away from his chamber by the lycan and was dragged here, yet the next thing that happened made them sucked in cold breath.

The lycan pierced through his chest and yanked his heart out of his body, as the cursed creature crushed it easily. The gagging sound prince Vemion let out was the last sound that came out of his mouth before his lifeless body was being thrown away to the side and slowly, the lycan shifted back into the alpha of the Howling Wolf pack, as the sun rose in the east and the dull light spilled through this clearing.

"Shit!" Redmond cursed loudly when he saw that. He was taken aback and was caught out of guard, thus he didn't have time to shield Iris from such horrendous sight. "You agreed to not do it in front of her!"

Meanwhile, Iris blanched. This was the most disturbing and horrifying sight she had ever witnessed. She didn't know what to say, neither she knew how to react. The lycan had just killed the prince in such brutal way she had never imagined before and now, in stead of the lycan, Cane was standing ten steps away from her and the bloody remaining of what prince Vemion's heart was still in his hand. The color was so red, as fresh blood dripped to the coveredsnow ground, leaving dark stain on the surface.

"Damn you! What do you think you are doing in front of her?!" Redmond snarled at Cane, while the alpha ignored him like usual, but his eyes fixed on his mate, held her gaze, which filled with fear. A lot of fear. "Are you okay?" Redmond turned around and faced Iris. He shook her shoulder, but then her legs gave up and she sat on the cold ground. It was so cold, even for a shifter, let alone someone like her. She would get sick again if she stayed like this.

"What are you going to say now?!" Redmon barked at Ethan, who was dumbfounded. This time, he didn't have a word to retort.

The gamma didn't have any idea that Cane would do such thing in front of Iris, as they agreed not to do it in her presence, because it would be too much for her to handle. Was it the lycan? Couldn't he control himself in his lycan form whenever Iris nearby? Cane was sure about that, but why he killed Vemion in front of her?

Even Haco was stunned, he gagged and threw up to see the lifeless body of the prince. He didn't know the whole plan and was only ordered to curse princess Osana, so like Iris, he was also not expecting such horror and gruesome scene in this early morning.

"My stomach is weak, can't you warn me first?" Haco complained.

Out of all the people, it was only Will, who didn't have any reaction. He stared at the dead body of prince Vemion as if it was nothing, as if he felt nothing. He still sat on the ground, staring at the whole thing with numb.

"Let's go, I will take you back to the lodge," Redmond said, he helped Iris to get up on her feet and left the scene.

Once the two of them left, Ethan went to approach Cane, he looked cautious when he spoke. "Why did you do that? We have agreed not to do it in front of her."

Cane still stared at where the sight of Iris and Redmond disappeared and then to his bloody hand. He was silence for a while before he spoke.

"I didn't agree to anything," he said and then lifted his head to look at his gamma. "Prepare for the next move."

And after saying that, Cane turned around and left, he went to clean the blood on his hand, leaving those people stared at his back with a great apprehension.

Cane was right, the idea was suggested by Redmond and Ethan, who in a rare moment, agreed with him, yet Cane had never said anything and they took his silent as an agreement.

Ethan groaned to see his alpha left without any explanation yet again. He couldn't comprehend the way Cane's mind was working. He was very unpredictable. He thought, the relationship between him and Iris had a great progress, but why he would show such gruesome sight in front of her?

Unless he couldn't control the lycan, yet there was no way for Ethan to know that for sure.

"Will, come here and help me!" Ethan waved his hand toward Will, who stood up and approached the gamma. He still said nothing, neither he showed any emotion, while Haco had scurried away, throwing up somewhere, cursing Cane in every step that he took, thankfully, he didn't have any magic stone on him.

Redmond handed Iris a cup of hot chocolate, he didn't stop nagging her about something, even though she didn't look at him, which meant, whatever he said couldn't be understood by her, yet it didn't discourage the warrior.

"Shit! What he wants?!" Redmond cursed when he caught Cane's scent and right at that time, the door was thrown opened. The alpha was standing there, looked so calm like usual. Probably, it was only Iris, who had ever witnessed Cane's vulnerable side, but it almost felt like a distance memories. "What do you want now?! You shocked her! What you have done was borderline brutal!"

"Leave," Cane said simply, as he strode across the room to reach his mate. He already cleaned himself, there was no trace of blood on him, but the sight that Iris saw an hour ago, would forever engrave in her mind.

"Do you really think I will leave you alone with her?" Redmond stepped in front of Cane to block his path, he stretched out his hand to stop him, but the alpha swiftly twisted his hand and pushed him away.

"Leave."

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WILL YOU STAY BY MY SIDE?

Redmond was furious for what Cane had done in front of Iris. His action was uncalled for. He had said he was in fully control even in his lycan form whenever Iris was nearby, but it didn't seem like it after his atrocious action to kill prince Vemion right before their eyes, especially Iris.

If Redmond knew Cane would lose control in his lycan form, he wouldn't allow him to be close to Iris.

"Leave," Cane said coldly when he saw Redmond was about to attack him. He was ready to throw him out of the room if he had to. He didn't have time for his childish behavior, as he clung to Iris, thinking because he had pledged his loyalty to her, he could have a say in her matter.

Redmond was ready to shift and fight the alpha and Cane was more than ready to take him down, there was a limit for his rancorous behavior and this warrior had crossed boundaries many times.

However, before the fight could break out, Iris finally spoke. "Leave."

Both of them turned their head toward her. She looked so pale, but her blue eyes were a few shades darker.

"Yeah, leave," Redmond said smugly at Cane, yet his smirk disappeared so fast when Iris corrected him.

"No, I want you to leave, Redmond. I want to talk with him."

Redmond's jaw dropped. "Are you serious? Do you want to talk with him alone? He just killed that damned prince an hour ago in such brutal way. Do you really feel safe to be with him alone?"

Iris had her eyes fixed on Redmond, she was already a little bit calm when she spoke. "If he wants to kill me, do you really think, you can stop him?"

Iris got the point. Redmond wouldn't be able to fight Cane and Iris was not much of a help. The alpha could kill them both without any help.

Gritting his teeth, Redmond walked out of the room, but he didn't forget to slam the door. The warrior was upset beyond words.

And now, after Redmond left, there were only Iris and Cane alone inside the room, as the two of them stared at each other, but none of them started to talk for a few minutes later, until Iris broke the silent.

"Was that you? Or the lycan?" Iris fiddled with her dress, she did this whenever she was nervous and when Cane took a step closer to approach her, she took a step back. The sight of him holding prince Vemion's dead body with his heart in his hand was still clear in her mind. She was afraid of how vicious the lycan was... or was it Cane?

"It was me," Cane replied shortly. He didn't hide this fact. He had thought about it thoroughly and he wanted to know how Iris would handle this.

"Why?" Iris felt her throat dry, her voice choked. She still entertained the idea Cane lost his control upon the lycan, that was a better case, but not until he admitted himself. "Why did you kill him? What he had done wrong?"

Laluna was trying to get Cane's attention and Iris was a little bit upset with the way she acted, but prince Vemion had done nothing, he was nice to them compared to the crown prince. He greeted them and did his duty, he even stood up for them during the confrontation when they arrived in the palace.

Cane didn't need to kill him. He had no reason to do so. Prince Vemion didn't even have any involvement in the matter with Ethan.

"Why?" Iris could feel herself almost begged him to explain the situation, because she was very confused, though deep down she knew explanation was not Cane's strong forte. "I want to understand."

The alpha didn't say anything for a long time, while Iris waited for him to speak, a little bit explanation would help her to figure out what he was actually trying to do.

More so, kidnapping the prince and killing him would cause a huge ripple in the capital city, the whole royal family and the Red Claw pack would hunt this matter down, this was a very serious matter and Cane must know about it.

Therefore, it didn't make sense he made this move. What kind of game he was playing right now? He put everyone in danger.

"Prince Vemion is innocent in all of this, isn't he?" Iris asked him again, she really did try to understand him.

"His status already made it impossible for him to be innocent in anything," Cane finally replied, his tone was cold, as if he didn't feel any regret for what he had done, because that was what he felt.

In another word, though Vemion didn't show malicious intention, neither he looked hostile nor he acted like the crown prince, there was something hideous he was hiding. All of the royal family did. Some of them more apparent, as they did it bluntly, but some of them did it slyly, underhandedly, to deceive people perception of them.

The people that belonged to the last category was the dangerous one.

Cane would rather to face someone like Alan all the time, rather than those people, who built up a good image, while doing abhorrent act behind people's back.

Needless to say, Cane taught Iris that something was not like how she saw it, thing would never as simple as she saw the world and he was not as 'kind' as she thought he was.

Cane could see Iris had warmed up to her, she forgot what he had done and forgave too easily. He wanted to remind her, he was still the monster, who would be able to do anything in order to achieve his goal.

"This is the first time for you to see me going beyond the unthinkable in order to get what I want. And this will not be the last time you see me killing someone." Cane took a step closer again. "Will you still stay by my side?"

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The road ahead of them wouldn't be smooth sailing and if Iris chose to be by his side, he didn't want to tone down his action in her behalf. This was something that he would do underhandedly, this was something that he couldn't avoid when he made a plot and schemed against the royal family.

Just like what Haco had said; you would eventually be a monster when you hunted one.

This was only one example, but ahead of them, there would be more something like this that would happen, a moment where you were demanded to shed all of your moral and focus on what you wanted to achieve.

And after knowing that, would Iris still choose to stay by his side?

Once again, Cane made her to choose.

Iris had said she wanted to stand by him and helped him, but this was the kind of help that Cane needed and he was not sure she could handle it.

Cane really wanted to work on their relationship, but he was having a hard time to differentiate Iris from one of his chess pieces on his chess board. She was too valuable and useful. It was easy to manipulate Iris and Cane was sure, he could get whatever he wanted from her.

Especially after he saw how eager she was to help him. She completely put her guard down around him and didn't take any precaution.

In one hand, Cane truly appreciated how Iris put her absolute trust on him, but on the other hand, it wouldn't do her any good, since it would make it easy for people to use her, once they knew how to get a hold of her, including him. At that time when Iris said she wanted to be with him, Cane thought she only said that because she didn't get the full picture of what he was going to do and now when she had witnessed it with her own eyes, he gave her the chance and reason to back off.

"Will you still stay by my side?" Cane asked her. He took a closer step toward her and this time, Iris didn't back away. She stared at the alpha, her eyes were so clear, as myriad thoughts ran in her mind.

"Is this something that unavoidable?" Iris whispered the question, she found herself lost all of her strength, somehow, she felt so exhausted, her mind and body couldn't take the tension. This was reaction of her shock.

"Yes."

His opponent would scheme in such a way, they wouldn't blink their eyes when they killed the people they deemed useless and needed to get rid off, and Cane couldn't fight such battle with courtesy.

"Will you hurt me?"

Cane took a deep breath, he could see fear in her blue eyes. "Probably." He then added. "I am not someone to be safe with."

"Will you intentionally hurt me?" Iris emphasized this.

"No." He had no desire to hurt her, but in this battle, everyone would tend to get hurt. He didn't want to sugarcoat his words and wanted her to fully understand what kind of choice she needed to choose and the consequences of her decision.

This was a dangerous road, their path wouldn't be filled with rose petals and laughter, instead, it would be blood and despair.

If Iris couldn't handle this, she wouldn't be able to handle what would come after. It would be better she knew and involved less.

"Will you kill and hurt someone if they are truly innocent?"

"No one is truly innocent."

"Children."

It was common thing to hurt and kill children. She heard about it, she knew how her own father had hurt the children in his own pack and the children of the Howling Wolf pack. She heard stories about horrendous things her father had done to them. Stories that she didn't want to recall.

They were defenseless and it was easy for you to take advantage of their innocent.

Iris wanted to know whether or not Cane would turn into someone like her father and also his moral compass. How low he would go in order to achieve what he wanted.

"No." Cane looked at her deep into her eyes. "If you agree, I will meet you in the orphanage, but if you don't, I will understand."

And after saying that, Cane turned around and left her alone inside the room, leaving her with her own thoughts.

Cane always made it clear from the beginning what he wanted and what he needed. He gave her the choice to back away, but then, she wouldn't know a thing about him.

Yet, if she agreed to be by his side, would she be able to handle what would come?

Today, Cane killed prince Vemion and cursed princess Osana, who would be next?

Cane sent her back to the palace after their conversation, there were a lot of unresolved things between them and now Iris realized, she didn't take one step toward him at all, because right now, she felt like their relationship was having a regress.

The day of Cane and prince Kellan to visit the orphanage was a week from now, because of the problem with the lycan and the two of them were busy to calm people down, as they both made appearance in front of the public.

People had a heart for prince Kellan and they actually listened to him, thus it made it easier for Cane to handle the crowd.

More so, the body of prince Vemion had not been found and this created an uproar in the court, as Sir Lori, Laluna and Lady Ayla demanded the king to show more effort or else, Red Claw pack would take things in their hand.

It was a threat and the king had been furious with that blatant disrespect.

On the fourth day, warriors from the Red Claw pack arrived in the palace, they went straight to meet with the king.

At the same time, Iris was having a tea with Laluna, as she cried to her about her grievances.

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"How could the king still hold back the investigation about what happened? Vemion is still his son, though he was not the crown prince." Laluna cried again, as she caressed her stomach. She was due to give birth in the next month, she was so scared and her mood was erratic with the whole matter regarding the fourth prince. The stress was too much for a pregnant woman like her.

"The king doesn't want to attract people's attention and muddy the already worse situation in the public's eyes," Iris said. "That's what Cane told me."

The relationship between Iris and Cane returned to normal, or as normal as it could. They didn't talk about it again, as if they had never had that conversation in the first place, but her decision of what she chose, would determine what kind of relationship they would have in the future and Iris still had three days left.

"Still, Vemion is his son. The king is so cold." Laluna wiped her tears, her emotions were all over the places.

On the other hand, Iris felt so bad. She knew prince Vemion had died and how he died... thus, to come here and have a tea with Laluna, while consoling her about her grievances, felt so fake. This made Iris uncomfortable.

This was one thing that Cane wanted to emphasize to Iris. She couldn't be soft hearted, because she would encounter this difficult situation many times.

Iris would be fine if her feeling was genuine when she felt sorry for Laluna, but she knew the truth, she knew too much for her own good and it wreaked her from inside to be pretentious like this.

Cane adored how clear Iris's emotion was, there was no underlying meaning behind her action, neither he had to read too deep in each word she said.

However, being a good person was not equal to be a good company. His enemy could use her to get to him and that was the most common method one would use to scheme against their opponent.

"The alpha is the head of the search party, isn't he?" Laluna suddenly said, she wiped her tears from her cheeks and immediately grabbed Iris's hands. "I want to see him. I want to talk to him. Can you help me to meet with him?"

It went without saying, as the king's special envoy, the king confidently gave the responsibility to Cane to find the fourth prince and calm the public. The king efficiently put all the brunt on the alpha.

"My mate will have announced it if he found out something." Iris tried to dodge the plea. "You don't need to be worry, princess."

Instead of calling him as 'the alpha' or using his name, Iris went straight to call Cane as 'her mate'. She was empathized with Laluna's situation, but it didn't mean she was alright with her talking to her mate, knowing how she felt about Cane and the way she looked at him.

Iris had taken a great pain to come here and choose this time because Cane was away, so she would have a reason why Laluna couldn't meet with him, but she directly asked her to meet with her mate. Somehow, this annoyed her.

"My mate has worked so hard, even if you talk to him and push him to find the fourth prince immediately, he still can't do that." Iris blinked, staring at Laluna innocently. "My mate will find your mate, princess. You don't need to worry."

Called her petty, but what she said was true. Laluna wouldn't help with anything by talking to Cane. More so, Cane would definitely find prince Vemion, since he was the only person, who knew where the dead body of the prince was.

Time flew by and the tension in the palace didn't reduce at all, if anything, everyone was on edge with the arrival of the people from the Red Claw pack

and the king's health had been deteriorating, as healers went in and out from his chamber.

Because of that also, he made the envoy from the Red Claw pack waited for him, which didn't make them happy at all.

"Useless piece of shit!" King Aeon threw the ink bottle toward Leon, which made the old warrior's face stained with dark liquid, even so, he still didn't dare to raise his head and look at the king, neither he had the guts to complain.

Standing on the side, Nala gritted her teeth to see her father was being treated that way, but there was nothing she could do, aside from to calm down the king's wrath, as she went toward him and started to massage his shoulders.

"Alpha Cane has not yet found any clue about the fourth prince whereabout, I am very sure he will make progress. He is a reliable person, after all."

King Aeon narrowed his eyes, as he pulled Nala onto his laps. She had been staying inside his chamber for days and took care of the king's need every now and then. The king didn't even care when he did her in front of Leon. It was a way for the king to humiliate both father and daughter because they didn't meet his expectation.

"Don't praise another man in front of me, understood?" The king squeezed her breast, which made Nala gasped painfully, as she nodded. "What is your plan with Cane?"

Nala felt uncomfortable when the king slipped his hand under her dress and started to fondle her breast. Leon was still here and Nala didn't want to be seen in intimate moment with her father nearby.

"Tomorrow alpha Cane and prince Kellan decided to go to the orphanage and I will go with them."

"Foolish woman. Do you really thing by coming to the orphanage and play with those dirty children will make you his mistress?" The king started kissing her slender neck.

"I... I have plan..." Nala stuttered. She really wanted to push this old king away from her. "I will go with the witch that Lady Cyan recommended to me."

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"I will go with the witch that Lady Cyan recommended to me." Nala tried to push away the king's hand from her breast, but such feeble attempt would never succeed, as the old king fiddled with her nipple between his fingers and his other hand pulled her dress up to show her milky skin, her thigh was exposed, while she was sitting on his laps, she could feel how he was hardened to see her naked body.

Nala was uncomfortable because her father was only a few meters away, lowering his head, until he kissed the floor, as the king touched her intimately.

She wouldn't mind to serve the king, after all, this was not the first time, but it was a humiliation to do it in front of Leon. The king was trying to humiliate both of them because he was dissatisfied with the way his chief of royal warrior handled things and the lack of progress.

He vented out his annoyance and stress on Nala.

"What are you going to do with the witch?" The king lowered his head and suck on her nipple so hard, Nala squirmed from his laps, but this only made her grinded herself against him, which excited Aeon even more.

At this point, Nala was very exposed, her dress gathered around her waist, as her hair was the only thing that could cover her breast and the table obscured the sight of the king fingering her from Leon.

Nala didn't enjoy any of this, but she couldn't voice out her grievances. Even though Leon couldn't see her did it with the king, since he had his head down, he still could hear and senses the smell of sex in the air.

"The... the witch knows black magic..." Nala stuttered, as she couldn't fight the way her body reacted with his touch. "There is this magic... the magic that can cut off the mate bond between mate..." Nala moaned, but then she stopped herself, she felt her climax was near and she fought the urge to cry out. She didn't want to make any noise. "Hm, go on..." The king stared at her crumpled face, amused because she was biting her lips and knew what was in her mind and why she stopped herself. He wanted to know how long she would be this stubborn.

"The... the witch will help to shatter the mate bond between alpha Cane and his mate..." Nala was panting, her whole body shuddered. "After that... all I need to do is for him to mark me..."

The king guffawed when he heard that. The thought to have Cane's future mistress got fucked by him first elated him.

Yet, Aeon should have known, before him, Nala had been bedded by many men. He simply didn't think about that.

In the end, slave was not a status, but a state of mind, because that method used by some slave to get the affection of their master, the same method that Aria had used on Cane.

"Miss, what happened? You have not yet flipped your book for almost an hour," Hanna asked, after she watched how distracted Iris was. She kept staring at the same page for so long, which convinced her that she didn't read the book at all.

On the other hand, Hanna was not really her usual cheerful self, because once again, Will didn't reply to her letter, her heart broke when she heard Iris met with him and he looked fine, but a little bit gloomy. She really wanted to know why he changed drastically and ignored her completely, but Iris didn't know and she didn't have a chance to have a conversation with him.

Hanna then remembered something. "Today alpha Cane and prince Kellan will go to the orphanage, will you go with them as well?"

She knew the relationship between the two of them had progressed in a good way, more so, recently alpha Cane took her out to have a lunch in the capital city, which was a good sign and Hanna had been gushing over it as she called that as a date, yet Iris didn't seem to be enthusiastic when she talked about it.

"I don't know," Iris replied in small voice.

"Why? The alpha didn't ask you to come along?"

Iris thought about it for a while. "He did.... He didn't..." she mumbled.

"What is that mean?" Hanna frowned, didn't understand her reply.

Meanwhile, Iris continued staring at her book, didn't really read it, because not even a sentence of it she could understand when her mind wandered all the possibilities.

It was not as easy as Hanna was thinking, it was not a simple matter of following Cane to the orphanage or not, because there was a meaning behind her appearance, so did if she decided not to come.

Iris bit her lip and lifted her head, as she stared at the bright sky. The winter would pass and the weather was no longer as cold as the first time they arrived here.

What would happen if she decided to come? Would she be able to handle what would come? Would her heart be able to take it and support Cane unconditionally?

One thing Iris was sure about, Vemion was the first, but he wouldn't be the last. It would be far from the last...

But, what if she backed down? What kind of relationship she would have with Cane? Iris didn't belong to anything, she even didn't have a place that she could call home...

If she lost Cane also, what happened to her then?

"What are you waiting for?" Kellan asked Cane, as he saw the alpha was staring at the distance. "Are you waiting for luna Iris to come?"

Cane shifted his attention toward the prince, who was laughing lightly, he looked so charm, even though he was sitting on his wheelchair.

"What? Have you started to miss her already?" Kellan teased Cane. "You said it yourself that she is sick. It will be too much for her to come along to."

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Because Iris didn't show up, Cane told Kellan it was because she was sick, since the prince expected her to come with them when they went to the orphanage, as he wanted Iris to be part of it. Her role would benefit Cane and herself in public's eyes.

Kellan was trying to help the alpha, so the people could warm up with him as well. At least, that was how he wanted himself to be perceived from outside perspective.

However, when the prince saw how Cane kept staring at the distance, as if he was waiting for someone, he couldn't help and tease him. "You already missed her? The mate bond between the two of you must be so strong."

Cane ignored that comment, as he went into the carriage and sat down calmly, waiting for the prince, because they shared the same carriage. It would show to the people that the two of them were close and Cane was on a good term with the prince.

During their ride, prince Kellan explained a few things about the capital city and answered all Cane's questions about this place and the people. He seemed very genuine to let Cane learned about a lot of things.

And if it was not because of Iris's strange behavior when she was around the prince, Cane would have put his guard down. He could see the quality and compassionate leadership in Kellan, no wondered his father and the alpha of the Celestial Moon pack were his strong supporter back in the day he was the crown prince.

"I hope to get along well with your mate," Kellan said out of the blue, after he explained about what the main livelihood for the citizen. "We have a pretty good relationship when she was still young, unfortunately, she forgot about that."

Kellan shifted his attention from the road and looked at Cane, trying to figure out what the alpha was thinking when he heard that, but it was hard to read what was in his mind, thus Kellan continued.

"I thought of her like my own little sister, but I guess she doesn't think the same way. She must be upset because I didn't stand up for her when Masson bullied her, so she must be thinking it's a bad idea to have another brother figure."

In a way, it made sense, as Kellan wanted to emphasize the point Iris forgot about him because he reminded her of Masson. Both of them knew how bad Masson had treated her.

Kellan used to visit the Blue Moon pack and would always be accompanied by Masson.

"She doesn't hold a grudge," Cane replied simply, he leaned his back and reciprocated Kellan's gaze, yet those eyes showed no malicious intention when he talked about Iris. "And yes, I think it's a bad idea for her to have another brother figure."

In another word, Cane wanted the prince to give up to entertain himself with the idea of having a brother- sister relationship with his mate. That sounded absurd and unsettling.

Thankfully, Kellan could read the room quite fast, as he only smiled and dropped the topic. He was confirmed about his suspicion; Iris had completely forgot and even if she did remember, Cane was still clueless.

Yet, the prince didn't put his guard down, after all, it was Cane. The alpha had won against the crown prince and got his gamma out of the death sentence unscathed, he even got a hold of the golden stamp.

Someone like him would be better to be kept close. He was too dangerous to be out of his sight.

However, prince Kellan was not the only person, who didn't drop their guard and had similar thought. Kept your friends close, but kept your enemies even closer. On the surface, they got along well, but it didn't mean, they would completely trust each other to give their backs. It was still long way to go and probably, something that would never happen in this lifetime.

The rest of their trip to the orphanage, Kellan filled Cane with a lot of information, in which might help him to accomplish the task from the king, because ever since the news about the fourth prince was being kidnapped and the lycan appeared in the palace, people begun to panic and waves of anxiety and tension rippled in the cold air of winter.

"Iris, I know you are there," Ethan said, after he finished talking with one of his warriors. He approached the hidden spot, where Iris had been hiding. He didn't know why she sneaked around this area alone, but her attempt to hide herself was really ridiculous, since all of them could smell her scent from far away. They were the best warriors Howling Wolf pack had after all.

Ethan approached Iris and tapped her shoulder, which made her jolted in surprise. She looked at the gamma in horror, as if Ethan had turned into a lycan or something.

"What are you doing here?" Ethan asked.

Iris came to the warrior quarter after she sneakily found out where Ethan was from Hanna, but the maid didn't have any idea her missy would come here, or else, she would come with her too.

"I just happened to be passing by here." Iris blinked her eyes, as she pulled her long curls nervously, obviously she was lying.

"You are with Redmond too much, so his bad trait has rubbed on you," Ethan sighed, as he shook his head and Iris immediately realized he caught her lie. "You have been here for an hour."

"How do you know?" Iris was surprised again for the gamma to be able to tell.

Yet, Ethan simply tapped his nose, indicating he had smelled her scent for long, which made Iris's face turned so red.

"If you are looking for the alpha, he is not here, he is with prince Kellan." Ethan frowned and tilted his head. "I thought you know about it. Didn't he tell you? And why you are not with him?"

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WHAT VEMION HAD DONE

"If you are looking for the alpha, he is not here, he is with prince Kellan. I thought you know about it. Didn't he tell you? And why you are not with him?" Ethan looked at Iris closely, there was still a tinge of red on her cheeks, because he caught her in lie.

On the other hand, Iris fidgeted because she didn't know what to say. She was not sure why she came here to find Ethan. "I know," she replied in small voice.

"You know?" Ethan blinked his eyes and then pulled her to sit down on a bench nearby under a maple tree. "So, why are you here? Are you looking for Redmond?" Ethan clicked his tongue. "I am sure, he is dipping his dick inside the poor palace maid."

Iris was shocked when she read what he said. The words were too vulgar and Ethan realized almost immediately when he saw the horror in her eyes.

"Ops, sorry. Squabbling with him very often makes me a little bit dumb." Ethan didn't forget to blame it on Redmond. He would thrash talk about him all day long if there was someone would listen to his rambling. He had a lot of grievance against Redmond after all.

"I am looking for you," Iris immediately said before the situation became even more awkward. She clutched her dress nervously.

"Looking for me? Why?" Ethan couldn't remember if they had some unfinished business, or there was a reason for her to find him. "Why are you looking for me?"

Iris was a little bit hesitated when she talked, but she was already here. "Why the alpha killed prince Vemion? What he had done?" Iris's voice was so small, because she was afraid there was someone else listening to this conversation, although they were in the open area and no one nearby. If Ethan was not a shifter with an exceptionally hearing ability, he wouldn't be able to hear what she said.

"Ah!" The gamma immediately understood why Iris was here. "Cane must have not yet told you about it, right?" Iris shook her head. "I am not surprise he didn't explain anything to you." He thought, Iris was an exception, but it seemed the alpha's way to not explain himself and the whole grandeur plan in his head had become a habit, which would hard to change.

"What the fourth prince had done? The alpha only said he is not as kind as people perceived him..."

"Well... he is not wrong." Ethan looked hesitated when he explained this, as he grimaced. He was not sure whether he was allowed to tell her about this.

However, with the consideration the alpha had brought her along with him in most of the mission and Iris knew Cane even his deepest secret, the gamma thought it wouldn't hurt to let her knew a little bit better about the situation.

After all, if she waited for Cane to get the answer, she would probably not get it at all, knowing the nature of the alpha.

"The fourth prince is having a secret deal with the people in the Andelus continent, he sold the magic stone that the Red Wolf pack had mined illegally, which caused so much loss for the kingdom."

Since the magic stone was being sold not under the kingdom's name, the profit didn't come to the royal's pocket.

"The alpha didn't care about that." Iris narrowed her eyes at Ethan. It was indeed an offense to the kingdom, but Cane was not the king, thus those losses didn't implicate him at all. It was well known that the royal family had a lot of underhanded deals, even the king himself and that matter with the magic stone had nothing to do with Cane, which caused him to kill prince Vemion.

"Well..." Ethan scratched his head that was not itchy. The weather had become warmer compared to the first time they arrived here, but Iris was still dressed thickly. "You don't want to know what else he had done."

What Ethan said before was the most 'gentle' wrongdoing Vemion had done, because the rest of it was as gruesome as the way he died.

"What he had done?" Iris became nervous as well, but she was adamant to know. She had gone so far to meet with Ethan and the answer she was looking for was only a step away.

"He dissected magic user's bodies to know how they got their magic." It was the most simple and considerate way to explain what Vemion had done.

"What do you mean dissected their body?" Iris was stunned when she heard that.

"He thought there is a secret of how those magic users got their power and he does research about it with a few important figures in the Red Claw pack and the money came from the black market, in which he got from selling children to Karam continent to be a slave, also from the magic stone that they sold underhandedly to Andelus continent."

Iris didn't know about this. Cane was right. His title alone as the prince of this kingdom, would be a guarantee he was not as innocent as he seemed.

Iris had never imagined about all of that if Ethan didn't tell her, because Cane wouldn't have explained such thing to her. And she believed him, there was no reason for the gamma to lie.

"If you think the way we treated the slaves in our mines is cruel, you must see how Red Claw pack treated the slaves, who are working in their mines." Ethan didn't elaborate further, but Iris could get the picture.

Ethan sighed when he saw how Iris's expression fell. She was shocked and it was written all over her face, because she still remembered how prince Vemion looked like a gentle and decent person. He had done such cruel research on the magic user?

"We can't survive if we don't watch our back, Iris. The alpha said the best defense is a good offense, therefore, we are always in a battle mode."

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SORROW

There were around eighty children in this orphanage, the number increased because of the last attack of the monster in the new year party, while some of

them were taken care by their family, some of them didn't have any family around the capital city, as they came from different continent, following their parents to trade here.

Because of the large number and the rooms in the orphanage was no longer enough to accommodate them all, prince Kellan built another building right next to the first one, which the construction would be finished around four to six months from now.

The citizen cheered for the prince's generosity and the action of kindness he showed to people, captured their heart and somehow ceased down the tension in the capital, as the impact of it, they saw Cane in a good light too, since he had been seen with the prince lately, especially when he visited the orphanage and donated for building construction and new blanket for them.

Those children were very happy to receive new blanket for them to sleep, especially when this blanket was very soft and was in good quality.

Among those children, which range between one year old to fourteen years old, there were two babies that were still breastfeeding.

"This building is the first project that I made when I was crown as the crown prince," Kellan said, reminiscing the past, as he stared at the building. "Father didn't agree with my decision, as they didn't see the need for those children to be the burden for the kingdom, but I have different opinion. Probably, since that time, father is no longer like me." Kellan grinned at Cane.

On the other hand, Cane dismissed the warrior, who always pushed Kellan's wheelchair, because this time, the alpha did it, as they stroll around this area, watching a few children approached them with big smile on their faces.

Most of them was already familiar with the prince, as they greeted him with their beautiful smile and some of them looked at Cane with curiosity, while the other looked a little bit scared because Cane was not full of smile, neither he made a small talk with them, unlike the prince. More so, Cane's scar was a little bit scary for them.

They walked for a little while, but then two children around the age of eight and ten came to prince Kellan, asking him to show them how to play some instrumental and the other children nearby chimed in. "Do you want to come?" prince Kellan asked, as he carried a little girl around the age of seven, who was climbing on him innocently, onto his laps. He kissed her cheek and she giggled.

"You can go ahead, I will walk around." Cane declined the offer and then watched how those children followed Kellan back to the building, while the warrior pushed the wheelchair. Those children looked so happy, as they rambling about a few things and Kellan would engage with them all, paying close attention to them, while the previous little girl nestled against his chest. The little girl must think the prince was the most trusted person after she lost her parent and became so attached to him.

Once all of them disappeared into the building, Cane walked in the small garden. A few children ran past him and some of them greeted him fearfully. His appearance must be very intimidating for those pure souls, thus when he noticed they feared him, he walked toward a quieter place, where there were not many people here.

Above his head, the sun was almost set and the braziers were lit up, while the luminous pearl was hung in the dark spot, to illuminate the place.

She didn't come.

Cane closed his eyes, as he stared at the bleak sky. There was a myriad thought running in his mind. He felt a little bit disappointed and... uncomfortable.

He had told her he would understand if she didn't come, but it seemed, he hoped she would be here.

Cane opened his eyes and stared at his hand. He didn't know since when he used to hold hers, but it felt empty right now.

Right at that time, Trion came to his side. "Alpha, the luna has been looking for you," he said, which made Cane shifted his attention toward him.

"Iris?" he asked with a frown.

"Yes." Trion nodded. "She arrived an hour ago when you were still talking with the prince, currently she is in the building."

Cane walked toward the building even before his mind could process it. "With whom did she come?" He didn't take Ethan with him because he wanted the gamma to be with Iris in the palace. It would be better if Ethan was here as well with her, or else, Cane wouldn't be so kind with his punishment.

"The luna came with the gamma and Hanna."

"Hm." Cane nodded and quickened his steps.

Once he was in the building, he didn't need direction where to find his mate, because he could smell her sweet scent. Her scent was the first thing that he noticed once he stepped inside.

After her scent, he heard a cry of a baby and Iris's small voice in attempt to comfort the little one and also Hanna and Ethan's voice.

Cane walked through the corridor and opened the second door on his left, as he found his mate was holding a little baby, who was crying until her face turned red, Iris tried to feed her, tapping wet clothes to her lips, while Ethan and Hanna were arguing about something.

Cane didn't know what the two of them were talking about, as his eyes focused on his mate, who was holding a baby in her arms, she looked so gentle and enchanting, as the dull golden light of the sun spilled into the room from the big window behind her.

Somehow, the sight of her was holding a baby warmed Cane's heart, yet at the same time, he felt this helplessness again and sorrow, especially when he watched the way Iris stared at the baby with love in her beautiful eyes.