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Iris was a runt, that was what he knew about her in the beginning, but at this point, after witnessing what she could do, he was not sure about that anymore.

There was not many information about a runt, but based on a little knowledge he had, no runt could perform magic. They couldn't shift, neither they had magical ability.

Yet, Iris proved it time and time again, she had a special ability and Haco himself told him about how he mistaken her as a magic user when he saw her for the first time.

But, how could be? Iris's parents were shifter, there was no doubt about that...

"Where did you get this color?" Cane touched a flock her fluffy, curly hair, as he twirled it between his fingers.

Iris had mentioned before she got this color from her maternal side, but she was not sure about it too, because it was her nanny at that time, who explained it to her when she was a child, which was not really reliable.

Cane had asked Mason about what happened ten years ago and about Iris, but he didn't know much about his sister.

Cane narrowed his eyes, as he contemplated something. His jaw hardened, he was deep in his own thought, while staring at his mate. It was hard to tell what was running through in the depth of his mind, until midnight came and his body started to shift into his lycan's form.

This transformation was not as painful as before he met with her. The pain was bearable and Cane could keep his consciousness to a certain level, as long as he was close to Iris, as if the lycan didn't want to do anything and was content enough to blanket itself with her scent, allowed Cane to take the control.

The night was silent and the lycan snuggled closer to the sleeping woman, craving for warm and peace...

Once Jace could get away from the drunk alpha Dristan and Koda, he immediately hunted down Ethan's whereabouts.

As it turned out, he was guarding in front of the alpha and the luna's bedroom, as tonight was a new moon and no one was allowed to enter.

Thankfully, with the dinner went well and alpha Dristan and Koda were intoxicated, no one would interrupt Cane at this moment.

"Ethan!" Jace rushed toward the gamma, once he learned he was here.

Ethan jolted when he heard Jace's fierce voice calling his name. "Wh- what?" he stuttered, afraid to see the beta's expression right now. Did he do something wrong? But, he just arrived, how could he incur his wrath when he didn't do anything?

"Tell me everything!" Jace demanded, his voice was stern, he was literally hissing at Ethan to keep his voice low, but he couldn't hide the urgency in his tone.

"T- tell you what? What do you want to know?" Ethan tried to get away from this beta out of instinct, his body turned defensive when Jace grabbed his shoulder to keep him in his place. "What is it? You scared me."

"Tell me what happened to the alpha, tell me why he changed so much!"

"Calm down, calm down." Ethan tried to push Jace away, because he was so close and their position would be misunderstood if there was someone saw them right now. "Can you move away? You are breathing on my face!" Ethan became a little bit irritated.

Realizing their position, Jace immediately took a step back, but he demanded the answer.

"Explain to me why the alpha is so attached to her. I heard they sleep in the same bedroom, the same bed." Even in the pack house, they had different bedroom for the alpha and luna, more so, Jace knew how much Cane disliked someone else on his bed, let alone sharing it with another woman.

"Oh, right... they slept in the same bedroom," Ethan replied lightly, as if there was nothing wrong about that fact, as he used to it by now, but it was different matter with Jace.

"I saw... I saw them kissing..." Jace looked like someone had stolen the air he was breathing when he mentioned it.

Ethan frowned. "I have never seen them kissing, but I am sure they did more than that behind the close door."

Jace gasped in shocked. "You know how Cane is. I can understand if they have sex every now and then, after all they are mate, he did that with Aria too, but you know... kissing is... Cane repulsed it."

Both of them remembered how it ended up with Aria when she tried to initiate it, thus Ethan must know how big of a deal it was for their alpha to let Iris kissed him.

However, to Ethan surprised, he didn't feel shock at all to learn about that, as it was already expected.

"Yeah, I know. This must be weird for you to see Cane's change, because you only meet him after a few months, but for me and the rest of the warrior, who have been witnessing the interaction between Cane and Iris every day, such thing is not a surprise at all."

"What?!" Jace widened his eyes. "Tell me, tell me everything!"

Ethan's eyes glinted with mischievous when he saw how flabbergasted the beta was. He thought, he would spend the rest of the night standing in front of the door, counting star and staring at the moon, but as it turned out, he got a company.

"Sure!" Ethan said cheerfully, he was ready with his story telling skill. He sat down on the floor and leaned his back against the closed door behind him. "Come here, sit down. This will be a long story, you better sit comfortably. Oh, wait, wait! Don't sit down yet! It will be nice if we have a few snacks and drinks too! Why don't you go and fetch something for us from the main hall? "

"Are you kidding me? Are you ordering me around? I am your beta!"

"Do you want to hear the story?" Ethan blinked his eyes innocently.

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Iris felt her whole body was so light, as if she was floating, but she felt so warm and she immediately knew what the cause of it when she tilted her head to the side.

There was this huge lycan by her side, laying down comfortably with its muzzle rested on her shoulder. The lycan was awake and they stared at each other, until the creature shifted back into its human's form.

Outside, the sky became a little bit lighter and the sun appeared on the horizon, but the silent remained inside the room, as the two people stared at each other without a word.

'How are you feeling?' Cane mouthed the question, knowing Iris would read it anyway.

Iris didn't immediately answer his question, she stared at him sleepily, still reeling from her deep slumber. "I have a dream," she said finally in low voice and then shifted her body to face Cane, as the alpha wrapped his arms around her waist instinctively, their body moved in sync, as if knowing what the other person needed.

"What dream?" Cane mindlessly drew circle on her waist with the tip of his finger.

Probably, this was a habit of her to tell Cane about everything. She had nothing to hide and she didn't want to hide anything from him.

"I was in a huge hall, the place was so beautiful, but it was empty. And I saw these five swords when I climbed a tall podium in front of me. I walked closer and had this urge to touch the swords. An urge and curiosity... somehow, my legs guided me there without me realizing it."

Cane's eyes dimmed slightly, but his voice was soft and light when he asked. "How these swords look like?" "I don't know, there was light came from the swords and also... a woman."

"A woman?"

Iris furrowed her brows. "I saw her from afar... from across the hall."

"Since when you have dreamt about it?" Cane traced her back, running his fingers along her backbone and shoulder blades.

"I am not sure... but, I think after you marked me..." Iris was sure before she met Cane, she had never had this kind of dream.

And then silent befell upon the two of them, as they were deep in their thought. The sun rose and the light spilled through the window into the room.

"Why did you touch the stone?" Cane asked. He stared at Iris intensely. He was sure Iris saw what Haco said at that time, the sorcerer explained how dangerous the stone was, as it filled with a dangerous black magic.

Iris averted her eyes from him, something she would do when she was reluctant to answer Cane's question, but she was literally trapped in his arms and had nowhere to hide.

Gently, Cane put his finger under her chin and made her to look at him. "What is it?" He could see the complicated look in her beautiful blue eyes.

"Why you don't want me to touch the stone?"

"You can be hurt," Cane answered in a matter of fact.

"You don't want be to be hurt because you need me?" Iris asked and this made the alpha furrowed his brows. He felt there was another depth in her answer.

Cane said nothing for a moment, as he saw the complicated look in her eyes turned into sadness and her recalled where Iris got this idea.

"Yes," Cane said, as he leaned over and pressed his lips against hers. It was not a drunk and reckless kiss Iris gave to him, neither it was a rough and impulsive kiss they shared that night, which filled with frustration and anger, this time, it started so gentle... "I need you," Cane whispered against her lips, though Iris wouldn't be able to know that. Iris was surprised when Cane started kissing her, but she didn't push him away and this gave the alpha a permission to deepen their kiss. He bit her lips lightly and brushed his tongue against her lips, as he coaxed her to open her mouth.

This was something that Iris was not familiar with, but it didn't mean she would reject this advance in their relationship. She could feel it when he was being so careful with her, knowing what had happened to her recently, but then Iris also knew, this was not easy for Cane as well with his past.

Both of them tried to take it slow, tearing down the wall that surrounded them, letting the other person in...

And right at that moment, someone knocked and the spell was broken. Cane pulled away from Iris almost immediately and she lowered her head, blushing, feeling embarrassed because Cane stopped abruptly.

What happened? Iris thought she did something wrong, but then Cane kissed the tip of her nose and got off the bed. The alpha opened the door and Iris peeked through her messy hair to see Jace and Ethan were there.

The gamma waved his hand at her, but Iris immediately hid under the blanket, while Cane slammed the door close behind him.

"What is it?"

"She is awake? Should I call Grace and Hanna?" Ethan asked, he looked cheerful to see Iris was finally awake. Jace was kind of freaking out to see Cane didn't step out of the room and take care of Iris by himself. Well, that was not a news for the gamma...

"You go and find them," Cane said to Jace instead.

Confused, Jace went away to get the order done, though he was a little bit off with this, since the alpha could order the warrior to do such thing.

"What is it?" Cane asked rigidly to Ethan, asking to what he was going to report to him.

"The king decided to come to the south." Ethan looked a little bit conflicted. "I think the king had heard about Sofia and now he wants to make sure the woman is indeed pregnant with your baby."

"Who will come with him?" Cane couldn't care less about the king's motive.

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Cane couldn't be careless about the king's motive, since he had expected his journey to the south, even if it was not for to confirm whether the woman was carrying his baby or not, the king must demand an explanation from him for executing the five alphas. More so, there were five packs without leader now and Aeon needed to arrange something about it.

What concern Cane was the people, who would come with the king.

"From the report I received, it will be the king and lady Cyan, while the queen will be in the palace to receive the people from the Holy Kingdom, who will be arrived in the next month, just in case the king couldn't return in time to greet them."

"Lady Cyan..." Cane said her name in contemplation. Somehow, he had guessed it. There was something fishy about this woman and his suspicion only grew to see the way she interacted with the king and Alan. It was a power play that she showed at that time, though it was very subtle.

Cane didn't pay close attention to her because she kept a very low profile and rarely be seen in the public, yet when they found the black magic stones in the prince Osana's palace and the matter with the lycan and black magic resurface, she made a public appearance.

"But, it is not decided yet. It can be changed." Ethan immediately added.

"Hm." Cane was sure, whoever would join the king entourage, lady Cyan would definitely come. He remembered Haco mentioned there was a dark sorcerer within the palace, who prevented him from cursing princess Osana.

"Oh, and the merchant, Lou, he will arrive in the Howling Wolf pack within this week, our men spotted him a few days away from our pack."

"I told him to go to the Blue Moon pack." Cane looked so cold to hear that.

"But, our man saw him take the route that was closer to Howling Wolf pack rather than the Blue Moon pack."

Cane knew this merchant would be a trouble. "Where is Haco?"

"I think he is in the hut. Last night, he asked one of the warriors to accompany him there," Ethan recalled. "I assumed he is afraid, you will make him sitting on the corner again."

"Tell someone to call him back, tell him Iris is awake."

"Okay," Ethan said, he was about to order one of the warriors when Jace returned with Hanna and Grace.

The alpha told the two women to go inside the bedroom and check on his mate, taking care of her needs, after that, if Iris was strong enough, he would wait for her in the main hall this afternoon. "You go and find Haco, tell him to come here right away," Cane ordered Jace instead to find the sorcerer by himself.

Iris looked so beautiful when she approached Cane. She had her lunch inside her bedroom, since she learned Cane was having lunch with alpha Dristan and Koda to discuss about a matter at hand. She didn't feel like meeting them, thus she joined Cane when she heard he was going out to meet with people in this pack.

She was wearing a beautiful white dress that contrasted with her auburn hair, which half of it was tied into a bun on top of her head. She had this calm and peaceful aura around her when she walked, while talking to Hanna by her side and Redmond followed behind her.

Cane stared at his mate and was glad to see her returned to her usual self. It was a relief to see how Iris didn't dwell with what happened to her, whether she forgot about the event, or she simply pretended something like that never happened, whatever way she had to cope up, it was fine.

Cane extended his hand and pulled her closer to him, as he kissed her forehead when she approached him. "Feeling better?" he asked gently.

Iris was a little bit flustered, as she blushed when Cane showed such display of affection. Recently, he had been so free to touch and kiss her in the public. She was not sure, whether this was for a show, or he was genuine with his gesture, but then she remembered their kiss this morning... no one was inside the room, thus there was no need for Cane to show such affection, in that case, could she assume this was a genuine gesture?

"Yes," Iris replied.

"Luna Iris, it is a pleasure to see you," alpha Dristan said, as he approached the two of them, while Koda was following slightly behind him.

"The pleasure is mine," Iris replied politely, she smiled softly at the alpha.

"I heard you are sick." alpha Dristan engaged with a small conversation with her. "You really make alpha Cane so worried about you."

"I am fine now, thanks to alpha Cane for taking care of me," Iris replied.

"Yes, I can see how beautiful you are right now." Alpha Dristan didn't lie when he said that. If it was another woman, he would have his way to get her, but of course, at time like this, he wouldn't want to have a conflict with alpha Cane. Having this alpha as an ally was way more valuable than a mere runt like her.

"Thank you."

"We are going to leave now," Cane said, as he helped Iris to enter the carriage.

They went to the main street, where Oliver and some people worked together to distribute seeds so they could start growing something to eat, aside from going hunting in the mountain. The same thing happened in the other four packs.

Cane finally got a hold of their fortune, but without something to buy, those golds were useless. At this point, he indeed needed the merchant. It was a good thing Lou went to the Howling Wolf pack, but Cane was not happy to see him.

"In the next two weeks, we will return to the Howling Wolf pack to receive the king." Cane let Iris know about this beforehand.

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Cane had expected the king would come, or at the very least, he would be summoned to the capital city again, to be questioned about the execution of the five alphas, but he thought, it wouldn't be this fast.

Since people from the Holy Kingdom would arrive, Cane assumed the king would receive them first before he took care the matter in the south, since time would be so tight for travel back and forth, more so, there were a lot of problems within the royal court regarding the new crown prince.

But, as it turned out, Aeon made this hasty decision. This move didn't feel like him... Cane could feel how out of character this plan to visit the south was. If it was the king, who made the decision, he would focus on the matter at court first.

The king didn't even show himself when the Howling Wolf pack was under the Blue Moon pack control to avoid people's wrath for the power shifting.

"The king will come?" Iris moved in her seat uncomfortably. Cane said they didn't need to return to the pack until the woman gave birth to the baby that those people assumed was his. "Why?"

"Because of the execution of the five alphas," Cane replied lightly. He stared at Iris, studied her expression.

"Or, is it because he wanted to see his future grandnephew?" Iris couldn't help it, as her voice sounded so bitter. She felt this suffocating feeling again, where she couldn't control her anger and this showed on her expression.

Cane extended his hand and caught her hand that pulled her hair nervously. "Something in your mind?"

"Nothing." Iris freed her hand from his grip and stared at the window, indicating she didn't want to talk anymore.

Silent befell upon them until they arrived at their destination and like usual, Cane helped Iris to get off the carriage and kept her close to him. "We will walk from here, because the carriages couldn't go through this road," Cane informed Iris after he squeezed her hand to get her attention.

Iris looked around, there were a few warriors carrying boxes after boxes and she recognized them as the former warrior from the Riverside pack, with warrior from the Howling Wolf pack be the person in charge for them.

Some of the warriors waved their hand at Iris, as they came here along with the gamma and the Red Claw pack entourage.

Iris smiled at them, recognized all of them, there were around ten warriors, who were here from the capital city and the rest stayed there with Aderan.

On the other hand, Jace frowned to see the interaction between the warriors and Iris. Ethan had told him about what happened during their time in the capital city, but knowing how gamma was, as he had this tendency to exaggerate the story, he didn't believe it right away.

Yet... what was it?

Cane walked ahead with alpha Dristan and Koda, while Iris and Hanna walked side by side behind them. Thankfully, Hanna had prepared a simple dress for this muddy road, so it would be easy for her to move around.

Along the street, Iris could see many people stared at them with curiosity and children hid behind their parent's back. They were tensed up when Cane and alpha Dristan walked past them, since their presence as the alpha was so strong.

Hanna nudged Iris to get her attention. "I was once like them, miss, before you found me." She smiled at her with tears welled up in her eyes. "Thank you."

Iris smiled back at her. "Thank you for staying with me all this time."

They walked further, it created a small entourage with a lot of boxes in the end of this line and the alpha was upfront.

Iris saw Will, walking beside four warriors, who carried one of the boxes, making sure they did their job well and then glanced at Hanna.

"How is it between you and him?" Iris asked in small voice.

Hanna glanced at Will and looked so gloomy. "Nothing," she mouthed. Her eyes dimmed and Iris could see the deep sadness in her eyes.

Hanna was crying when she met with her again, thinking Iris was being kidnapped by the lycan and she would end up missing like prince Vemion, she felt so relief to see her.

On the other hand, Iris felt bad because she was fine all this long, but she couldn't tell her about that.

"Why?" Iris asked again, wanted to know more.

"I don't know. He didn't want to talk to me, but he kept protecting me when we were attacked by monsters. I know he asked a few warriors to look after me, but why he didn't want to talk to me directly? Did I do something wrong?" Hanna ranted, she felt annoyed, sad and frustrated. She didn't know what went wrong between them.

"Oh, Hanna... I am sure he will come around."

Hanna shook her head sadly. "I don't even know if I want him anymore. I thing I am on the verge of giving up. He didn't want me, so why would I want him?"

"Of course, he wants you. It's just his brain is not braining at this moment."

Both Iris and Hanna were shocked to hear Ethan's voice between them all of sudden, because they were too engrossed with their conversation so they didn't realize the gamma had been eavesdropping.

"You can't give up, if it's not you. Who else could knock some sense into his mind? He needed someone to tell him how wrong it is to ignore the person, who cared about you." Hanna and Iris frowned to see this sudden intervention. "What?" Ethan looked confused to receive such look from them.

"Since when you are here?" Hanna asked sullenly.

"What? Am I not allowed to join?"

"Why do you want to join in a conversation between women?" Redmond chimed in as well, which made the two of them bickered again.

Not too far, Jace was dumfounded with their interaction.

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Ethan had told him about a lot of things, he had emphasized how the warriors had warmed up to Iris and how she helped them to read and write, they saw her in new light now, especially when the relationship between her and their alpha turned out so great.

Cane showed how important she was and it was not the first time for him to stay with Iris when she was not feeling well. The alpha even brought her with him almost wherever he went, even for the secret meeting.

Yet, Jace simply couldn't wrap the idea Cane took this relationship with Iris seriously, aside from him needing her because of the Blue Moon pack.

Not to mention with the warriors.

They didn't state it bluntly, but definitely, Iris was not their favorite luna. If there was someone else, they would rather choose the other person than this daughter of Gerald, because seeing her brought back a lot of bad memories.

They accepted Iris only because their respect to their alpha, nothing else. Most of the warriors back in the Howling Wolf pack had the same sentiment like this, but the warriors that followed to the capital city looked like they had different thought now.

Last night, Jace overheard a warrior bragged about how he could write and read because of Iris.

Jace flustered.

This entourage arrived at a vast area, where there were a lot of people, covered in dirt and dust. They looked so skinny, as if they only had skin and bone left in their body.

"Who are they?" Iris asked, she and Hanna stared at Ethan, waiting for his explanation, since he had been walking with them.

"They are all shifters. They must have been drinking Rottingbane, which prevented them from shifting into their beast."

"What are they doing here?" Hanna asked again with so much curiosity.

They had this kind of place in the Blue Moon and Howling Wolf pack, but it was because they were working in the magic stone mine, while here, there was no place like that, so what were they doing here?

"Riverside pack didn't have magic stone mine, but they have been working on a crosscut between Riverside pack and Chrystal Moon pack. Alpha Gill wanted to make a tunnel by digging the feet of the Goffa mountain, so they will be able to cut down two days journey from this pack to the Chrystal Moon pack."

Chrystal Moon pack, Diandem pack, Bloody Wolf pack and Silver River pack were on the other side of this mountain, so it was indeed a good thinking to make a shortcut by creating a tunnel under the mountain to cut the journey to the other pack.

"But, isn't it dangerous? Goffa mountain is full with a lot of monsters, especially at time like this." After winter, the monsters were very active, Iris knew that much about it.

"Yes, that's why, this project has not yet accomplished even after five years when it started."

"Five years?" Iris was dumbstruck.

"Hm. Can you imagine how many people had died? Have you realized? There are a lot of children?"

Iris didn't realize that, but she indeed saw a lot of children more than usual on the street.

"Alpha Gill had this sick idea to make the women gives birth to a lot of children in order to replace the people, who died here." Ethan's eyes turned dangerous when he spoke again. "Alpha Gill took all little girls, who are in the age of being able to get pregnant to the pack house. We found a lot of pregnant girls around the age of fifteen to seventeen, all of them were pregnant."

They found them after they executed the five alphas. This shocking revelation barely touched the surface of the depth of their heinous and abhorrent activities.

Hanna clutched her chest. "How do you know that? You just arrived." She frowned with Ethan's ability to gather so much information in such short period of time.

Ethan smiled smugly at her, which made Hanna regretted to ask. "Of course, because I am so capable of gathering information!"

Hanna and Redmond rolled their eyes at that comment. "You know that much because you spent your time gossiping with that beta last night," Redmond said disdainfully.

"That's what you call exchanging information!" Ethan retorted.

When the two of them started bickering again, Cane took Iris's hand and walked with her, while Oliver talked something with alpha Dristan and Koda were roaming around this area.

This vast land almost the same like magic stone mine, but they were so close with Goffa mountain, where Iris could see the tunnel Ethan had mentioned before.

"Cane..." Iris tugged his sleeve to get his attention. "What are you going to do with these people? You will stop this, right? They could all die because of this impossible project."

Cane looked at his mate and shook his head. "No. I will continue this." He could see the surprise crossed her expression. "Creating this tunnel to make a short cut to the other pack indeed the only good idea alpha Gill had."

"But, Cane... what about these people? You know the monster will be so active at this period of time, right?" Iris was so anxious. She knew she didn't need to remind Cane about this fact, since he must well aware about it more than her.

"Right."

"They could die."

Cane stared at his mate for a while. "I will never promise to be responsible for everyone's life. I will never be able to fulfill that promise, neither I am going to try."

Iris was shocked to learn about that and just like what Cane thought, she was still that softhearted woman, despite what happened to her, but then she narrowed her eyes.

"What are you planning to do?"

Cane could see how she was trying so hard to figure it out. "Guess."

Iris frowned and she was indeed trying to think of what Cane had planned for these people that could benefit him.

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Iris frowned. Cane seemed in a good mood. He held her hand, as they walked toward the tunnel and looked around this vast area. He waited for her to answer the question.

Meanwhile, people stared at them secretly, as the sight of Iris and Cane walking together peacefully was a rare sight to see. Woman had never been in this area, even if they were, they were sent to fulfil the desire of the wardens.

Or recently, they were forced to impregnant as many women as possible, as the alpha wanted to have a lot of members of the pack. Alpha Gill thought about the quantity of his pack because there were a lot of men died during this project, but he failed to think of the quality of their lives, since there was no life more important than his and now, he lost it.

"You are planning to continue this project?" Iris mumbled to herself, contemplated the reason why Cane wanted to continue the tunnel that had made a lot of men met their demise. "Why?" Iris asked herself. She looked around and then to the tunnel.

From where she was standing, the warriors put down the boxes they had been carrying and like usual, they distributed food for them, but this time, they brought clean clothes as well, as the men here were only wearing ragged clothes and pants. There was commotion when they tried to get their hands on clean clothes and food, but Sir Elijah controlled the situation well. He ordered his men to help as well.

Hanna also helped, but Will took something from her hand and talked to her, gesturing for her to stay behind, yet Hanna looked mad and glared at him, as she snatched back the box from Will's hand and walked away.

And here, Iris couldn't figure out what Cane was planning with this tunnel. "I don't know." Iris shook her head.

"If you can answer this, I will grant you one wish."

"It's unfair," Iris immediately rejected it. "No one knows what is in your mind, not even your beta and your gamma."

"Aren't you my luna?"

"But, it doesn't mean I know more about you." Iris started to talk back to Cane. If it was in the past, she would lower her head timidly and wouldn't dare to retort. "You never talk anything about yourself."

"Fine." Cane nodded. "I will give you a clue, but if you still can't answer this, you will grant me one wish."

Iris's brows furrowed deeply. "Why I feel like I will go straight to your trap?"

Hearing that, Cane couldn't help, but laughed, which surprised all of the people there, since they only saw his serious and vicious side. After Cane executed the five alphas and put their head on the spikes, they knew him as a coldblooded alpha, but no one ever thought they would witness this side of this cruel alpha.

"Do I need to trap you?" Cane asked, oblivious with the attention on them right now, but Iris seemed aware of it and started to feel uncomfortable to be in the center of attention.

"No. I have trapped with you for the rest of our lives," she mumbled.

She didn't mean it in a bad way, but that was how it sounded in Cane's ears, as he pinched her chin and lifted her head to meet his eyes. "You don't like it."

All of sudden, the playful atmosphere between them turned serious, as Cane's laugh vanished and his eyes stared at his mate sharply.

"I never said that. Let's be trapped and rotten together, as long as I am with you, I am willing," Iris said it playfully, but there was a trace of determination in her tone. "I promise to be with you, let's see the end of it together." She promised him and also his late mate when they went to see his family and she intended to keep it.

Cane lowered his hand and all of the spectators sighed, they didn't realize they were holding their breath, thinking Cane would turn violence because Iris had talked something wrong, which incur his anger. It was easy to assume that way when they were raised with such idea in their mind.

"So, what the clue?" Iris grabbed his hand instead and Cane intertwined their fingers together, as they continued walking, leaving those people, who looked at them weirdly behind.

"The distribution of food of this pack comes from the Chrystal Moon pack."

Iris nodded. "Yes, I read about that, because Chrystal Moon pack is the only pack with harbor in the south kingdom, before winter they amass grain and dry meat from the merchant, as they brought the commodity with ship from Karam continent."

Iris stopped talking and blinked her eyes, as if something crossed her mind, but then...

Cane smiled at her explanation and could see she was so close to realize the answer of it, but when she stopped talking and tried to rearrange her theory in her mind, he leaned over and kissed her cheek. "Continue," he whispered, which only his warm breath that Iris could notice.

Iris blushed when Cane suddenly kissed her. He had been very weird lately with his sudden display of affection in front of so many people.

"And... mmh..." Iris forgot what she was going to say! Ugh! What was that?! "That's... uhm..."

"I want the harbor. It will help during the next winter, so there is no need for us to go to the black market again." It would save them a lot of effort, time and

energy if they could build the tunnel and he got the deal between the Chrystal Moon pack and the merchant from the Karam continent.

"Ah! I am going to say that!" Iris was fuming. She stopped walking, glaring at Cane, but the alpha was as calm as ever. "You tricked me!"

"In what way I tricked you?"

"You..." Iris stopped herself. "...Kissed me." Her voice trailed off.

"Hm?" Cane tilted his head. "How can you count that as a trick?"

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Iris was dumbfounded to read what Cane said. She was utterly speechless. Was he being cunning to her too?

"You kissed me!" Iris insisted with her reason, but she couldn't elaborate further, as her face turned bright red. Probably, it was because of the sunlight...

"I have done that several times."

"Are you being... ingenious with me?" Iris asked sullenly, since she didn't know how to call him out for tricking her with a kiss without sounded weird.

"You need to learn how to compose yourself." Cane brushed her bangs and caressed her rosy cheek. "You are being so easy to read."

People around them watched this interaction and how gentle the alpha from the Howling Wolf pack was to his mate. In their mind, someone, who was capable of executing the five alphas and treated their bodies so cruelly after that, wouldn't have a gentle bone in their body, neither they would be able to find in themselves to be kind.

Yet, what they were witnessing right now was something that completely different from what they imagined...

While they were receiving all the things that they needed, such food and clean clothes, the alpha and the luna were being affectionate toward each other. The alpha treated her so respectful and he did it naturally. It was unheard of a man in his position to treat their woman so well, especially when the woman had not yet conceived with their child after all this time.

Not to mention the dark story behind the two of them...

"Don't you think he is being overly affectionate with the woman?" alpha Dristan asked Koda, as the two of them stood out of an earshot.

"Hm. it's not normal," Koda replied, his eyes fixed on Cane, who was smiling at his mate, who looked sullen. They didn't know what they were talking about, but from their standing point, it looked like the alpha was being playful with his luna. "Knowing him, he must be up to something."

The two of them agreed that the alpha from the Howling Wolf pack was too cunning, they couldn't lower their guard, or else, it would be them, who became the sacrifice in whatever plan he had in his mind. Alpha Dristan didn't completely trust Cane, so did Koda.

After all, there was no such complete trust between the alpha of different pack. It was so naïve, if you thought such thing existed.

Heart could change and there was no such thing as loyalty that lasted forever in this realm, there was only benefit and self interest, and greater than that was a pack's chance to profit.

All of them knew that and even those poor five alphas understood to a certain level.

"Is that really a bad thing to be easily read?" Iris asked, as they walked toward the tunnel, while people either avoided them or they lowered their head submissively, didn't want to provoke the alpha.

"In this battle, yes. You don't want your enemy to know what is in your mind or how you are feeling upon a certain situation." Cane was exceptionally chatty today, as he explained things to her. Something that she should learn, something that she should remember, something that she should do. Iris frowned, but then she stood in front of Cane, forcing him to stop walking. For a moment, she only stared at him, but he could see how a lot of questions swirled inside pretty head of hers.

"How can you easily read people? How do you know what their motives? You seem to be able to be two or three steps ahead of them." Iris was still fascinated by how Cane could advance this far within less than a year since he freed himself and his people from the slavery.

Would it possible if their pack never fell into a slavery if he was the alpha at that time? Cane was only a little bit older than Iris's age right now when their pack fell into her father's hand.

Cane smiled softly at her question. If it was someone else, he wouldn't waste his breathe to answer such question. "I don't know their motive, Iris. I pay close attention to their personality."

Iris furrowed her brows. "How so?"

"People tend to use themselves as a measuring stick for viewing others. It will be easy to predict the next move of a person who behaved rationally and was motivated by something, you need to pay close attention to what motivate them, it will be either power, money, woman... there must be something that move them. Even the action of people who is purely motivated by their emotions could be easily guessed after a careful observation." Cane tapped the tip of her nose. "Observe your surroundings more."

Iris felt her mind swirled, she had never thought in that way. If Cane said people tended to use themselves as a measuring stick for viewing others, it rang a bell in her mind, because she did exactly that.

Meanwhile, Cane could see how Iris was starting to grasp what he was saying, thus he didn't bother her when she was deep in her own thought and took her hand to continue walking.

"Have you never been afraid before?"

"Of course, I have." Cane stared at her.

"How can you pretend that you are not?"

"My father told me this; weakness is a guise, wear it when you need to use it for your own benefit, but never when you feel it." Cane chuckled lightly, but there was no humor in it. "In the end of the day, all of this is about profit."

Iris didn't realize this before, but right now, she felt like she would never get tired of talking with Cane, as if she could talk to him all day and they wouldn't run out of a topic, or she could listen to him for hours without being tired.

And here, she remembered something. "I saw it." Her expression darkened.

"Hm? What did you see?" Cane asked.

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Cane was on alert when he saw the sudden change on her expression. "What did you see?" He was clueless about what Iris was going to talk about.

Iris bit her lips and stopped walking again. "A wisp."

"Wisp?" Cane instinctively glanced at his hands, thinking it appeared again, but there was nothing. It would ruin a lot of things if it appeared now under hundred to thousand people's eyes. Deep down, he had this believe; as long as he was with her, the dark wisp would never appear. "What do you mean a wisp?"

"I... I was... he was... he touched me when I saw it..." Her tongue failed her when this disgusting feeling rushed in her mind when she tried to recall that moment, when she revived the moment, she wanted to forget.

If it was not for that weird thing and feeling she felt upon seeing the wisp, she would have forced herself subconsciously to forget everything that happened to her, but that certain moment prevented her to do so.

"What wisp did you see?" Seeing her reaction, Cane immediately knew which moment she was trying to talk about, thus he wanted her to focus on the wisp, instead of anything else. "You saw a wisp?"

Iris nodded. "The wisp was the color of grey, dark grey..."

"It's different from the wisp that came from me?"

"It's different."

Cane's jaw hardened. "Tell me more."

Iris tried to recollect her memories and only focus on the dark grey wisp. How the wisp formed into a wolf and how she felt when she saw the wisp, she felt this deep hatred and disgust and her instinct told her to kill it.

She didn't know how to kill a smoke that was in the form of a wolf, but she did it instinctively.

"... it caused pain to him." Iris balled her fists to hold her emotions back, until she could feel her nails embedded against her palms. "He was in pain."

Cane eyes dimmed slightly, as he watched how Iris was struggling to remember the detail of that horrendous moment, but at the same time he recalled alpha Gill's last moment. They tied him with silver chain to prevent him from shifting into his beast.

But, what was about the dark grey wisp in the shape of wolf? Was that... was that even possible?

Cane put his hand on the back of her neck, massaged her nape to let her relax a little bit and then took her back to the direction of their carriage.

"Where is Haco?" Cane ordered his beta to call the sorcerer earlier.

"He is in the back of the entourage." Jace glanced at their intertwined fingers. He had called Haco, but because Cane had not yet called him personally, so he came along, but tried his best to hide himself from the alpha.

It seemed, Cane's threat had shaken him so bad, since he had nowhere to go now and he was so afraid to be found cursing princess Osana, thus he relied on Cane heavily, thus even though he was afraid of him, he couldn't leave him.

"Tell him to come inside the carriage," Cane said and helped Iris to enter their carriage, waiting for the sorcerer to come. There were a lot of things he wanted to confirm with him.

It didn't feel right. The more Cane thought about it, the more he was sure there was something more about Iris. Now he doubted if she was really a runt, or she was not a shifter to begin with.

On the other hand, alpha Dristan and Koda looked at each other to see Cane and Iris entered the carriage, but they didn't leave. They came here to discuss about this tunnel and the prospect of business in the future between their pack, since Chrystal Moon pack had the only harbor in the south.

Cane would need an immense resource to get this job done and Red Claw pack was the richest pack in this continent, not to mention the two of them held the only two magic stone mines in this realm. The collaboration between them two would definitely shake the royal family, which would made even the king couldn't do anything reckless to their pack.

It would solidify the position of the crown prince from the Red Claw pack, giving the baby the strongest support, he could get. This alone would shut the noisy voices inside the court, who were still against them.

The crown prince was indeed still a baby and had a long way to go before he could sit on the throne, but this also would give the king a reason to enjoy the king crown on his head a little bit longer.

"What are they doing?" Alpha Dristan narrowed his eyes at the carriage. "Send someone to come closer and see if they could find something."

Koda nodded and went to get the order done. He glanced at the alpha for a brief moment and greed lit up in his eyes.

One day, he would be the king's grandfather and he wouldn't accept any order from anyone anymore.

Meanwhile, it took Haco a little bit longer to get his ass to the carriage, as he dragged his feet to meet with Cane. He had heard how Iris had woken up, which meant, he could keep his fingers attached, he also had seen her walking around and fine, but he still dreaded the threat from the alpha. He knew that Cane meant every word, he said at that moment and that was terrifying.

"Took you so long," Cane said when Haco finally entered the carriage. This carriage was spacious enough to have six people inside and the decoration was very extravagant, since alpha Gill was really into luxury things.

While Cane and Iris sat side by side, Haco sat in front of them.

"I am already very old, I can't walk so fast, my back is killing me, my vision is blurry. I am so weak now," Haco said pitifully.

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Haco was trying to pull a pitiful card, seeing how compassionate Cane to these people, there was no way he would harm a vulnerable and a powerless sorcerer like him, right? He was only an ordinary old man without the magic stone, as the alpha was really careful not to give him too much for him to get a power, he could use to go against him.

It was only Cane being careful, though he knew Haco would be too afraid to expose himself out there if words got out about him being a dark sorcerer.

"Are you done?" Cane asked in the in of his whining. Haco immediately clamped his mouth and shifted his attention toward Iris.

"I know you will pull it through, you made the alpha worried! But, I have no doubt you can make it! I have never been wrong with my observation! Never I doubt you and the power you hold in the slightest!" Haco praised Iris instead.

"Tell me more about her power," Cane said immediately, since that was indeed the topic he wanted to discuss with him.

Haco tilted his head, he contemplated for a while and then extended his hand to Iris, asking her hand. "I don't know what you meant with telling you more about her power, but I am sure she is not a runt."

Iris extended her hand and Haco grabbed it. His hand was so callous and bonny, she felt like she could break his fingers, but at the same time, it was strong and firm.

Probably because of the stress Cane caused him, but he looked a little bit older and haggard than usual. Cane's threat must be so dreadful to put him on edge.

Haco was silent for a while, as he held her hand. "I am sure she is not a runt. No runt can perform magic, though I can't say her ability falls into a magic category." He contemplated for a while, still holding her hand.

"Are you checking on me?" Iris asked.

"Hm." Haco nodded.

"Is your hand will be cold like this when you are checking on me?"

"Magic user, who perform black magic mostly have cold hands," Haco explained it simply, because the right explanation would be more complicated than this, since magic was vague entity.

"Lady Cyan has a cold hand too." Iris recalled when lady Cyan grabbed her hand and how uncomfortable she felt.

Hearing that, Cane's eyes dimmed. "Would she be able to have the same prediction about her like you?"

Haco blinked his eyes. "Well, if she is as powerful as me, probably..." He narrowed his eyes, as if he remembered something. "The dark sorcerer in the palace... if she really checked on you, then she must be the dark sorcerer in the palace."

This was still assumption, but the possibility of it was pretty likely.

"So, she is as powerful as you?"

"No one is as powerful as me."

"In that case, she couldn't tell about my mate's ability?"

Haco looked hesitant when he answered this. "I am not sure..."

It didn't cross his mind about this possibility and here he was missing the important part, which put his mate and his plan at risk.

No. He even got the Holy Kingdom involved in this matter. He was not sure if this would be a good thing or not.

"Maybe she knew, but maybe she is not that powerful... she managed to prevent me from cursing princess Osana, but she used a lot of sacrifices to do

so. At best, you should be careful with her. No dark sorcerer will bring a good thing for you." Haco caught the way Iris looked at him. "Except for me, except for me, I am good. I became a dark sorcerer because of that damn lycan, okay?" He became a little bit defensive.

"Can you help her to figure out her ability?" Cane asked Haco. "There is something more with her ability."

"I am not sure..." Haco felt so incompetence to repeat the same answer over and over again. It hurt his pride. "I am not familiar with her ability, it does not feel like magic, yet it is similar at the same time, but of course it is not a black magic or something like that." Haco then leaned over in curiosity when he missed the last information what Cane told him. "What do you mean with there is something more with her ability?"

Cane told him briefly about what Iris saw and talked a little bit more about the dark wisp that some time would emanate from him, while Haco listened to him seriously and Iris was stunned with the way Cane hinted she could be a magic user or something.

"There are so many evidence that proof her is not a shifter, neither she is a runt," Cane said in the end of his explanation.

"Wow... that's a wild theory..." Haco lamented.

"But, does it make sense?"

Haco massaged his forehead because what Cane said was so wild, yet it opened a lot of possibility, especially with such evidence. "It can be..."

There was silence befell inside the carriage, as the three of them busied themselves with their own thought. Iris felt like they were talking about someone else instead, because never in her wildest dream, she would be something more than a deaf runt...

Did she really have that kind of abilities? What she could do with it?

And the first thing in her mind was; how she could help Cane with it?

"Look for more story about the lycan and his mate." Cane broke the silence with uncommon request.

"Huh? What with the lycan? Aren't we talking about her?" Haco nodded at Cane.

"The lycan recognized her as his mate, there must be the reason for that."

"Maybe because she is beautiful and caught the lycan's attention?" Haco tilted his head.

"Scram and do what I said!" Cane growled at this dense sorcerer, who immediately hurried out of the carriage.

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There must be the reason why the lycan chose Iris and recognized her as his mate and if the lycan was as powerful to attach his soul to someone else in order to find his mate, there was a high possibility this said woman was not as ordinary as well.

That was what in Cane's mind when he ordered Haco to look for more information about the lycan and his mate.

But, this dense dark sorcerer irked him with his reckless comment.

"I am going, I am going, you don't need to be so upset with me, what have I done?" Haco whimpered, as he scrambled out of the carriage, afraid the alpha would snarI at him again.

Meanwhile, outside of the carriage, Jace had two of his warriors dragged a warrior from the Red Claw pack straight to their alpha. The man looked helpless as he was caught red- handed to be eavesdropping the conversation inside the carriage.

"May I know, what do you mean with this, alpha Dristan?" Jace asked, he didn't raise his voice into an accusatory tone, but it was firm.

"What do you mean, beta Jace?" alpha Dristan feigned ignorance when he saw his man was being caught. His expression didn't change, neither he showed any surprise, he looked clueless. "I caught one of your men outside of my alpha's carriage, trying to eavesdrop the conversation," Jace said in a matter of fact tone. He looked at alpha Dristan straight into his eyes and watched how his innocent's expression morphed into surprise one.

"Really?" alpha Dristan was in disbelieve. He glared at the man behind Jace.

"I don't know anything about that," alpha Dristan said. "I do not condone such behavior."

"Are you trying to say, he is doing something without your order, alpha Dristan?" Jace asked, his expression was as stoic as ever. "A warrior received an order to make a move."

"Beta Jace, the way you talk about it, as if you are trying to picture me as a villain. How could I breach a trust that alpha Cane gave to me? We are only starting to have a collaboration, there is no way I will risk that."

[Did you find something?] he asked through mind linked to the warrior.

[My apologize. No. I can't hear anything, alpha.] The warrior replied through the mind link as well.

Alpha Dristan then nodded at his personal warrior, who was standing next to him, as he moved so fast past Jace and snapped the head of the warrior. It happened so fast, Jace didn't have time to react, so did the two warriors, who were holding the dead body now. They didn't expect this.

Once the job was done, alpha Dristan's personal warrior returned to his side. He didn't show any emotions and from what Jace gathered, his name was Warren.

"Like I said, I do not condone such behavior. I will discipline my man in the future, so they will not cause trouble. You can rest assure, beta Jace and my apologize for the inconvenience."

Not only alpha Dristan killed the warrior, but it was a show of power that his personal warrior had displayed.

Jace only nodded politely and then left, leaving the poor, dead warrior on the ground. His body was motionless and his neck craned into a weird angle. The beta let them dealt with the dead body, as he would report this to Cane.

On the other hand, alpha Dristan's eyes turned dimmed. He had startled them with this reckless move, which made them became cautious of him and yet, he got nothing.

"Next time, think twice before you gave me an advice," Dristan said to Koda in low and vicious tone, as he suppressed his anger.

Koda said nothing and only lowered his head when the alpha walked past him, while the dead body was being taken care of by the other Red Claw pack's warrior.

Later that day, after they inspected the tunnel and Cane discussed a few things about it with alpha Dristan, they returned to the pack house before sunset, as Jace told him about what happened before Iris and Cane got on their carriage.

Cane didn't look concern and only nodded at the beta, but it was Iris, who was being anxious.

"Don't you concern whether or not the warrior had heard our conversation?" Iris asked once they were inside the carriage, Cane sat down next to her, instead of the opposite seat.

"No," he said simply, as he read his secret missile again.

"What if he heard something?"

"He didn't."

"How can you be so sure?"

Cane put down the report and looked at his mate, he was so patience with her when he explained. "Because Haco had done something with this carriage, no matter how loud you are inside this carriage and no matter how close you are when you tried to eavesdrop, you will not hear anything from the outside."

"Really?" Iris's eyes widened in surprised and admiration. "There is magic like that?" She looked interested. "What else magic can do?"

"Hm." Cane nodded and continued with what he was reading. "You need to ask Haco about that."

"If I can use magic, can I do more thing like that?" Iris looked so excited. For someone, who spent all her life to be called useless and now she found something incredible about herself, Iris felt so good.

"I don't know. You need to ask Haco about that."

And Iris was being her cheerful self asked a few more question related to magic, in which Cane didn't have knowledge about.

"Iris," Cane called her name calmly and put down the report in his hand for the second time.

Iris immediately clamped her mouth, realizing how she had talked too much, while he was reading, but somehow, she liked it every time she knew he called her name. "Okay, I will not say anything."

Iris leaned her body against the seat, but then Cane pulled her closer and pushed her head to lean against his shoulder, as he continued reading.