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Iris was holding the lizard in her hand, while waiting for Cane to return, she perched on the windowsill, hoping to catch a glimpse of him.

Meanwhile, Hanna had lost for word, as she had reminded her the alpha probably would return late because they were having a serious discussion about the tunnel with the merchant and the alpha from the Red Claw pack.

Yet, Iris didn't listen to her, because she wanted to let Cane know something as soon as possible. This was something important too.

And when she saw Cane walked in the hallway, she immediately went out of her bedroom. She approached him, which made him surprised. He frowned.

"What happened?" Cane's mind went to the worst possible thing that could happen while he was away, because that was how he was thinking of the situation. It almost like an instinct for him.

"Come, come with me, I want to show you something." Iris tugged his sleeve, so he could follow her, though without her pulling him around like this, Cane would eventually arrive at their bedroom.

Meanwhile, Jace, who walked with Ethan slightly further back, stared blankly at the sight.

"I don't know when I will get use to see this sight..." Jace shook his head. "I still can't wrap my mind around the idea of Cane is being affectionate with her."

"Get used to it," Ethan said nonchalantly, he didn't find the sight weird.

On the other hand, Iris took Cane into their bedroom and Hanna immediately excused themselves, leaving the two of them alone.

"What do you want to show me?" Cane watched Iris looked for her lizard around the room, it seemed when she stood up abruptly, the lizard took the chance to free itself from her grip and hide.

"Wait, I need to find the lizard," Iris mumbled to herself, as she looked every corner of the room.

But, after ten minutes she couldn't find the little creature, she grew frustrated. She had been waiting for this moment, but the lizard disappeared.

Without saying anything, Cane walked toward the door and talked something to the guard out there before he returned to the room and beckoned Iris to sit down.

"Cane, you will not believe it! I found something amazing about the lizard! I don't know how to explain it, that's why I need to show you!" Iris was very excited and frustrated at the same time, her face flushed red.

"Just sit down," Cane said patiently, while his mate was still roaming around the room to look for the little creature. In the end, Cane carried her by her waist and sat her down, which made Iris flustered.

Right at that time, someone knocked on the door and the guard gave Cane a plate of meat, which was still so hot, as the white smoke wafted in the air, the smell of it was so delicious.

Cane brought the delicious meat inside and soon after, the room filled with this appetizing smell.

"You have not eaten yet?" Iris asked. This was already close to midnight.

Cane cut the juicy meat and made Iris lick her lips. She had had her dinner, but the meat before her eyes was still a welcome sight.

Cane then stuffed the piece of meat into her mouth before she could drool. Her appetite improved recently. "I have."

Iris munched and felt happy of how delicious the meat was.

On the other hand, Cane stood up and walked behind her, while Iris continued to eat the meat, but when he returned to sit down on the opposite seat, he had the lizard in his hand. "What are you going to do with this thing?"

There was still mystery about how the lizard could end up in Iris's hand. The initial fire stone was with Arthur and the other spies for years, but only when it was kept with Iris, it hatched into this salamander.

This creature supposed to be extinct during the great monster attack fifty years ago, as the Serafim used them for protection.

Fifty years ago...

Cane frowned with that time line. Fifty years ago was the first time the lycan attached itself to Haco. Was that a coincident?

"Oh, I will show you something!" Iris put down the fork and knife, as she extended her hand to grab the lizard, which struggled in Cane's grip, it's small eyes glared at the alpha, but it didn't dare to spit fire on him.

The lizard was a little bit bigger than Iris's palm now and the color had turned into dark red. She grabbed it with her left hand and then went to the table and took a parchment before her sat down again.

Meanwhile, the lizard struggled to get the meat on the table. The smell was so delicious and tempting for it to miss it.

Cane pulled away the plate, like a mean person, to make sure the lizard wouldn't get it. "What are you going to do with that?" Cane didn't hold any regard to the creature. The lizard was only an animal in his eyes, convenient enough to take with them when they were outside.

"I was thinking about it this morning, if the lizard was one of the Seraphim's mythical creatures, then it must hold some awesome power, don't you think?" Iris was so excited with her explanation, as she tugged Cane to come with her to the fireplace, while her other hand held the lizard and the parchment. She looked so busy somehow. "And because of what that mysterious man showed me about the lizard's ability, I did some experiment with it."

Iris then stuffed the parchment into the lizard mouth and tossed it to the fire in the fireplace. The lizard would have cried by now if it could.

After that, Iris tugged Cane along with her to go out and found the first brazier, as she lit it up and the lizard appeared with the same parchment in its mouth.

"See!? The parchment is not burned!"

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The parchment in the lizard's mouth indeed did not burn, it moved along with the lizard.

Cane lifted the creature between his finger and stared at it for a while, as his mind was thinking about a lot of possibilities. Suddenly, the value of the lizard increased in his eyes.

"You have done a good job," Cane said, he kissed the tip of her nose gently, which made Iris's heart warm, so did her face.

After what happened this morning, she was afraid it would make a setback for whatever progress they had in this relationship, but seeing Cane gave her small kisses like this without being awkward made her felt relief.

"We need to train the lizard." Cane returned the lizard to Iris's hand and reminded her she needed to keep it with her, out of people's sight, though because of her recklessness, half of the pack had known about the lizard's existence.

After that, Cane was generous enough to order another plate for the lizard to enjoy, so the creature wouldn't sulk and hide itself again.

"Sleep, we will go back to the Howling Wolf pack tomorrow," Cane said, as he held Iris in his arms on their bed. It was already passed midnight.

At this point, Cane used to sleep in a bright room, though he preferred to sleep without any light, but because Iris was afraid in the dark, he adjusted himself.

There was one time when the fire on the fireplace was died out and Iris was woken up in the middle of the night, shaking and hyperventilating because the darkness that surrounded her.

After that, Cane made it a habit to check the firewood on the fireplace, if it was enough for the night.

"How was it with the tunnel?"

"Everything went well," Cane replied. Though, Lou was trying to act cool and being difficult in some of negotiation, but his greediness leaked out from every pore of his skin. All he wanted was benefit and he got a lot profit from the deal, while Cane made sure to feed his greed constantly, creating a leash around his neck without him realizing it.

"Will he start to build the magic device?" The original plan was to build the magic device around the Blue Moon pack first, but seeing the change of the situation, of course, the plan should be changed as well.

"Yes, it will take a month or two to complete it. Once it's done, they can continue with the tunnel."

Iris's eyes lit up. Cane had said it was impossible for him to take the responsibility for other people's lives, but it didn't mean he became careless with their lives too.

"Sleep, Iris. We need to wake up early." Cane caressed her earlobe, which made her squirmed and held his hand away from her ear.

"Do I make you uncomfortable?" Iris suddenly asked.

Probably because the night was so quiet and this made both of them became more comfortable and vulnerable, but Iris liked the conversation they had before they fell asleep, as Cane became a little bit open with what he was thinking and his own feeling.

"No. It's the opposite."

"Don't you think it is the lycan?" Both of them knew how calm the lycan was in her presence. Therefore, there was this slightly doubt in Iris's mind that the comfort Cane felt from her was coming from the lycan within him.

"I know my own feeling." Cane was sure about that when he felt the anger that was not his. Such strong emotion was easy to distinguish. That was also the first time the lycan's feeling resurfaced aside during the new moon and when he was in the lycan form.

"Is it okay for you to hug me like this?"

Cane immediately knew what she wanted to talk about. After what happened this morning, she must be worried about being physical with him.

"It's fine. I am sorry for this morning, your head is still hurt?"

Iris shook her head. "It's not hurt anymore." Cane kissed her head as a reply. She was conflicted to bring this topic up or not, she didn't think this was the right time to talk about it.

"Sleep, Iris. Today was so tiring."

The honest confession from him made Iris swallow her question and closed her eyes, as she snuggled closer toward him.

She wanted to ask, because they had made a progress this far and if the day came when they would have a sex, would Cane be violence with her? Iris still dreaded the previous sex with him.

This morning they took a step further, yet it didn't end up really well.

But then, Iris realized she didn't know how to bring this matter into a conversation with him...

With that thought in her mind, Iris fell asleep in her mate's arms, she was having another dream about the five swords and the woman inside the empty hall.

Meanwhile, the people from the Holy Kingdom, was less than a month away from the continent.

After a quiet night, the morning came and the first thing Iris realized was Cane had been up, his side was cold.

Not long after that, Hanna came to her bedroom to help her with today journey back to the Howling Wolf pack. She was talking about Sofia and her worried the alpha would take his pregnant mistress's side because from what she heard the people in the Howling Wolf pack had welcomed her warmly.

But, Iris was half paying attention to that.

While Hanna was worried because Sofia would have the alpha first child and tried to console Iris with that fact, her missy was worrying about something else, since she knew Sofia was carrying Redmond's seed, not Cane's.

Meanwhile, at the other side of the pack house, there was a certain merchant, who was being crabby.

"Damn you, Cane! Damn it!" Lou rushed to the Riverside pack in hope to see Iris, but when he was here, Cane returned to the Howling Wolf pack with her.

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Not only Cane left with Iris, but he also took alpha Dristan and some of the warriors from the Red Claw pack too, leaving Koda in this pack. He was an insignificant person in this whole project, he was even no longer a beta of the pack.

Sir Elijah and his warriors also went to the Howling Wolf pack as well, which meant, all the labor duty and everything related to the build up of magical device at the tunnel would be Lou responsibility.

It would be a long entourage and there would be a welcoming party for the king in the pack.

At this point, Lou felt like an abandon child, who was being left alone to get the chore done. He felt sick to his stomach, knowing he fell straight to Cane's trap and now he was trapped here!

"Damn you, Cane! Damn it!" Lou threw anything that he could reach and smash it against the wall, while Sabian tried to calm down his master.

"Master, you need to calm down, you need to calm down, or else someone will hear you cursing the alpha from the Howling Wolf pack," Sabian said desperately. He had warned Lou about this, but he didn't take it seriously, thinking he could counterattack whatever plot Cane threw at him, but as it turned out, Cane was too cunning for him to handle.

More so, people in the Riverside pack were in favor of the alpha after they were fed and clothed, the luna also contributed with the effort and was in good terms with the people in this pack. They would be in trouble if they heard Lou cussed the alpha out.

Lou grumbled, he paced back and forth, his skin was itchy, as a burning rage crept on his skin.

"Master, why do you so interest in that woman? You know the alpha likes her, you will put yourself in trouble if you pursued her, right?" Sabian couldn't understand this. His master was usually very cautious and didn't act out of impulse, but right now, he chased a woman like a madman, knowing who that woman belonged to.

"I want her," Lou grumbled in frustration.

And that was the answer he would give Sabian, whenever he asked. Ended the question. It was only Lou himself, who knew why he really wanted Iris in the first place and no one could pry the truth out of his mouth if he was not willing.

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Iris entered the carriage and was surprised to see it. "Is this... the same carriage as before?"

The interior and the exterior of the carriage had changed and the crest of the Riverside pack had changed into a black wolf, which was a symbol of the Howling Wolf pack, but Iris was sure this was the same carriage.

"Yes," Cane nodded, as he entered the carriage as well and sat down next to her.

Iris tilted her head at him and frowned. "Why? You took the carriage of the alpha from the Riverside's carriage? I thought, you don't want this thing because..." Iris's voice trailed off, but Cane understood what she wanted to say.

"I have asked people to clean and change a few things in this carriage, Haco had done his job too to clean up everything," Cane explained. "More so, this carriage made of a rare and expensive wood, it will be a waste if I don't use it."

This carriage must have been used by the alpha to sleep with countless women during his journey, it was kind of disgusting, but then it was built with expensive wood and was designed beautifully, it was built in such a way, which made the passenger was comfortable inside.

Cane didn't like to waste such good things, more so, Haco had put spell around this carriage as well. It was a waste of effort if he threw it away.

"So, this carriage belongs to you now?"

"This is an official carriage for our pack."

Iris was slightly taken aback with the way Cane said 'our pack', but the alpha had immersed himself with all the reports that flooded in from all the spies that he put in various places.

Aside from the former six spies, Arthur had trained more spies for Cane to use, that was what Iris had learned when she read his reports. Cane knew she was reading them and didn't mind it.

"I don't know if you are into a luxurious thing," Iris stated.

"Everything has its own value." That was how Cane saw things.

And with that the half day journey to the Howling Wolf pack began. They would return to the pack after almost four months away.

If Iris was correct, the woman would be around six months pregnant, it would be another three months before the baby was born and they knew the truth that it was not Cane's baby.

But, during that time, all the pack would treat the woman like she was a savior, just because they thought she was carrying the firstborn from their alpha, an heir.

An heir was so important for a man in this world, that was why, many men in high position had more than one woman, aside from their own mate.

"Cane." Iris tugged his sleeve, calling his name in small voice.

Cane knew how to read people, that was how he could get himself out of trouble, thus he knew when Iris was being conflicted and something was bothering her mind.

"What is it?" He put down the report and gave her his whole attention.

"I don't think your pack will accept me."

"Because of that woman?" Cane didn't even mention her name. He watched how Iris nodded. "You are their luna, you don't need their acceptance. They must follow you."

Iris was frustrated to read what he said. It was easy for him to say that when people followed him without a second thought.

"People assume she is carrying your child." Iris grew agitated when she mentioned that.

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"Let them assume whatever they want, the higher they put their hope into something, the harder they will fall," Cane said that lightly, as if this was not something that should bother Iris.

However, it only confused her. "Don't you care about your people? I mean... they will really upset and sad when they learn about the truth. Shouldn't you give them some warning?"

"Iris, just like how I said that I can't save all people's lives, even more their heart. If you tried to placate all the people around you, you will only put yourself into a misery. You will only suffer, but for what? To please them? That's the most ridiculous torture you put yourself into."

Cane pinched her chin and stared deeply into her eyes. He knew what the conflict in her pretty head right now, she must have heard about how well the people in the pack treated Sofia. Cane was also aware of how the member of his pack had not yet fully accepted her and was skeptical with her role as their luna, more so, with her was being away so often and didn't have time to bond with them, it didn't help with the progress at all.

"You are their luna, my equal. The disrespect they directed toward you, it only meant the disrespect for me too. They need to learn that."

The member of his pack had gone through so much, but it didn't mean once they freed themselves from the slavery, they put stop for the effort to survive.

They needed to learn something from it, at the very least, they needed to not trust so easily and he was not here to coddle them and teach them such basic survival instinct.

Let them get hurt if they could learn from that. It also baffled Cane how they welcomed a stranger into their pack so easily.

Iris was silent, she was processing what Cane said and he left her at that.

The rest of the journey, neither Iris nor Cane said much, but it didn't bother any of them, since it was a comforting silence that engulfed them.

They only stopped once for lunch and after that, this long entourage headed toward the Howling Wolf pack again, Iris stayed inside the carriage, while Hanna attended to her and Cane was having a discussion with Sir Elijah.

Iris had this inkling that Cane wanted to use her, but she was not sure for what or what his plan was with the warrior from the border.

But, when Iris was having her lunch with Hanna inside the carriage, Haco sneaked inside and told Hanna to leave them alone.

"Did the alpha allow you to come here?" Hanna frowned. She didn't want to leave her missy with this strange sorcerer.

"You can call him here if you want, now leave first, there is something important I want to discuss with her," Haco said, waving his hands impatiently at Hanna.

"It's okay," Iris said to Hanna, which she nodded and left, but she was sure, she would tell Cane right away about Haco was being inside the carriage. She had been gushing over how well Cane treated her, how different he was from all the alphas. "What is it?"

"Here." Haco fished out a magic stone from his pocket and Iris immediately frowned.

She had felt that ominous feeling from Haco, but because he was a dark sorcerer, she didn't think much when he carried one or two black magic stones. Yet...

"Why do you give me that?" Iris didn't take the black magic stone from his hand.

"Don't worry, this curse is not as powerful as the one before." Haco reassured her. He wouldn't be so reckless to incur the alpha's wrath again by giving Iris a powerful curse.

"You want me to purify it?" Iris tilted her head, didn't understand.

"I want you to not purify it," Haco said and this made her frowned.

"I don't know how to." She didn't even know how she purified the stone, it just happened and now Haco wanted her to do the opposite.

"Try, I want to make sure about something." Haco nudged extended his hand with his palm opened, where the black magic stone sat coldly there.

Right at that time, Cane entered the carriage, his expression was as stoic as ever and his gaze fell on the magic stone in his palm, as his eyes turned so cold, as if he could expunge the black magic stone.

"Don't worry, this is harmless, this is harmless!" Haco cried out to see the dark expression on Cane's face, as he quickly explained what he was doing there.

Cane sat down next to Iris, he said nothing, as the sorcerer rambled. "Is that possible?"

"I think so," Haco replied, he shook his hand, indicating Iris to take the stone. She did and the stone was immediately purified, as the black wisp came out of it.

"It worked?" Cane was clueless about magic, thus he didn't know how it went.

"Nah, she purified it." Haco leaned his back against the seat.

"Purified it..." Cane repeated the words. "Are you sure she purified it?"

"A hundred percent," Haco said with confidence. "The curse is gone and the stone is only a stone." He crushed the stone between his fingers, as it had no use anymore.

"Are you sure she purified it and not absorbed it?" There was this glint of complicated feeling in his eyes. Haco tilted his head, seemingly trying to

discern what Cane was trying to say. "It's two different things. Is she purified it, or is she absorbed the curse?"

Getting such question, Haco was deep in thought. The curse had gone because of Iris, but now Cane raised this question, he couldn't tell which one.

In the end, Haco couldn't give him a definitive answer and left the carriage because they needed to continue with their journey.

Iris stared at Cane, deep in thought.

It was night when they finally arrived at the Howling Wolf pack.

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It was around an hour before dinner when they arrived and all the member of the Howling Wolf pack welcomed their alpha back enthusiastically, as they were at the point, where they crowded him and talked about all of his achievement in the capital city and how he managed to reveal the evil deed the five alphas had done.

Kaz, the steward, had tears in his eyes, while Ameer and Grilla stood close to him, both women were crying, as they thought of Cane more than just an alpha for them.

On the other hand, Cane was as collected and reserved as usual, he would answer some of their question briefly, but he immediately dismissed the commotion, as they had guests.

It was pretty hectic to say the least, since there were a lot of people came to the Howling Wolf pack, as there were the Red Claw pack's warriors and the border warriors that was led by Sir Elijah. It would be quite packed in the warrior's quarter.

As the alpha of the pack, Cane was busy to make the arrangement, not to mention there was another alpha too.

On the other hand, Iris stood at the side, as the member of the pack would only nod politely at her, acknowledged her presence, but not enough to make her look like an important person.

Iris could see how desperate Kaz and Grilla wanted to tell Cane about Sofia, but because Cane was with alpha Dristan, they couldn't approach him carelessly.

Currently they were still standing at the gatehouse, as they slowly walked toward the building. Iris and Hanna followed behind Cane and alpha Dristan, while the other people followed behind them.

Iris glanced over her shoulder to see Kaz was beaming, seemingly impatient to have some time with the alpha and give him a report about Sofia, that was how Iris saw it. Probably, her irritation had clouded her judgment.

Iris walked slowly, staring at her feet, counting the leaves on the ground. It was already spring and the weather was warmer, so she didn't wear a very thick cloak, which made her look like a weird creature, but she looked so gloomy, as if there was this dark cloud hovered above her head.

She had this feeling again, the feeling when she felt everyone stared at her judgmentally, she felt like no one liked her and she was a nuisance. She fought back the urge to walk in the end of this entourage and made her presence as low as possible, so they wouldn't notice her.

Or, she could walk faster and reach her bedroom and hid there. All the intrusive thoughts came into her mind and this was suffocating. All of sudden the air was thicker and her anxiety increased.

"Miss, watch out!" Hanna was not quick enough to hold Iris back, which made her bumped against Cane's chest.

They had reached the entrance door and the alpha turned around to talk to his mate, but because Iris was more interested at the ground beneath her, she was not aware of what in front of her.

"Oh, I am sorry..." Iris said, holding her nose. She was not hurt and it was not painful, but she felt embarrassed for how clumsy she was, especially in front of this many people.

Cane held her by her waist and steadied her. "Tired?"

Iris nodded. That was a perfect excuse for her at this moment.

"Go back to your room and rest." Cane pulled her hand down, which covered her nose and kissed it.

If only Iris could hear, she would know how people gasped so loudly to see that. Their eyes bulged out of their socket to witness such gesture from their alpha.

This couldn't be... something like this would never happen between the two of them, even in their wildest dream. In their mind, their alpha only saw the value of Blue Moon pack on Iris. She was the luna because of the Blue Moon pack and the deal with the king.

But, what kind of affection their alpha was trying to display right now?!

They were in denial and too shock to process what happened next.

"Y- yes, I will..." Iris stuttered a bit, she couldn't hear their gasps, but she could feel their stares, as if they would make a hole on her back.

"I will see you later," Cane said, but because Iris didn't look his way, he lifted her chin and pecked her lips. "I said, I will see you later." He repeated his words.

"Oh, y- yes... okay." Iris blushed profusely, she could feel this warm feeling slithered on her skin. Crimson color covered her neck and the tip of her ears.

After petting Iris's head, Cane turned around and walked with alpha Dristan, who nodded at Iris politely, but the woman was too dumbstruck to realize it.

Kaz, Ameer, Grilla and a few other people of the Howling Wolf pack, who followed here, were floored. They couldn't utter a single word, as their mind was trying to process everything.

However, seeing their reaction, Hanna smiled smugly, she looked so bright and cheerful that alpha Cane didn't hold back from showing his affection toward her missy in front of these people.

Hanna was not the only one, who looked so delightful to see these people had 'what is going on?!' kind of expression, but Redmond smirked arrogantly to

see them, until he remembered he was in weirdly dire situation and his smile fell, as he groaned in frustration.

"You know what?" Ethan elbowed Jace, who was standing beside him.

"What?" The beta frowned.

"Your expression is the same like them, every time you saw Cane was being affectionate with Iris," Ethan chuckled and then tried to mimic Jace's dumbstruck expression, as he opened his mouth wildly and widened his eyes, which made his face looked hilarious.

"I don't look like that!" Jace was furious, he wanted to grab Ethan's collar, but the gamma dodged him while laughing.