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"Alpha, come and help us to calm the baby!" Ethan said cheerfully once he noticed the alpha was there. "We walked past this room and heard the baby was crying and no one nearby."

Iris lifted her head and looked at Cane, she had been trying to make the baby stopped crying, but she didn't know how, since she had never held one. She watched Cane entered the room and his expression was as calm as ever, there was no trace of surprise, or anything that could tell her what he felt upon seeing her here.

"Do you think the alpha can calm the baby?" Hanna asked in small voice doubtfully. A man usually was clueless how to handle a little one, especially someone with high status like Cane. Those men usually didn't care about their children, as long as they had their heir, they were set in life.

Therefore, someone like prince Kellan, who was willing to take the pain and care for these children, was very exceptional.

However, Ethan grinned proudly at Hanna, his eyes lit up. "Watch and learn," he said smugly, as Cane walked closer to them.

"Give her to me," Cane said, as he held out his arms. At this point, the baby's face had turned red.

Iris stared at Cane for a moment, before she spoke sheepishly. "I have tried to feed the baby." Iris handed the baby carefully to Cane, who held the little one comfortably, as if he had done this countless time.

The baby nestled in his arms, snuggled at him, though she was still crying, but she toned down a little bit, comfortable with the way Cane held and patted her back.

Cane glanced at a glass of milk in Iris's hand and the wet clothes that she used to feed the baby, then talked to Hanna. "Make a new one. Ask someone if you don't know how."

The milk was already cold and they didn't know how long the milk sat there, so the taste probably had changed.

"Yes, alpha," Hanna said immediately, but before she left, she dragged Ethan with her.

"What? I don't know how to make a bottle of milk," Ethan protested, but Hanna glared at the beta, which made him flinched and followed her sulkily, leaving the two of them alone.

The baby was still crying a little bit, making a fuss, as she sucked on her fingers, trying to put all of her small hand into her mouth, but Cane pulled it back.

The alpha walked toward the basin and cleaned his hand, before he put his pinky finger into her mouth, so she could stop crying, as they were waiting for Hanna to bring warm milk for her.

"How can you do that?" Iris asked, she was fascinated by how easy it was for Cane to handle the baby. How did he know what to do?

Yet, Cane said nothing, as he stared at the little one in his arm, the baby had brown eyes and black hair, as her chubby cheeks were rosy from her crying earlier, tears still streamed down her eyes when she blinked.

"Have you ever handled a baby before?" Iris asked again, she was enchanted by the alpha before her eyes. The man, who was also her mate. The sight was so beautiful. It was so rare to see a man with status held a baby, as they didn't know how, since it was not common for them.

Iris didn't get the answer that she wanted from Cane, because he kept mum, but she would get it from Amee, who would tell her a warm story about how Cane prepared himself to be a father when Leane was pregnant with their first child.

Not long after that, Hanna returned with Ethan followed behind her, it seemed, the maid had reprimanded the beta because he couldn't read the room, as he looked so sullen.

Hanna handed a glass of warm milk and a new, clean clothes to Cane and immediately drag Ethan out of the room again, against his protest.

"Do you want to try?" Cane suddenly asked. The sky had turned dark out there and the room was warm with the fire from the brazier and the light from the luminous pearls on the wall.

"Huh?" Iris didn't read what Cane said, as she was busy gushing over him. She was a little bit embarrassed, thankfully, Cane didn't know what she was thinking right now.

"Do you want to try to hold her?" Cane asked her again.

"But, what if the baby cries again like before?" Iris was a little bit nervous, but she didn't object, thus Cane put her in her arms, while instructed her.

"Relax your body, the baby can feel it if you are nervous."

Iris took a deep breath and tried to be as relax as she could. She followed his instruction and when the baby looked comfortable, Cane taught her how to feed the baby, since currently there was no one could breastfeed the baby.

"Don't push it to her mouth, let her sucks on it on her own."

Iris was like an obedient mentee, listening to her mentor, as she fed the baby, until she got a handle of it and was confidence enough.

"Oh, I think the baby likes me now!" Iris said, elated because the baby didn't make a fuss when she was drinking her milk and nestled in her arms comfortably.

"Hm."

Cane watched her face lit up, as she learned a new thing. Her curls cascaded down her back and her face was as red as the color of her hair. She looked so adorable when she teased the baby and tried to talk to her.

Both of them didn't talk about the fact Iris was here, it almost like a tacit understanding between them. Iris had made a decision and there was no going back from it at this point, as Cane had shown her what would come when she decided to be with him.

And somehow, he felt his heart was a little bit lighter.

Was it because Iris was here? Or the sight of her holding the baby?

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"What happened with Will?" Hanna asked Ethan, as they followed behind Iris and Cane. The two of them were walking in the yard before dinner was ready. They would have dinner together with the rest of the children and prince Kellan. "Why he didn't return my letter? Is he angry with me?"

Hanna had wreaked her brain to figure out what could possibly make him angry, but she couldn't find any. They didn't even have a fight, before he ignored her like this.

"No, there is no way he is angry with you," Ethan reassured her. "He always talks about you with his eyes lit up, as if he just swallowed luminous pearl, but he looks a little bit down lately. It is not only you, he ignored anyone else and spent the whole day without saying a word."

Hanna bit her lip, she had heard about that and thought the other warrior only exaggerated the situation, but after more than four people said it, she couldn't help, but became even more worried about Will.

"Do you know what caused him like that?" Hanna was nervous. She didn't like this feeling, if she could, she wanted to go to where he was, but it was not possible. "Do you know what happened to him during the monster attack?"

"I don't know... I don't have any idea what happened during the monster attack." Ethan then pointed himself. "I was locked inside that damn room, remember?"

"Ah, right..." Hanna just remembered that. She was too anxious, so she forgot that detail.

"I think the only person, who knows why Will suddenly acted weirdly, it's him." Ethan nodded at Cane's back. "But, don't let your hope high. I don't even know how to pry an information out of him."

Hanna stared at the alpha's back and then at her missy, who was stealing a glance at Cane every now and then, as they walked in silence side by side.

She was so desperate to see Will and talk to him. She had been so restless every time she thought about him, as if something bad would happen. This ominous feeling didn't want to go away.

On the other hand, Iris tried to engage Cane with a light conversation, because the alpha had been very quiet, he didn't even say anything when he saw her here. Why he was so callous? Didn't he feel happy to see her? Or at least, relief? He wanted to see her, right?

"Are you not happy to see me here?" Iris asked bluntly, which made Cane snapped his head, didn't expect such question from her.

Iris furrowed her brows slightly and looked at him nervously. "I am happy," Cane replied curtly, before he shifted his attention to the orphanage building in front of him. It seemed dinner had been prepared and the smell of delicious food wafted in the air.

The appetizing aroma of sizzling bacon was mouthwatering.

"Do you want to see me here?"

"Yes."

"Will you sad if I don't come?"

Cane glanced at her and met with her expectant eyes. "I am glad you are here."

A small smile tugged on the corner of Iris's lips, though that was not the answer that she was looking for, but at the very least, he let her knew he wanted her to be here.

Iris swung their holding hand together. It was easy to tell she was delighted with Cane's answer, but he stopped her from swinging their hand, as he held her small one firmly.

Yet, Iris's smile immediately faded away when she saw the person, who had been waiting for them in front of the building. It was Nala. The sight of her put Iris in a bad mood.

"Alpha Cane," Nala greeted Cane, as she approached him with a beautiful smile on her lips. Her eyes shone brightly. "I have been waiting for you. I came to relay a message from the king."

Nala even had the audacity to ignore Iris completely, as she didn't even glance at the woman beside Cane.

Seeing how this woman ignored his mate, Cane didn't heed to what she said and pulled Iris with him, as both of them walked past her.

Nala was stunned. How could an alpha ignore a message from the king? But, Cane just did.

"Alpha!" Nala immediately followed him inside the building. "Alpha, this is a message from the king, you need to respect it." She admired Cane's recklessness, as he dared enough to ignore her after she brought up the king's name. What made him so confidence to go against the king?

At this point, Nala really wanted to know more about Cane, not only for her mission, but she was genuinely curious about this man. She glanced at Cane and Iris's intertwined hands, as they walked side by side and felt jealous.

"Alpha!" Nala ran ahead and stopped right in front of Cane, forced the two of them to stop and listened to her. "Alpha, I will not take offense of what you have done earlier, but you need to listen to me."

"I take offense."

Nala stopped for a moment, she was confused with what he was saying, so did Iris, she looked at Cane closely. "Pardon me?" Nala furrowed her brows. Why did he take offense when she was the one, who was being offended.

"What rank are you?" Cane asked coldly, which made Nala's face blanched, because she immediately understood what the alpha meant.

She was someone without rank on her own, only a daughter of a chief royal warrior. If rank was based on the status of your family and the man that had taken you in to be their women, then Nala's rank was close to a personal maid, since the status of chief royal warrior her father had, didn't mean anything in front of the alpha, especially Cane, who held the golden stamp and was the special envoy of the king.

"My apologize, alpha," Nala said weakly. She lowered her head, her face had turned bright red.

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HE KNEW WHAT SHE WAS UP TO

"My apologize, alpha." Nala was so embarrassed when she was being called out, especially in front of Iris. "But, I need to relay the message from the king." Nala was still stubborn, she lifted her head to glance at Cane, yet still didn't acknowledge Iris at all.

In that case, it was Hanna, who was actually so mad by the disrespect Nala showed to her missy. "Shouldn't you kneel in front of the alpha and luna when you greeted them? It is also disrespectful for you to block their way," Hanna chimed in from behind Iris.

Nala threw a dagger look at Hanna, but she immediately lowered her head again, because she could feel the alpha was staring at her and she didn't want to be on his bad side. There was another important thing she needed to do and this task was very important.

"My apologize for my lack of respect, alpha Cane..." Nala gritted her teeth, as she went down to her knees. "... luna Iris."

However, when Nala was already kneeling in front of the two of them, Cane simply stepped aside and pulled Iris with him. "I will hear that after dinner."

And after saying that, Cane walked away, he didn't even spare her a single glance. He was as cold as ever, it was very delusional of Nala to think she could get to Cane's good side easily by ignoring his mate.

Seeing that, Hanna was elated, she was very happy for her missy, the alpha completely ignored this vicious woman. Her steps were so light when she followed the two of them, while Ethan snickered along with her too.

On the other hand, Nala felt so humiliated by what had happened, her face turned so red and she grinded her teeth, trying to hold back her tears, as she stood up and watched Cane's back.

What else she should do to get a little bit attention from him? Why he didn't look at her way at all when all the men in the palace would never refuse her advance. They worshipped her in the bed, even the king barely got his hands off her.

Meanwhile, Iris grinned when she saw the way Cane defended her. At this moment, she didn't mind to watch his cold side, he was so cunning to use his status on Nala, but his action was justified and somehow, Iris felt so warm in her heart because in a way, she felt what Cane had done was to defend her.

"Thank you," Iris said in small voice and Cane put his finger under her chin to make her look at him.

"You need to learn how to put someone in their place."

Iris was stunned because she didn't expect Cane to say such thing, but she nodded anyway. The alpha wouldn't always be with her, thus she needed to find a way to defend herself.

After all, she carried the title of the luna of two packs and the way people perceived her was very important, as it would affect Cane as well.

Iris thought that was the reason why Cane told her that, but for him, he simply didn't like the way Nala treated Iris and she wouldn't be the last person, who would confront his mate and disrespect her, thus he wanted her to stand up for herself more.

This was the path she chose and it wouldn't be an easy one, Cane had shown her and she knew the consequences that entailed when she decided to come here. It was a long battle and he wanted her to be ready whatever would come in their way.

Iris looked relax and was a little bit excited after the ordeal with Nala, she glanced through her shoulder and saw how Nala walked so far behind them, as she threw her a hatred glare, but Iris walked closer to Cane in response, she literally glued to him, while the alpha only glance at her and let her did whatever. He knew what she was up to. Yet, Iris's petty mood turned into a dreadful one when she saw the person on the head of the long table. It was prince Kellan. Her whole body reacted, as she became so stiff, unconsciously, she grabbed Cane's hand a little bit tighter.

Her reaction didn't go unnoticed by Cane.

Iris felt the whole room became so bleak, even the smile on the children's faces looked so creepy in her eyes. Her stomach churned the more she walked closer to the prince.

Meanwhile, prince Kellan smiled warmly at Iris, he even invited them to sit next to him, instead of sitting on the other table and Cane took her close to him, as he sat down next to the prince, while Iris was beside him. She was fidgeting.

Hanna and Ethan took another table across the room, as they talked with the other children and didn't pay close attention to their alpha and luna.

Not long after that, Nala entered the room and she sat down on the other table too, but her eyes fixed on Cane and Iris. A moment later, an old lady approached her and she sat down next to her. They were having a conversation in low voice, so no one could hear what they were talking about.

"What do you think about the children in this orphanage?" Prince Kellan asked Iris, his voice was so warm and gentle, as if he was talking to a child, but Iris couldn't hear that and she miss the question, until Cane squeezed her hand and let her knew the prince was talking to her.

"They are adorable," Iris replied. She was trying to smile, but she felt nauseated.

"It's a relief that you find them adorable, because they can be a little devil some time." Prince Kellan looked at her in the eyes and this made her uncomfortable. "Children are so amazing, aren't they? That's why I like them."

Iris felt her heart thumped wildly in her chest. She didn't like to see the prince's smile.

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During dinner, Iris kept scratching her palm, somehow she felt so itchy and the food tasted like sand in her mouth. She felt unwell the last time she met with prince Kellan, but every time she met with him again, the feeling was intensified.

There was something she must to remember, but no matter when she tried a little bit harder, she couldn't help, but feeling this fear crept in her mind. This feeling almost the same like when she entered a dark room, which was the place she was so afraid of.

Iris couldn't eat comfortably, as she kept scratching her palm and now the itchiness spread to her arms.

Meanwhile, Cane and prince Kellan was in the middle of an important discussion, in which Iris didn't have any desire to know.

All of sudden, Cane's hand stopped her from scratching herself and Iris lifted her head to see both of them were staring at her. "Did you touch something dirty?"

"I don't know," Iris mumbled, she lowered her head and saw her arms were so red, so did her palms. "I am not feeling well." She wanted to get out of this room, staying far away from prince Kellan.

"Did you eat the pie?" prince Kellan asked, concern in his voice.

Cane put his finger under her chin and lifted her head to look at him. "Did you eat the pie?" he repeated the question from prince Kellan, because Iris missed it.

"Yes, I took two bites of it."

"Ah!" Prince Kellan gasped and this reaction made Cane looked at his direction, his eyes questioned him about it. "I forgot that you have an allergy to strawberry, right?"

"You have allergy to strawberry?" Cane asked Iris and took a bite of the pie, from the taste of it, the pie was indeed a mixed of strawberry and apple.

"Yes."

"Call a healer here," Kellan immediately said to the warrior behind him. "Alpha, you can take her to the first room on the second floor, on your left."

Cane immediately helped Iris to get up, as her face blanched, she was starting to hyperventilate, as she breath with so much difficulty.

Because Iris couldn't steady herself, Cane took her in his arms, he carried her all the way out of the dinning hall, while she writhed in pain.

On the other hand, seeing how Cane rushed Iris out, both Hanna and Ethan immediately followed them, while Nala and the old woman next to her were confused.

"What's going on?" Nala asked the old woman, but she was as clueless as she was. In the end, both of them decided to follow them out.

"Who is that old woman with Nala Dmitri?" Kellan asked the warrior behind him. His voice was so calm and his calculative eyes stared at Nala and the mysterious woman.

"I will look into it, prince Kellan." The warrior left to find the identity of her, while Kellan was deep in thought. He allowed Nala to come to the orphanage because his king father told him to let her helped, even though there was nothing she could do here, but he couldn't refuse the order too.

Cane was aware of Nala's presence and had the same idea like Kellan that Nala was here to report back whatever happened in this orphanage and because there was nothing to hide, they paid no mind to her.

"Heaven! I didn't know there is strawberry on the table!" Hanna was freaked out when she knew what Iris had eaten. "She is allergic to that fruit!"

Because strawberry was not a common fruit in this continent, thus Hanna almost forgot about her allergic, since they didn't encounter the fruit so often.

"We need to call a healer!" Ethan said in panic, as he rushed out of the room, but Hanna stopped him.

"A healer will not help, because miss Iris's body will not respond to the healing magic." Hanna gave a glass of warm water to Cane, who helped Iris to drink it. At this point, Iris barely opened her eyes, her body was so cold, but she was still trying to scratch her arms, yet Hanna stopped her. "It happened once in the past when she was ten and the healer of the pack couldn't heal her, because she was not responsive to the healing power. We can only give her a conventional medicine."

Cane remembered how Iris's body was not responsive to a certain magic. "What did you do before?"

"Please stop her from scratching herself and don't lay her down, because she can't breathe when she is laying down, she needs to be in sitting position and I need to gather the herb that she needs." Hanna gave another glass of warm water to Cane. "Please, keep her hydrated."

And after telling Cane all she could remember, she rushed out of the room to gather the herb she needed.

"Go with her," Cane said to Ethan, who immediately followed Hanna.

Not long after that, the healer that Kellan had summoned entered the room, she immediately checked on Iris and casted healing spell, but just like what Hanna had told them, Iris's body didn't respond to the healing power.

"This is so strange, why my healing magic is not working on her?" the healer mumbled, she was a woman in her early forty with brown hair and dark eyes. Her eyebrows furrowed deeply, as she tried for the second attempt and then the third and the fourth, but the result was still the same. "Her body rejects the magic. This is the first time I see it."

"She is a runt," Cane said and the healer nodded.

"Probably because she is a runt, therefore, her body is developed differently." Though she said that, she was not convinced that was the sole reason her magic didn't work on her.

"Someone name Hanna, she is my mate's personal maid, has gone out to look for herbs she needs. It will be helpful if you can assist her."

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Cane cradled Iris in his arms, as she was sitting on his laps, because Hanna said not to lay her down, since she couldn't breathe, while Iris went out and in of consciousness.

"I need to go to the bathroom..." Iris said in weak voice.

She didn't realize she was eating strawberry, because the taste of the food was like sand in her mouth, as her anxiety flared up upon being so close with Kellan.

At first, Cane thought Iris's reaction was because of the prince, but when he learned it was her allergic, he went back to square one again.

"What...?" Iris was mortified when Cane reached to her undergarment. "What are... you doing?"

"I will help you." Cane thought she was going to take a pee because she drank so much, but Iris stopped him from taking off her undergarment.

"I want to vomit..." If she was not this pale, her face would be so bright red. How could Cane be so casual about this thing? There was a time when Cane wiped her whole body and he didn't even change his expression to see her nakedness.

Cane then pulled a water bucket from under the bed. Hanna had said before she left, Iris would probably want to throw up, so he asked someone to prepare this.

"No, I want to go to the bathroom..." Iris didn't want to vomit in front of Cane, it was embarrassing.

Yet, Cane had seen something more embarrassing and had touched the dirtiest thing in this realm, a vomit didn't bother him.

"Just do it here," Cane said gently.

Iris shook her head, but it only made her more nauseated, she gritted her teeth, stubbornly holding back this uncomfortable feeling, but Cane pulled the water bucket close to her and bend her neck, as he massaged her back frequently, to help her eased the discomfort.

No longer could hold it back, Iris regurgitated onto the bucket, the sound was so embarrassing, she tried to push Cane away, but it was only a futile attempt, as she couldn't stop herself from emptying her stomach.

On the other hand, Cane didn't even flinch when he heard the sound, neither he furrowed his brows. If anything, the only thing made him dissatisfied was to see how much Iris was in pain. Unconsciously, he took a mental note of this incident, making sure it would never happen again in the future.

Iris kept vomiting, even after there was nothing coming out of her mouth, as she felt so bitter and exhausted. She lifted her head and Cane wiped her mouth with clean towel, he put away the bucket and cradled her again against his chest. Her body was so cold, thus he asked someone to light up one more brazier inside the room, even though it was already so hot for him.

"Drink this," Cane said, as he brought the glass to her mouth, so she could drink it easily. He caressed her back to ease her pain.

Iris drank half of the water, but her mouth felt so bitter, even the warm water taste so distasteful in her mouth.

An hour later, when Iris finally fell asleep again, Kellan entered the room, a royal warrior pushed his wheelchair and left him inside, as he walked out of the room.

"How is she?" Kellan asked, his expression filled with concern. "I heard the healer can't help because her body is not responsive to the healing power."

"Yes." Cane pulled a blanket and covered Iris body, up to her face, so from Kellan's point of view, he could only see her curly, auburn hair. "How do you know she has allergic to strawberry?"

"I was friend with Masson, he told me and Iris confirmed it." Kellan smiled helplessly. "I have told you before, I used to be pretty close with her when she was still little, but I think she forgot after a decade we never met each other again, after all a lot of things happened during that period of time. I am not surprise she forgot." Cane said nothing, but his dark eyes were akin to a black hole, they were so mysterious, as if he was holding thousand of secrets.

"You can stay here for as long as you want. Please, take this as my apology for not realizing it soon. I completely forgot about her allergic."

"You don't need to be sorry, I am thankful for that small information you still remembered. You remember it in time."

After they exchanged a few pleasantries, Kellan withdrew and wished for Iris fast recovery. He didn't forget to tell Cane to ask anything he needed.

Meanwhile, Iris was having trouble in her sleep, she was very restless because these familiar dreams kept coming to her mind and this time it was a little bit longer than the last time.

She was in the empty hall again with the five swords and a mysterious person, staring at her for the distance away, but this time, she managed to tell that this person was a woman, she had curly hair with the same color like hers, but then, her dream stopped and she suddenly was inside her bedroom, staring at the bleak winter morning, as snow piled up on the ground.

Whenever winter came, she couldn't go out, because she easily got sick whenever she felt very cold.

She was alone in her room when someone entered and she saw him for the first time, he was a little bit older than her brother, but she recognized him immediately.

"Prince Kellan," Iris said, she blinked her blue eyes when she watched the prince smiled at her warmly and she smiled back at him, it was a rare occasion for someone to treat her nicely.

"Hello," prince Kellan said, as he closed the door behind him and then approached little Iris, who was excited to see him.

"Are you playing with me today?" little Iris asked, her eyes lit up enthusiastically, because the prince finally came to play with her.

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WHAT ARE WE GOING TO PLAY?

Iris was only seven years old at that time, it was the first winter when Hanna became her personal maid. She remembered how Hanna used to bring her hot chocolate to warm her body and she liked it.

At that moment, Iris used to see prince Kellan came to visit the pack house and play with her brother. She was jealous because Mason would make sure she watched them having fun from her window.

Therefore, when the prince noticed her and started playing with her, she was very happy, she waited for his visit and was no longer jealous with Mason, because after prince Kellan played with him, he would come to her bedroom.

"What will we play today?" Iris stared at him expectantly. She wished her brother would be as nice as him, since Mason was so mean to her and used to make her cry.

"I have a new game," Kellan said, he enunciated his words slowly, because sometime Iris would misread it. "But, this game is a secret, can you keep a secret?"

"Yes," Iris said eagerly, she was so giddy to have a secret of her own.

"You can't tell Hanna too."

"Why?"

"Because this is a secret."

"Okay." Little Iris didn't want to upset the prince, because he was the only one, who wanted to play with her aside from Hanna, thus she nodded her head eagerly. She wanted to please him, so he would like her more. "What will we play?"

Iris watched Kellan's lips moved, but she couldn't read what he was saying.

"I can't read it, can you slow down, please..." Iris furrowed her brows, even after the prince said it slowly, she couldn't capture the word he said. "What did you say..."

And when Iris stared at Kellan's lips closely, those lips drew into a beautiful smile and everything went black. Iris was startled because she didn't like dark place, yet when she opened her eyes, she found herself inside a bright room and her body was so warm.

She rubbed her eyes groggily, as she felt someone was so close to her and she realized, she was sitting on someone else's laps, when she lifted her head, the first thing she saw was Cane staring at her. He had towel in his left hand, while his right arm secured her position, so she wouldn't fall when she was sleeping.

"Awake?" Cane asked, he wiped her sweat and put down the towel to reach a glass on the table next to the bed. "Come, drink this."

Sluggishly, Iris drank it, but she immediately pushed it away because the taste was so bitter. "What is that?"

"Medicine."

Iris frowned, but then she remembered what happened. She then looked at her arms and her palms, but there was no scratch on her skin.

"The healer stopped the bleeding on your arms and palms, but she couldn't do anything with your allergic," Cane explained shortly. "Hanna had gone to great lengths to find the ingredients for this medicine. You have to finish it."

"That's bitter," Iris said sullenly. She frowned at the sight of that black liquid.

"I will give you candy after you finished it."

"I am not a child." Iris pursed her lips. She had forgotten about her dreams.

"Then drink this." Cane put the glass close to her lips again and Iris didn't have other choice, but to drink it, there was no room for negotiation when the alpha insisted on something.

"Where is the candy?" Iris demanded after she finished the bitter medicine and Cane plopped the candy into her mouth. Gradually, the bitterness disappeared, as she chewed on it.

Iris glanced at the window and the sky was so bleak, she was not sure it was early morning or it was about night.

"Is it morning?"

"Hm." Cane nodded and Iris could see the gesture.

"I have slept a whole night."

"You have slept two whole nights."

"Pardon?" Iris missed what Cane said, as she lifted her head and looked at him.

"You slept for two whole nights."

Reading that, Iris was stunned, she didn't think she had fallen asleep for that long, but there was no way Cane would lie to her and it was even more impossible if the alpha was making a joke.

After that, Cane put her on the bed, as she laid down and he walked out of the room, not long after that, Hanna came. Her eyes were red, obviously she had been crying.

"You made me scared," Hanna said, as she hugged Iris and kissed her cheeks. "I thought you will not open your eyes anymore."

Hanna tended to be a little bit dramatic when she was being overwhelmed with her emotions. "I am fine, Hanna. It's just allergic."

"No!" Hanna let her go, but she stared at Iris sternly. "You were unconscious for two days and two nights, more so, the alpha didn't allow anyone to enter the room, how could I not feel so restless?"

Iris found the information was a little bit weird. "Why the alpha didn't allow you to enter the room." She thought, Hanna took care of her and she just happened waking up in Cane's arms, because he used to sleep, while hugging her.

"Unless I brought you medicine or meal, he didn't allow anyone to enter the room." Hanna then remembered something. "Prince Kellan entered this room once, but he came out after a few minutes, I think the alpha didn't entertain him and clearly show how he didn't want to be bothered."

"Really?" Iris was surprised. "Then... Is it the alpha too, who changed my dress?" Iris remembered she didn't wear this simple dress during dinner at that time.

"Yes, who else?" Hanna tilted her head and watched how Iris bit her lip.

"Hanna... I vomited in front of him..." Iris said in small voice, she looked terrified when she remembered the smell. "It's so embarrassing..." she really wanted to cry.

How could Cane be so calm to see her like that?

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Hanna sympathized with her missy, because by imagining it alone, she could feel how embarrassing it was. She could understand why Iris felt so dreadful.

They were living in the society, where a proper woman shouldn't show their ugly side, they should be impeccable and graceful, especially woman with status, in front of their mate. Because of the fact that men could have mistress and as many women as they wanted and it was not something to be frowned upon, their women would always be on alert for their appearance and how they took care of themselves.

Therefore, what Iris had done in front of Cane could be said as very disgusting and unacceptable.

"Don't worry, miss. From what I see, the alpha didn't say anything about it. He even stayed with you and never left your side during those two days." Hanna immediately comforted Iris before she felt even worse. "He didn't leave this room at all and kept holding you in his arms."

Iris wiped her tears, her curls stuck to her face and Hanna tucked her hair behind her ears. "He didn't leave the room?" Iris frowned. Wasn't he busy and had a lot of things to take care of?

"Yes. The alpha kept cradling you in his arms, as you were sleeping on his laps."

Iris remembered when she woke up the first time and found herself was being on Cane's laps. There was no way he kept holding her like that, right?

Hanna then added. "Every time I entered the room, the alpha would be in the same position. He even took care of my job to wipe your body."

"You let him?!" Iris shrieked, her face turned red. Even though that was not the first time he helped her like that, but he didn't need to, because right now there was Hanna, who could do it. Why would he take the pain to thoroughly take care of her?

"Is not like I can refuse him, right?" Hanna was right. There was no way she could go against the alpha's words. "Miss..." Hanna nudged her missy.

Iris lifted her head and looked at Hanna, who was staring at her mischievously. "Hm?" What now?

"I think the alpha genuinely cares for you. I think he falls for you," Hanna giggled when she said that, her smile became even wider when she imagined it.

"Don't talk nonsense. Of course, he cares, I am his mate."

Hanna pursed her lips. "Many men couldn't care less about their mate, as long as they are available when they need them, it was enough for them, but the alpha is so different. He is so cold, but he cares for you through his action."

Iris couldn't agree with her, knowing Cane always did something with precise calculation, she would always question his genuine act, since he wouldn't do something that waste his time. More so, Iris knew Cane needed her. It would be enough reason for him to treat her well, right?

So did Iris. She needed Cane to survive. In the end, they needed each other, as it benefited the two of them in the long run.

Despite that was what Iris said to herself, she still felt bitter to question Cane's sincerity. She felt, she became greedy now for wanting more after he treated her decently.

"He even stood up for you when that snake Nala disrespected you."

"Because I am his mate, if someone disrespects me, they also look down on him too, that's why he did what he did to Nala." That's why Cane told her to stand up for herself more, because she carried the title of luna, as his mate.

Hanna was about to retort that, but suddenly the door was opened and the alpha walked into the room, while holding a tray full with breakfast.

"Oh, I am sorry, alpha. It should be me, who prepared this for both of you," Hanna said, as she immediately stood up. She should have come with Iris's breakfast, but instead, she rushed here first to see her missy, which made the alpha, who served the breakfast.

"You can leave," Cane said curtly to Hanna, without even looking at her. He sat down next to Iris and put the tray on the bed. There were a lot of food there and the smell was so appetizing.

Hearing that, Hanna happily left, but before she walked out, she took the opportunity of the fact the alpha didn't pay her any attention to wink at Iris. She glanced at the breakfast Cane brought and smiled meaningfully at her missy, as if she wanted to say what the alpha did now highlighted the point she had told her before. He cared for her through his action.

"Come, eat this." Cane took a spoonful cream soup to her mouth and help her eating slowly. He was very attentive, as he alternately gave her different food, so she could taste all of them.

On the other hand, Iris was famished. She had not yet eaten anything for two days and she only realized how much she was hungry when she tasted the food.

"I am full," Iris murmured.

In the end, she couldn't finish all of them, because Cane brought too many foods and it would upset her stomach if she ate too much after not eating anything for two days.

Cane didn't insist, as he put away the tray and walked toward the door, apparently, someone had been knocking and when the alpha opened it, this person gave him something.

It was a simple white dress that was folded neatly.

"You need to change, we will go back to the palace now." Cane had postponed a lot of important things and the king had been very agitated because he kept pushing the matter regarding the lycan with an excuse he couldn't leave his mate alone. He didn't lie this time when he said Iris was sick.

More so, he refused to talk to Nala, no matter how hard she tried, as he instructed not to bother him when he was inside the room to tend to his mate, thus Nala couldn't come close to him because he had locked himself inside the bedroom with Iris.

From the information Cane got from prince Kellan, a witch was accompanied Nala when she came to the orphanage and both of them had this tacit understanding that Nala didn't have a good intention to come here, after all she had nothing to do with the whole matter of the orphan children and the construction of the new building. The fact she was ordered by the king to follow them here alone was worth of suspicion.

"I will change my dress, can you leave please?" Iris asked sheepishly when Cane approached her with the clean dress.

"I will close my eyes, you can change." Cane walked toward the sofa and sat down there, as he closed his eyes. He had not gotten any sleep for two days and now, seeing Iris was fine, he finally could rest.

"Alpha?" Iris called him, as she got off the bed and started to undress herself, she felt a little bit energetic now after ate somthing.

"You can call me by my name," Cane said with his eyes still closed.

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"You can call me by my name," Cane said with his eyes still closed, while Iris undressed in front of him. He leaned his back against the sofa.

Most of the time, unless Iris was overwhelmed or agitated, she would call Cane as 'alpha'. Before, she would call him as master, when she was a slave of him, but right now, he wanted her to call him by his name.

It was a rare occasion when Iris called him by his name, but now she remembered, every time she did that, Cane wouldn't correct her.

"Cane."

"Hm?"

Somehow, Iris felt giddy when she called him by his name. "Thank you for taking care of me."

There was no answer from Cane and Iris almost thought he fell asleep, but then instead of answering her question, he asked her. "What else you are allergic to?"

Iris thought about it for a while. "Nothing. Only strawberry." She frowned when she saw the dress had string on the back. This was the type of dress that would need someone else's help to tie it for you.

Little did Iris know, the dress was chosen by Hanna and that was the main purpose why she chose this kind of dress for her.

After a few minutes struggled with the string, Iris gave up, she approached Cane and made the alpha opened his eyes all of sudden, he was on alert because he felt someone came closer to him.

"What is it?" But, he relaxed again when he saw it was his mate. His head was throbbing painfully because of lack of sleep and the thought of a lot of things he needed to take care of.

"Can you help me?" Iris turned around and gathered her hair on her left shoulder to show her back. She was always self conscious whenever she showed him her back, because it was so ugly. She really didn't like this kind of dress. Cane looked at her and saw that annoying string again. He helped her before with the string and was pretty sure he disliked it, because he didn't have any idea how to tie it prettily.

Yet, he still stood up and took the string, as he tried to figure it out. When he looked at her back, he saw her scars. Some of them looked so deep and painful. He could only imagine how much she bled when she got these scars.

For a moment, his hands stopped, he stared and this made Iris fidgeted. She could feel his eyes on her back.

"Cane?" Iris turned around her body and found his eyes, staring at her. "I-I will ask Hanna to do it."

But, Cane simply turned her body around again and this made Iris squirmed, trying to hide it from his eyes, but what else she could do when he held her firmly.

Anxiously, Iris used her hair to cover her scars. "I will ask Hanna..."

As her hair cascaded down behind her back, Cane pulled her closer to him. His left hand wrapped around her waist, while his right hand gathered her hair to her right shoulder, exposing her back once again.

"Cane?" Iris tried to get away from him, but then she was stunned, because she felt his lips on her back. His lips were so cold, but his breathe was so warm, as he trailed down her spine, kissing her wounds. Iris froze in her place, didn't know what to do. "Cane...?"

What he was going to do? What did he say? She was sure he said something because his lips were on her skin.

'Don't get sick.'

That was what Cane whispered to her.

Iris felt her skin was burning, as her heart leapt in her chest. Why did he kiss her scars? Didn't they look so ugly and disgusting? Iris was uncomfortable. She felt Cane didn't need to do this, because she was afraid, he would loath her. His body engulfed her, his scent was intoxicating and the way he kissed her back it was very intimate, but suddenly Cane stopped and he let her go, but he didn't fix her dress. The alpha walked toward the door and opened it slightly, so the person, who had been knocking, wouldn't be able to see inside.

"What is it?" Cane asked Ethan, who looked so distraught. Whatever it was, it wouldn't be a good news.

"Koda is here, he comes with five of his warriors."

Koda was the former beta of the Red Claw pack, he was prince Vemion's grandfather and even though he had stepped down from his position as the beta, he still held power over the pack. He led the warriors from the Red Claw pack, demanding the king to solve this problem, but even now, king Aeon still held back the investigation, treated this matter as if this was a secret, albeit people had whispered about this.

Cane had expected he would look for him and this must be the king, who had thrown this man to confront him directly, since he delayed his return to the palace and made excuses whenever he summoned him back.

There was a vicious smile on his lips when finally Koda came to find him himself. He had been waiting for this.

If Cane was the one, who looked for Koda, the king would be suspicious of him, but if it was the king himself, who had pushed the former beta to find him by himself, he wouldn't be suspicious about this meeting.

Cane had been thinking about how to meet Koda without raising the king's suspicion, but the chance came on its own. He only made the most of his situation.

"What is it? Is it part of your plan?" Ethan narrowed his eyes, he could feel chill ran down his spine to see how malevolent the look on Cane's eyes right now.

"Where is he?" Cane didn't answer his question.

"He is waiting in the prince's study, prince Kellan is accompanying him right now."

Prince Kellan didn't stay in this orphanage, but he had his own room and study room here, more so, because of the construction, he needed to come back and forth to see the progress, even though he didn't need to.

"Hm." Cane nodded. "Call Hanna, tell her to stay with Iris."

And after saying that, Cane left to meet with Koda.

Alan was so annoyed by the task that his mother gave to him to be close with the merchant from Karam, because Lou was not someone that he could get along well with. This merchant was too carefree and he still remembered how he bullied him when they were in the black market.

However, with her mother's influence, king Aeon appointed him to be the person in charge in the project to build magical device around the capital city in order to defend them against the monster attack.

Especially after the two monster attacks, the king had been enforced it to be ready as soon as possible and because princess Osana was not in the condition she could be the person in charge to pay attention to the progress, it would be Alan, who would take the role.

"You are late," Lou said annoyingly when he saw Alan.

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"You are late," Lou said annoyingly when he saw Alan. He tapped his feet impatiently, as he looked at the prince. There was no trace of respect on the way the merchant acted, as if he was waiting for someone with lower rank than him, instead of a crown prince of the kingdom.

He became so smug because he knew how desperate the king wanted him to start the construction of the magical device around the capital city. This was also one of the king's ways to reassure the people that everything was under control and they were safe in the city. It calmed them down a little bit, but they still sceptic and the tension were still so high. Especially with the people from the Red Claw pack demanded the king to find the fourth prince as soon as possible. The situation became even murky than the king could handle, thus he relied heavily on Cane to fix all the problem, by giving him the title of the king's special envoy.

"There are a lot of things I need to do, I am busy." Alan was tasked to make a good connection with Lou, but he didn't think he could do it. Their personalities simply clashed with each other, more so, the crown prince was not really smart to control his emotion and ego, he let his anger out of control and put him in trouble, often time.

"Well, if you don't have time, you can go back to where you were, but don't tell me to wait for you." Lou turned around and he walked along the high wall of the capital city.

This wall encircled the capital city, it was a fortress against any attack, especially monster, thus it was very absurd for those monsters to appear in the palace, while the palace was placed in the center of the city. There was no sign the monster broke through the wall and the portal was still under the investigation of the royal magic users.

However, there was no way they could link it back to Lou.

Alan stopped the merchant, he blocked his way before he climbed the stairs to the watchtower, where they would put the device in eight spots on this wall, which surrounded the capital city. They call this wall as the Great Ogregon.

"I know you dislike Cane." Alan went as far as called Cane without his title, showing how he looked down on him.

"What are you trying to say?" Lou tilted his head, his red cloak fluttered against this winter wind, it felt a little bit warm this afternoon, as the snow slowly melted.

"I can help you."

"I never recall I need your help."

Alan gritted his teeth. He hated this when someone playing a fool with him. Lou should have known what he meant. "I can see how you dislike him. He didn't respect you and moreover-" Alan lowered his voice, as his eyes turned vicious. "You like that woman, right? Iris, Cane's mate. I can see that you are interested on her, that's why you want to spend a day with her."

That was the condition Lou gave to Alan when he wanted the Asturi Stem and he thought, because Lou was having his eyes on her.

"You can spend days with her, I can help you with that, as long as you help me too." Alan thought, if they couldn't stand each other and was too difficult for him to be close to him, since their interest was so different, they could work on something together, in that way, he could get a hold of this merchant.

Hearing that, Lou raised his brows and then he broke into a fit of laughter, which left Alan stunned. He was confused at first, but a little while later, he felt humiliated. What did he mean by laughing like that to his suggestion?

Once Lou stopped laughing, he patted Alan's shoulder, while staring at him with a pity. "Do you really think you can one up the alpha? You never won a case against him, not when we were in the black market, neither when you are in your comfy palace with your parent backing you up. How do you think you can outsmart him?"

Lou spoke in such a way, as if Alan was only a little boy, who was too cocky because he had a great power behind him, yet without that, he was only someone without brain.

"Of course, we can!" Alan was fumed. He didn't like the way Lou talked to him.

"'We'?" Lou smirked, he tilted his head, as he looked at Alan up and down. If Cane showed his contempt by ignoring him, the merchant showed his contempt bluntly. "I am not a typical person that will say; the enemy of my enemy is my friend. No. The enemy of my enemy is not my problem. Not my battle."

Lou patted Alan's shoulder again, as he stepped aside and climbed the stairs to the watchtower, but on the third stairs he turned around and spoke again.

"Oh, actually, I have a deal with the alpha to make a magical device in his packs, since his packs are often to be attacked by monster."

"You! You are a traitor! How can you help him?!" Once again, Alan threw a tantrum.

"I am not a traitor, my prince, I am a merchant and I am looking for profit." Lou grinned and then turned around to continue his job. He had been wasting his time to wait for this spoiled crown prince, as he didn't help with this project at all.

Lou wondered, how could princess Osana could get cursed? He had tried to gather information about it, but there was not much he could get.

More so... why that damned alpha took his favorite red hair girl out of the palace for so long?! He took her to the orphanage, the place where noisy children were! Ugh!

When Cane entered the room, Koda was having a conversation with prince Kellan, but both of them stopped talking and acknowledge his presence.

"I think it is time for me to check on the children. They are very excited with my new game." Prince Kellan smiled at Koda and Cane, as the warrior pushed his wheelchair out of the room.

Meanwhile, Koda dismissed his warriors, so he could have a private conversation with Cane.

"It has been a long time, Cane." Koda stood up, his body was so huge, he was a half head taller than Cane and his face was hardened, but he smirked condescendingly when he spoke. "The last time I saw you, you were still a young boy."

"Yes, and now I am an alpha." He asserted this fact, because he knew Koda was about to intimidate him by trying to picture him as a young boy in his mind, as if they were not equal. It was a simple trick, which was commonly used.

"Alpha Cane." Koda's voice was a little bit stern.

"Was it the king, who sent you here?" Cane asked. "If you want to find your grandson faster, you need to actively get involved in this case."

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TALK TO ME WITH RESPECT

"Was it the king, who sent you here?" Cane asked. "If you want to find your grandson faster, you need to actively get involved in this case."

Like usual, Cane didn't waste anyone time by talking in roundabout manner, he didn't even let Koda to get angry at him first because he had been neglecting his duty for two days, as Iris was sick.

On the other hand, Koda narrowed his eyes, his lips pressed into thin line. "Do you want to say I didn't actively get involved enough?"

"Yes."

Koda was stunned by the bluntness that Cane showed to him. Shouldn't he be apologetic for how he handled the situation? He should beg for his forgiveness! Not only he ignored the king's order to call him back to the palace, but he also had the audacity to say he didn't contribute in this case!

As the former beta of the Red Claw pack, his ego was so high, Koda felt he was being insulted. "Ridiculous!" He slammed his hand on the table, so hard, the water spilled from the glass, yet Cane didn't even flinch, he met Koda's eyes squarely. "You are the one, who had been coddling with your mate and neglected your duty, you even dared to turn down the summon from the king, but it's me, who didn't actively get involved?!"

King Aeon was furious when Cane only said his mate was sick and he needed to be with her, as he rejected his summon, but the king couldn't do anything, since he put all the important responsibility in this critical situation on the alpha, not to mention about the thing that they discussed behind the close door about the Asturi Stem and the Celestial Moon pack.

King Aeon was infuriated by the way Cane took advantage of the situation and did thing as he pleased.

"You have arrived for more than a week, but what have you done aside from pestering the king to deploy more men? And demanded to make it more

public?" Cane looked relax, not even once he showed fear when he faced this furious former beta. "Not even once you joined in the search team, though you brought your own warrior with you."

"That's your job to do it!" Koda roared. He didn't like to be blamed.

"And I have done my job."

"By coddling your mate?" Koda scoffed derisively. He didn't even try to show some respect toward Cane, although he had higher rank between the two of them, as he was the alpha. "Are you in rush to get her pregnant?" He must have heard about the deadline the king had given to Cane.

However, Cane was unfazed by that insult, he still looked so calm when he spoke, but his words filled with venom. "You are talking to an alpha, the king special's envoy. Insulting me means you insult the king as well. I can have you killed right now and the king will not be able to do anything."

"I want to see you will do it."

"Haven't you heard about the golden stamp I received?" With the golden stamp, his power was only a second best from the king himself.

"Do you want to make the whole Red Claw pack an enemy?" Once again, Koda slammed his hand on the table and this made a visible crack on the surface, still it didn't bothered Cane. The beta stood up and showed his imposing figure.

"Will you believe me if I said the king will be very glad to battle your pack if I gave him an excuse to do that?"

"Nonsense!"

"He lost control over the magic stone mines in the Howling Wolf pack and Blue Moon pack, do you think he doesn't have his eyes on your pack?" Cane's lips tugged upward.

"We are the richest pack! Do you really think he can take down our pack easily?!" Koda barked. "You are slave! You will forever be a slave! You will never understand how the power play in this realm!" Koda was completely wrong about this one particular thing, because Cane knew better how the power play in this realm and he was only another chess piece in his board to get back to the king for what he had done to his pack.

"You are the richest pack, that's true. But, don't you think it's the more enticing factor for other pack to eye Red Claw pack? More so, as long as I remember, your pack is not the strongest."

If the king really determined to get the Red Claw pack wrapped around his fingers, he needed the right excuse and Cane would be happily provided one for him.

That's what Cane meant in his words and Koda understood that. This was a show of power play indeed.

"Are you trying to threatening me?!"

"No. I am only telling you, that's what happened ten years ago." Both of them knew how greedy the royal family was. "Maybe you need to be taught as a slave to be able to listen more carefully." Cane smiled, but this was the kind of smile that didn't reach his dark eyes at all, while Koda was trying to hold back his rage.

After all, Koda was only a former beta, he couldn't move the whole pack and the current alpha in the Red Claw pack would likely sacrifice him rather than offended the royal and had an open war with them.

"Now you can sit down and talk to me with respect, or we can go to the hardest choice." Cane waved his hand, indicating Koda to sit down again. "This discussion has strayed too far from the main problem."

Koda was fumed, he was mad, but as an older man, who had his fair share in this kind of battle, he knew it was not wise to follow his anger.

Though he was enraged and was only a breath away from shifting into his beast and attacked the alpha before him, he chose the former option.

A sinister smile tugged on the corner of Cane's lips when he saw this and now, they could have the real conversation.

Cane didn't talk much, he simply pulled out something from his pocket and placed it on the table between them.

It was a small and shiny object, a ring.

"What is this?" Koda frowned to see the ring, as he picked it up from the table.

Cane then started his narration. He talked smoothly without any stumble, as if he was feeding Koda with the truth.

The more the former beta listened to it, the more his face turned darker.

In the yard, you could hear the sound of children were still playing. It was not night yet and they were still full of vigor.

But then, Cane found something that made his blood boiled.

In the middle of the yard, he saw the lazy ass white bear, sprawling on the covered- snow ground, while the children climbed on its big body, laughing happily, yet the creature was too lazy to shake them off.

At this point, it looked more like overgrown puppy instead of a beast!

But, if this dummy creature was here, he must be here too!