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501 WARRIORS FOR THE

LUNA 1

Even an alpha like Cane only had two personal warriors, all the alpha mostly only had two and for their mate, they would appoint guards to escort the women, if that woman was favored enough by their mates, they would only get one warrior.

But for Cane to assign seven warriors for her disposal was... too much.

"All of you?!" Iris was stunned.

"Yes, luna," Dyne replied this time. "The alphalooks so worried..." he trailed off and scratched his nose. "Actually, he will assign more people, but he can only find seven of us for the meantime."

Iris was flabbergasted and even more when she realized how people stared at her, because there was no way this small entourage didn't get attention from them.

"Let me introduce the other five, luna..." Dynesaid awkwardly to see Iris was too shock to say anything. "This is Asher, Otis, Reed, Kian and Zephyr." Dyne introduced them one by one from left to right.

Iris tried to remember their name. She would make sure to talk with Cane about this. "Hm.Nice to meet you." She felt so silly, since she didn't know what to say and the way people stared at her make it uncomfortable.

"It's a pleasure to meet you, luna," they said and nodded politely to her.

There was an awkward silence, since they waited for what she was going to say or what order she would give to them.

"I want to look for Haco," Iris finally said.

"The sorcerer is in the third tent, luna," Eronreplied. "Come,I will escort you there." He looked fine after taking a rest for a while, he and Dyne also acted normal after they learned about the lycan.

Eron and Dyne then flanked her, while the other five walked behind them. It was really uncomfortable for Iris, she was fine with Eron and Dyne, since she had known them ever since they went to the capital city, but the other five were someone new to her.

"Wait." Iris stopped walking, since she couldn'thandle it anymore. They were inside the pack house and there were a lot of warriors around as well, it was a little bit too much to have this small entourage following her, while the other needed a helping hand.

Once Iris stopped walking, all of them stopped as well.

"Why don't you go and help the other? It will notdo anything good to follow me around. We are in dire situation, it will be a waste of energy to simply escort me."

"We can't leave you alone, luna," Eron retorted.

Iris shook her head. "You and Dyne can come with me, while the other can find something else to do to help the injured warriors or strengthen the pack. I think it will be useful that way."

"The alpha gave us a strict order not to leaveyou." The other warrior named Zephyr spoke, he had a shoulder length hair that he tied behind his nape and a pair of calm brown eyes.

"It's not you are leaving me, but it will bore you todeath if you are simply following me around. You will not like the task either, right?" Iris could see she had voiced out what they thought. "So, let's help each other. It will be good for you to find something more useful to do, especially at time like this. It's not like I will vanish into thin air." 2

In the end, Iris managed to dismiss the other five warriors, as they helped the other pack member, but they didn't go too far from the third tent, while Eron and Dyne came with her. 3

"I thought she will overjoy with the affection thealpha gives her by sending us to be her personal guard." Kian scratched his head, staring at Iris's back, as she entered the second tent. What she said was right. They really wanted to complain with the task the alpha was given tothem, but they didn't have the nerve to do so, especially when it was the direct order from the alpha.

"She is only trying to look nice," Otis replied, ashe went away to help the other. 2

"It's good she has common sense to tell us to dosomething more useful," Asher added. 2

The five newly appointed warriors didn't find it in them to be excited with this new assignment from the alpha, as they had a mix feeling about this situation. They did not necessarily hate Iris as their luna, but the provocation from the royal warriors in the other night, completely irked them. 1

They would rather not to associate with her.(4

Meanwhile, inside the third tent, Iris found Haco sitting at the corner, picking herb leaves. He looked so old and wrinkles on his face became even more apparent. Was it because he was too tired from what happened hours ago?

"Haco, shouldn't you use the stem instead of theleaves for this herb plant?" Iris point ed out at the stem he had been throwing and kept the leaves instead. She knew a little bit about it, because she had been reading a book about medicine months ago.

"Heaven!" Haco slapped his forehead to see hismistake. "I must be too tired and became senile now;" he grumbled. Iris squatted down in front of the sorcerer to help him.

"There is something I want to talk with you," Irissaid in small voice. "Can we talk somewhere?"She didn't want anyone to hear this conversation, especially when all the people inside this tent were shifters, who was known to have a good hearing ability.

"Later, Iris. I am very tired. I know what do youwant to talk about, it must be something related to Serafim, right?"

Iris nodded.

"Help me here, so I can get some rest quickly, after that, we can have a conversation. I am so tired to even think what I want to eat."

"Have you eaten?" Iris looked worried, this oldsorcerer looked haggard.

"At this point, I will rather to have a nap thaneating something."

Iris frowned. "You can't do that. It will ruin your health." She then asked Eron to get some food for Haco. "I will finish this, but you can't sleep without eating first."

"Okay, okay..." Haco nodded absentmindedly. Hethen leaned his head against the pole. "I will just close my eyes."

Iris felt bad to see Haco like this. "You will hurt your back if you sleep like that." But, Haco wassnoring instead. "You said, you will only close your eyes..." She was fascinated by how fast Haco fell asleep. 2

Probably, he was very tired after he exhausted his energy and a lot of magic stones, even the lycan was so drained.

"Dyne, can you put him on the empty bed overthere?" Iris pointed a bed across from where they were sitting. "Is it alright for you to carry him?"

"No problem, luna. This old sorcerer literally onlyhas skin and bones." Dyne grinned, but then he smiled sheepishly when Iris threw him a look. "I am going to move him." He immediately carried Haco to the empty bed. He was right. This old man only had skin and bones left, even monster wouldn't want to eat him.

Spring almost ended and autumn would come soon, as the air became a little bit hotter now when the night came. At time like this, heat waves and drought would be another problem they had to think of.

Iris forced herself to help with whatever she could, but she didn't see Hanna anywhere.

"She is with Will right now. I am thinking not tocall her, because Will is a little bit weird, so I let him to be with her in his bedroom," Amee explained to Iris when she asked. "Do you want me to call her?"

"No. No." Iris raised both of her hands. "Let thembe. They need it."

Amee smiled gently at her. "It is alpha Cane luck to have you as his luna." 2

Iris blushed, she stared at the herb plant in front of her. "It is my luck to have him as my mate," she mumbled sheepishly and Amee chuckled to see how the luna became like a normal woman with the mention of their mate.

"Luna, are you, okay?" Amee frowned when shesaw Iris furrowed her brows. "You look so pale."

It was already evening again and with that, Iris had not yet slept for so long. One could say this was the longest period of time for her not to sleep. If it was not for Grace's tonic that she concocted for different purpose, she would have collapsed long time ago.

"It's already evening, you have been here sinceafternoon, it will not good if you fall sick too."Amee put her hand against her forehead, but her skin was very cold. "You need to rest, luna, I will concoct something and deliver it to you."

Iris felt she was reaching her limit too, thus she agreed to leave the tent. Eron and Dyne followed her to the bedroom, where she met with Maria, who just came out of the luna's bedroom, she must have been tending to Sofia. 1

However, Iris was too tired and she didn't have anything to say to the other person, more so, Maria immediately scurried away with the sight"If you need anything, we will be outside, luna, "Eron said.

Iris only nodded when she heard that and then went into the bedroom. Yet, when she just closed the door and took a few steps toward the bed, her body collapsed to the floor...

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502 THE ALPHA'S WRATH 1

Hanna tried to ask what happened with him, why the sudden change and why he pushed her away, whether she did something wrong that she didn't know, or it was something that happened in the palace, which she didn't know about.

Because she recalled, the first time Will acted so strange was around new year. He had been avoiding her ever since.

However, no matter how Hanna tried to make him opened up with her, Will determined not to say a single word, but only kept repeating how sorry he was for all the pain he caused her.

"I am sorry...I am really sorry..." Will keptkneeling in front of Hanna, hugging her waist tightly, as he rested his head on her stomach. He refused to stand up, as if he was trying to punish himself. "I am sorry, Hanna. I am sorry..."

"Will..." Hanna was devastated to see him likethis. The sight of him was unsettling. She wanted to help him, do anything to make sure he returned to his old self, but she didn't know how to and what she could do.

As of right now, she could only say useless thing to comfort him, while caressing his head and his back, so he wouldn't so tense up. His shoulders were very stiff. 1"Let's lay down, okay? You will hurt your knees ifyou keep kneeling like this. I will be so sad to see you being hurt."

It worked, as Will slowly stood up. As a warrior, he was so tall and his height immediately towered above her, but all Hanna could feel was; how his presence casted a dark and gloomy feeling, it was so depressing to say the least.

"Come here, lay down here." Hanna called Willover after she arranged the bed. "You will feel better after sleeping for a while. I will get something for you to eat."

However, when Hanna turned around to leave, Will hugged her from behind, he rested his head on her shoulder, as he took the liberty to breath on her scent.

"Don't go, don't leave..." he whimpered. 1

"I will only get something for us to eat, okay?" Hanna caressed his head, her heart ached to hear the trembling in his voice.

"Don't leave me alone... I am afraid..." Will startedto sob. He was hyperventilating, but he hugged Hanna so tightly, so she couldn't turn her body around. "I am... afraid..."

Hanna gulped down, she felt like her throat constricted. "What... are you afraid of, Will? What happened?"

Will kept repeating the same thing and Hanna couldn't get anything out of him, aside of thefact, he was trembling in fear for something she was not sure about.

"Don't be afraid, I am here. I will not let anythinghappened to you, okay? You are in the Howling Wolf pack, your home. There is nothing will happen." Hanna tried to calm him down, but the more she heard how painfully he cried for help and how terrified he was, it brought tears to her eyes too. 3

She wanted to beg him to tell her what happened so desperately in order to understand.

"She always comes in my nightmare..." Willwhispered. "I don't want to do it anymore... she disgusted me..." 2

"She?" 1

Seeing Eron and Dyne were right outside his bedroom door brought a small smile on Cane's lips, not because he was happy to see the two of them, but because it meant, Iris already returned and currently in their bedroom.

Today was awfully tiring, not to mention the exhaustion from the other night still lasted in his bones, but knowing he would return to his mate and Iris was inside the bedroom, his heart was a little bit light. 2

He had someone, who was waiting for him and also someone to return to. It was a feeling that you couldn't describe into words, where you hadsomeone, who could set your worries aside for a while and tuned out the hectic world, which full of schemes and tricks.

"Good evening, alpha," Eron greeted Cane, followed by Dyne. "The luna has returned since an hour ago."

Cane nodded to acknowledge the information and opened the door, he could smell her scent and this relaxed his tensed up muscle, but it didn't take long before a curse escape his lips, as the alpha was swearing and barking an order.

"FUCK! Get Grace here! Now!" Cane rushedtoward Iris. His heart lurched to his stomach to see her body on the cold floor. She didn't move at all. Her whole body was very cold when he cradled her in his arms. He felt like he was holding a big ice cube instead. "Damn it!" 1

Cane immediately carried Iris to the bed and covered her body with blanket, while Eron lit up fire in the fireplace, while Dyne had rushed away to get Grace to come over. It shocked them too to see Iris fell unconscious on the floor. They didn't know it.

They thought, Iris was already inside and taking some rest, but who would have thought, she actually lost her consciousness? How long it had been since they entered the room? An hour? It must be more than an hour...The thought of it made Eron shuddered in fear, all that time, the luna was in dangerous situation and they didn't even notice that.

"Al- alpha..." Eron said in small voice, he lookedmortified. "I am... I am sorry, I don't know that..."

"SCRAM!" Cane barked viciously, he didn't wantto hear an excuse for what they had done, how they failed to protect Iris in the first day they officially became her personal warrior. "All of you will be punished accordingly!"

Eron trembled in fear, but there was nothing he could do, but to accept the punishment for his neglectfulness. He immediately scurried out of the bedroom and waited outside. He became anxious too and prayed the luna was fine.

On the other hand, Cane was not in his right mind. His small happiness to be able to return to his mate had shattered when he saw Iris's current condition. He felt like he wanted to kill someone to sat e his anger.

He had never lost his control like this before.

"Iris, wake up, please..." Cane cradled her in hisarms and pulled the blanket all over her body and used his body heat to warm her up, like he had done before. "Wake up, please..." Cane leaned over and pressed his cheek against hers. 3

It didn't take long before Grace arrived with Amee, she was shocked to see how bad Iris's condition was and even more when she knew shehad not yet taken any rest ever since she arrived at the pack house. She was too busy with the injured warriors to notice that.

"She forced herself too much, I am afraid herhealth will deteriorate again."

Cane balled his fists, he shouldn't have given her a permission to help and force her to take a rest first instead. And now she was risking her own health like how he feared she would... those seven warriors that he assigned to take care of her, should have reminded her not to overwork herself, since he had made it clear to them, her health was a priority... he should have checked on her earlier... 2

But then, with a lot of things that was going on, Cane also had a lot in his hands to be handled.

"She is fine now, but you need to make sure, she is well rested." Grace then talked to Amee and tell her what concoction she needed to make for Iris to nurse her health back.

Meanwhile, the alpha kept cradling his mate in his arms, his dark eyes looked so mortifying, as if there was a raging storm inside of his heart. 1

It was so late at night when Hanna handed over the concoction for Iris's medicine to Cane. She looked so worried about her missy. 1

Not long ago, she found Amee, who told her what happened to Iris, thus she asked the old womanto let her do it, since Will had fallen asleep, so she could come to see and take care of her missy now.

"Alpha, let me help her to get her dress changed,"Hanna said softly. "She looks uncomfortable in that dress."

"Get the dress," Cane said simply, his voice washoarse and so dark. His jaw clenched tightly.

Hanna immediately got a night gown for Iris, which the color of white and went to the other side of the bed, but the alpha stretched out his hand to get the dress from her.

"I... I will do it, alpha, it will not take long..."Hanna said hesitantly, as she clutched the gown, but Cane didn't budge and under such piercing eyes, she gave up easily and handed over the night gown.

Cane then laid Iris down on the bed and started to undress her, his hand moved on her complicated dress, as he pulled the strings silently.

Hanna looked a little bit embarrassed. Not because she was going to see Iris naked, since she had seen her in such state countless time, but because Cane looked so casual when he changed her dress, as if he had done it a few times before.

"Hanna.""Yes, yes... alpha?"

In the end, Cane didn't have a patient and tore the dress apart to get Iris out of her dress."Tell me about her."(1

"Pardon me?" Hanna was a little bit at lost.

"I want to know more about her."

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503 HOPE IS A CRUEL THING

Cane realized his lack of knowledge about his mate. He knew how she had helped them during their time in need and he was grateful for that, but then, it was only a fraction of her life and he wanted to know more every de tail thing about her 1

How she was when she was a child, a simple story about how she grew up. He wanted to know everything about her, even a trivial and mundane thing about her.

Hanna grimaced to see the poor dress was being shredded by the alpha, but she could see how much the alpha cared about her missy.

When the Blue Moon pack fell, she was worried about Iris's life, because these people would hate her without knowing the truth behind it.

And when the alpha took her as his luna because of the Blue Moon pack, she was worried, Iris wouldn't be treated nicely and alpha Cane would further torture her, he must take a few mistresses at some point.

But then, as time went by, she watched how the alpha actually treated her missy nicely. It was even far from her expectation. You could see in his eyes how genuinely worried he was and you could say he had fallen for her. The only thing that irked Hanna was the fact Sofia was carrying the alpha's first

child. It would threaten her missy's position and she knew Iris well that she disliked a confrontation. 1

Hanna didn't want Cane to favor another woman aside from her missy, especially when the pack member didn't treat her so nicely, even after they learned what Iris had done for them.

"She is adorable child, alpha. She loved to cuddle. I met with her when she was only seven, in a rare day, where her father was in a good mood to let her out of the pack house..."

Hanna proceeded to tell Cane about Iris's childhood, how adorable she was and how she was an easy child. She had never thrown a temp er tantrum and would understand thing rather quickly, despite her disability, where she couldn't hear.

"... she is adorable, beautiful, cute and has a deepsympathy to her surroundings. She is the kindness person I have ever met..." Hanna literally sold her missy so hard right now to impress Cane, while the alpha listened to what she said, while changing Iris's dress. He didn't flinch when he saw her scarred back, which made Hanna worried, he would show a disgusting look or even frown, but the alpha didn't seem to be bothered by the sight at all, which made her sighed in relief. 2

"What about Kellan?" Cane asked in his deepvoice, his eyes turned slightly darker with the mentioned of the the prince's name. The alpha didn't use the prince title to address him. The crippled prince didn't worth even an ounce of respect. 1

"Oh, prince Kella n used to play with missy whenhe was still the crown prince and came to the pack so often. Missy loved to play with him, since she didn't have many friends. The only friend she had was the stable boy, but... her father killed the poor boy because she played with him."

Iris had told him about the story of the stable boy and he remembered how her father forced her to watch how the boy was being killed.

"But, a few months before the scandal thatcaused prince Kella n lost his title as the crown prince, miss Iris didn't look happy whenever he came over, she used to hide in the kitchen, or played in my room instead." Hanna tried to remember the cause of it, but she was clueless. "Probably they fought... I am not sure whathappened and miss Iris had never said anything about it.

She is very ma ture for her age and already know what she should say and what she shouldn't... so, when she refused to tell me, I don't have any clue what was going on." 1

But, Cane knew the reason. He knew what had been done. His claws emerged from the tip of his fingers and he needed to halt what he was doing, just in case he hurt her unintentionally. Seeing how the alpha stopped what she was doing, Hanna was panic, she thought, she had said something wrong and misunderstood his reaction.

"But, alpha, it had been so long since the lasttime they met with each other when they were little. I am sure, miss Iris attachment to him is very innocent, even when they finally met again in the capital city, she had never shown any sign that she fond of the memories..."(1

There was no way, she was fond of the memories.

Cane ignored that and continued to change Iris's dress, so she wouldn't get cold in her current condition for being exposed too long.

Meanwhile, Hanna continued with her story about Iris's childhood, she skipped all the things that required her to mention about prince Kellan, Mason or her father, because she didn't want to upset the alpha by mentioning those three people. It was already great enough for the alpha for wanting to know more about her missy, she didn't want to screw it up.

In the end, Hanna ended up telling Cane about a lot of stories of how adorable and compassionate thing that Iris did when she was little and how she used to give a big hug to people she was comfortable with.

"Do you know alpha, miss Iris dislikes itwhenever someone touches her ears." Hanna chuckled. "She will pout and move away, even when she was little."

Of course, Cane knew about that. He figured it out long time ago before Hanna mentioned it.

And with that, the night went to end and the morning came. While Hanna told the stories, Cane cradled Iris in his arms, making sure she was warm and gave the concoction every three hours. He rarely said anything and only asked a few simple question, which Hanna gladly answered.

"You may leave," Cane said when he saw Hannatried to hold back her yawning. She was still excited to tell the alpha a lot of things about her missy, but her body couldn't keep up, it was a tiring day after all.

"Thank you, alpha," Hanna said sheepishly, covering her mouth, so she wouldn't yawn in front of Cane, but when she just took a few steps away, she stopped in her track and fiddled with her dress before she gathered her courage to turn around and ask the alpha. "Alpha, may I know what happened to Will?" 1

She knew it was overstepping her boundaries as a maid to question the alpha, but she was helpless and hopeless about what she should do with Will. He didn't want to say anything and was even being very distant and closed off, if Hanna forced him to tell her about what happened tohim.

Cane looked at Hanna right in her eyes, this was the first time, since he asked her to tell him about Iris's childhood story that he finally shifted his attention from his mate.

"Is this the compensation for you to tell me thestory about my mate?" Cane asked. His tone was light, but Hanna could tell it has a deeper meaning into it.

She bit her lip and tried to choose her words carefully. "Alpha, my apologize, but I don't see this as a transaction. I told you the story about miss Iris because I want you to know more about the person you care for and I have the same reason when I gather my courage to ask you this question." 2

Hanna appeared humble and emphasized the main reason of the question was because no matter who you were, you would want to know a little bit more about the people you truly care about, so you could understand them better.

"Very well." Cane was pleased with her answer. He had known Hanna ever since their slavery days, but aside from expressing how much he and his people was grateful for what she had done for this pack, they had never had any conversation. "You may sit down." 1

Hanna heart skipped a bit, her sleepiness vanished immediately when she came over and sat down again on the same chair. She was onalert of what the alpha would tell her.

Once Hanna sat down and she looked ready to listen what the information she would get, Cane started to speak.

"Will was being sexually assaulted by princessOsana on new year, where there was an attack in the palace..." 3

The sun started to shine in the sky and it was a bright day, but the more Hanna listened to what the alpha said, the more the sky looked so bleak for her.

And half an hour later, Hanna was sitting down on the empty hallway, hyperventilating, as tears couldn't stop streaming down her face. She clutched her chest tightly. She was not sure how she could go out of the alpha's bedroom and managed to find a quiet place for her to have a breakdown. 1

"Arrggh!!" Hanna screamed in pain, she washowling in this empty hallway, where the sound of it echoed throughout the walls. She cried so hard. She had never cried this hard for so long, she felt her heart was bleeding. It was unbearable. 2

The realization hit her so hard, as she learned how this set him back so far, when Will had survived a decade of slavery, it was because he thought, all the people thought, something like that would never happen again to them.

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504 THEY WILL BE IN A BETTER PLACE

There, another nightmare, with the same thing that happened over and over again. He had been reviving this horrendous scene in so many nights, where he could feel her disgusting hand on him and hear what she said to his ear. Her disgusting scent, her repulsing laugh, her sickening voice... kept repeating in his mind and he couldn't get rid of it.

Some time, they were getting louder.

Will suddenly opened his eyes and caught a hand that tried to touch him. He could sense it, because of their presence, he could wake up from that dreadful moment in his head.

He was about to go violence against whoever this person, who was trying to touch him, yet their scent hit him first before he could do anything harmful. This was a familiar scent that he was fond of.

"Will..." Hanna called his name, she lookedsurprised to see the hostility in his eyes, but then her lips split into a beautiful grin. "Good afternoon. You overslept."

Will felt his mouth became so dry to think what he was going to do to Hanna if he didn't notice her in time. This wouldn't do... he was a danger"Don't be too close when you wake me up," Willsaid in small voice, almost like a mumbling. He pushed himself from the bed and sat down.

Hanna could feel the pain in her heart intensified, but she kept smiling at him. "Okay. Here. You skipped breakfast, I don't want to wake you up because you look so tired, but it's already noon and you need to eat something."

Hanna looked like her cheerful self, but deep down, she was picking pieces of her broken heart. Her heart was shattered when she learned what happened to him. No matter how much tears she shed, she would never be able to wash away her sorrow. Her heart broke for him.

She wanted to kill the princess and thanked whoever dark magic user, who had cursed her. The thought was unsettling, since she was not a violence person.

"I have cooked this for you, try it." Hanna took abo wl of soup from the tray and handed it over to Will. "Amee said, it's good to nurse back your health."

Will said nothing, he stared at the soup with expression that devoid from any emotions and Hanna tried harder to get him back. She was afraid he would withdraw from her again.

"You need to finish it, so you will have the energyfor tonight," Hanna said again, trying her hardest"Tonight?" Will lifted his head and Hanna didn'tmiss this opportunity.

"Yes, tonight will be a funeral for the faHenwarriors, it will not be something extensive, but miss Iris thought they deserved a proper farewell." Hanna was a little bit sad. She knew some of the warriors and was even close with the two of them.

Will stared at her for a while, before he stretchedout his hand and brushed his thumb under her eyes. "You have been crying," Will stated.

Hanna bit her lip, she tried to hold back the tearsthat threatened to fall. She was sad for what happened to the fallen warrior and those people, who lost their love one, but her deepest sadness rooted from the information she just learned about him.

"I am so sad... I am very sad..." Hanna said intrembling voice. "I feel so sorry...I hope I can do something...my heart is broken..." Tears escaped her eyes and she couldn't hold them back.

Seeing her like this, Will pressed his lips, he put aside the soup and pulled her into a warm hug. He patted her back, while Hanna cried her heart out. 1

"It's okay... they will be in a better place."

I hope, so did you...Iris reached her limits when she overworked herself to arrange a proper funeral for the fallen warrior and then helped in the tent, if it was not for Amee's reminder, she wouldn't have returned to her and Cane's bedroom.

However, once she was alone, her tiredness came rushing like a shocking wave and she was unable to handle it. Her body gave up, as she fell to the ground and her head hit the floor quite hard, yet, Iris was no longer felt the pain, since everything turned dark so fast.

And the next thing that she realized when she gained her consciousness again was a chirping bird and this warm and callous hand that held hers.

She opened her eyes and found Cane was staring at her. He looked so haggard to say the least, even worst than the last time she saw him.

"Good... morning," she said in soft voice, glancingat the blue sky. She quickly read the situation and could tell right away what the caused of Cane's stress.

"It's afternoon," Cane corrected her curtly, hisvoice was so dark and tight, as if he was going to lash out, but he was holding himself back from doing so.

"Oh."

There was silence befell inside the room and Irisfelt uncomfortable under his piercing gaze. "Didn't I tell you not to overwork yourself? I can'talways keep my eyes on you, Iris." There were a lot of things he needed to handle. "You have to know your limit and not to overstep it." 1

Cane looked so mad and this was the first time he nagged at her.

"I am sorry..." Iris pushed herself off the bed and Cane helped her, he carefully piled pillows behind her back so she could sit comfortably, despite continuing to scold her.

"You don't know how mad I was when I saw youon the floor and you have been there for an hour." Cane didn't raise his voice, but Iris could feel his anger.

"I am sorry." Iris looked remorseful.

"I don't want you to be sorry, I want you not to doit again." Cane put his finger under her chin and lifted her head. Probably this became a habit for him, despite the fact Iris was able to hear now. "I want you to promise me this." 1

"I promise."

"What you do promise?"

"I will not overwork myself again." Iris looked likea child, who was being scolded harshly for doing something so bad. "Are you still mad at me?"

"Very." Cane didn't even try to hide it. 1

Iris blinked her eyes, trying to think of somethingto please him and then leaned over to kiss his cheek, trying to placate the angry alpha."Don't be angry, I promise I will not overwork myself again." Iris kissed his other cheek.

"Do you really think you can get away with this?"His scary expression didn't even soften with two kisses on his cheeks.

Iris bit her lip and then touch her head. "My head is hurt..." 2

"You are fine a moment ago," Cane stated, hecould see through her, but even so, he stood up and walked toward the door. "I will ask someone to bring your meal and your medicine," he said in stern voice when Iris tried to stop him from leaving. "There is no excuse not to finish it."

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505 TAKING A BREAK

"Okay," Iris said defeatedly, as she stared atCane's back. He returned shortly after he ordered someone to bring her food and medicine, and sat down on the foot of the bed, away from her, this made Iris's heart sunk. "Cane, I am sorry..." She put away the blanket and approached him. "What should I do for you not to be mad at me again?" 2

Cane said nothing. His jaw clenched tightly, but his eyes fixed on Iris. He looked like he wanted to go off on her again, but in the end, he sighed deeply and pulled Iris into a hug. He rested his head on her shoulder, as he cradled her again like how he did it last night. 1

"I am sorry, my emotions are all over the places,"Cane said. He breathed against her skin, filled his lungs with her scent. He watched how many warriors had fallen because he didn't expect lady Cyan would pull such scheme. He was blindsided and he felt he could do better. At the very least, he should have sensed it. 2

However, Cane was clueless. He didn't expect this move from lady Cyan and for her to actually expose herself and openly killed a few crucial people like alpha Dristan and Sir Elijah, was so unpredictable.

He failed. His plan had ruined and he had to startfrom the scratch. Lady Cyan was not only blown away her identity, but also all Cane had worked hard for. All his schemes, all his plans were useless now.

He needed to think of how to handle the situation quickly, or else, it would be backfired on him.

Watching all of his dead warriors, people who had been with him for decades, died made it even more real. That was the evidence of his failure, undeniable proof of his incompetency.

He had done everything he could, but it was still not enough...

Consequently, when he watched Iris passed out on the floor and there was no one knew about it until an hour later, where something gravely horrible could

happen, knowing how easy she was to fall sick, it pushed all the wrong button inside him. 2

"I promise I will take care of myself, so you willnot worry again." Iris caressed his head and she could hear how he sighed deeply and then released his hug. He stared at her deeply. His anger seemingly had ceased down.

"I will always be worried about you." Cane leanedover to kiss the tip of her nose. "But, I will appreciate it if you keep your promise." 1

Iris nodded vigorously. "I will." Her face lit up a little bit, her curls looked so messy, but she wasstill as beautiful as ever in his eyes.

Not long after that, Amee came with her meal and medicine.

"I am so happy you are awake now. I am worriedit will take you days to wake up," Amee said in worried tone. It was well known that Iris would take days to recover once she fell sick, but the fact that her body recovered rather quickly thanked to Grace's concoction.

But of course, she couldn't rely on that, since the tonic made of dozen water magic stone and the only place, they could think of to find the water magic stone was the black market.

Probably, that was why, Cane wanted to get his hand on Moon Dew pack and kept his collaboration with Lou, the merchant.

"Thank you, Amee, you can leave," Cane said.

Amee pursed her lips. "Seriously, alpha, I barely spent three minutes here and you already chased me away." Amee clicked her tongue, was not happy, but she smiled warmly at Iris and told her to rest more. "Alpha, don't think of doing anything with her, she needs to rest."

Iris blushed, it gave a little bit color on her pale face. "No, we will not do anything." But then, she stopped herself because it sounded even weird when she defended Cane.

Meanwhile, the alpha ignored Amee's remark andstarted to feed Iris instead. "Eat, you promise to finish your food."

Iris frowned. "When?" She didn't think she promised to finish her food, but then Cane had fed her. "Ah, rosemary leaf?" she pointed out the rosemary leaf on top of her soup.

This leaf was hard to find in this part of the continent, thus they wouldn't use it unless it was necessary.

"Hm. You like it."

"Yes." Iris brightened up, but then she tilted herhead."How do you know?" She frowned, she didn't think she had ever mentioned it before and no matter how observant Cane was, there was no way he would know such unimportant thing.

"I know everything about you, now eat more. " 3

Probably it was only her feeling, but Iris felt Cane was a little bit arrogant when he said it, yet, Iris was too tired to read deeper into it, thus she chose to enjoy her meal instead. The soup tasted better in her mouth.

Once Iris was done, Cane insisted for her to stay inside the bedroom and take a rest.

"If you want to go tonight, I don't want you tostep out of the bed," Cane said sternly, since Iris adamant to go to the funeral that would be held in the middle of the night, as they would burry the fallen warriors. Someone then knocked on the door and two warriors entered the room, each of them carried a pile of documents that Cane had to check, while the other carried secret missive that had been gathered from all of the spies he had. He needed to keep on tab about what happened, especially in the capital city.

The two warriors glanced at Iris and immediately left the room.

"Have people known about the dead of the king?"Iris asked, as she crawled over to rest her head against Cane's chest, while staring at the report he was reading. 1

"It has not yet made public, but the other packs'spies have caught a wind of it, yet they couldn't confirm it," Cane answered her question and let her to read as well. "Koda must be on the way to the Red Claw pack to gather his man."

"What if lady Cyan reached the palace first? Doyou think she will make Alan the king?" Iris frowned, she couldn't imagine that stupid and arrogan t prince to be the king.

Cane contemplated for a while. "Probably. I still not understand why Cyan is very adamant to make him the next in line."

"Maybe because he is the only son of hers."

"Do you think that's the only reason?"

Iris snuggled closer to him and wriggled her body to find more comfortable position. "No. But, Ican't think of another reason, even so, I don't feel that's her reason at all. She seems to hate her own son." 1

"How do you know if she hated her son?" Caneplayed with her hair mindlessly, as he listened to what she was thinking.

"I can see it in her eyes. That's the same eyes myfather always gave me." Therefore, Iris could tell for sure about it. 3

Cane said nothing and kissed the top of her head.

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"Cane, what is your next step?" Iris asked, shedidn't want to talk about her father, thus she changed the topic. It felt so nice to cuddle with Cane, while listening to his voice, as he patted her head. She didn't want to ruin this mo od by bringing up the topic of her father.

"I am still thinking about that, there is nothing setyet." Cane caressed her earlobe and Iris immediately swatted his hand away without even thinking. Everything had crumbled. All of his plan, all of his schemes, all the fa brication that he made, everything was blown away because he failed to see Cyan's move.

He must start from the scratch now. The thought of it gave him a headache, not to mention he only got three hours of sleep since yesterday and a few hours from now, the sun would set and the funeral would begin.

"Cane, do you think the sorcerer, who lived insidethe hut in the Riverside pack, has anything to do with lady Cyan?" Iris asked after she contemplated about it. "Do you think both of them related to each other?"(2

Cane didn't give respond to that, as he tried to consider her suggestion.

Iris then tilted her head to see his serious expression. "What about the newly appointedhead of royal sorcerer? Do you think the timing is a little bit suspicious?" Haco said the hut had been abandoned not so long, probably only a few weeks before they discovered it. "If the head of royal warrior was appointed by the king and the king was actually controlled by lady Cyan, don't you think there is a possibility for that?" 1

Cane stared at Iris for a long time, but he said nothing, until she felt self conscious and started to pull her hair anxiously, she lowered her head.

"I know, that sounded so ridiculous. I read toomuch into it," Iris said sheepishly. How could she think she knew more than Cane? When he was the mastermin d of the whole plans. She had witnessed it herself how Cane schemed against his opponent and she would never reach to his level of thinking. 3

She still remembered how he solved the problem with Koda yesterday.

However, Cane chuckled instead. "You made a great point, Iris."

"I did?" Iris lifted her head when she heard hislight voice and his chuckle. She felt like she could hear it all day. He was so smitten by the sound of it.

"Yes." Cane kissed her lips lightly and then herknuckles. "I missed that point."

"Really?" Iris widened her eyes. She had neverthought, Cane would miss something. "This isunbelievable, for someone as observant as you to miss something."

"I am not invincible, Iris. I have told you long timeago, there must be time where my plan didn't go the way I wanted it. There is no a perfect plan, all you can do is to anticipate the worst and how to count er it. The schemes that I planned, have so many unpredictable variables, where I can't control each of it."

Iris listened to him attentively, she felt the more she listened to it, the more she got a glimpse of how Cane's mind actually worked and this was fascinating.

"Thank you for pointing it out." Cane gave her akiss on the tip of her nose and both of her eyes. "But, why you are aroused?"(1

Iris's face fell and her body stiffened. "What? No! I am not!" The more she denial it, the more her face turned red and she wanted to scurry away from him, but Cane held her firmly.

"Now, we need to talk about this matter."

"I don't want to talk about this!" Iris screeched, she felt so embarrassed and trapped. She was not aroused, okay? She only felt a little bit... excited to realize this brilliant man was hers. 2

"Iris." Iris closed her eyes, but then she realized, she didn't need to read other people's lips again to know what they were saying. Therefore, Cane continued talking. "It's normal, there is nothing to be ashamed of. Iam glad that you are attracted to me."

Iris opened her eyes, she felt like she wanted the ground split and swallowed her whole, but when she looked into Cane's black eyes, he didn't make fun of this situation, neither he teased her. He talked as if this was a normal conversation and this made Iris's embarrassment subsided.

"But, we need to ask Grace to do somethingabout it," Cane said. "We don't want other people to know whenever you feel this way." 1

Iris couldn't decide, which one was worst, but it seemed, letting one people knew about this problem, would be better than dozens of people...

"I feel the same way about you too." 1

His statement made Iris visibly relieved. "People will know whenever you are aroused?"

"No."

Iris frowned. "Why? It's not fair."

Cane kissed her lips and nibbled a little bit before he answered her curiosity. "Because it's in our nature to mask it, just like how the shifter shifted into their beast or the magic user used their magic."

"It's not fair..." Iris repeated the same thing.

"Grace will handle it."Unexpectedly, this embarrassing conversation didn't go so bad. In fact, she felt a little bit closer to him, as they could talk about this matter without feeling weird.

"Okay, but not now, Grace must be very busywith the injured warriors."

Cane didn't argue with that, but after a while, he asked casually. "But, what make you aroused?"He remembered, he didn't do anything, actually he was explaining to her about how a scheme could work when her ripe scent hit him.

"Cane!" Iris bit his arm, as he laughed. 1

They were fooling around and teasing each other, but they knew not to go for it, since both of them were too exhausted, but it lightened their gloomy mood a little bit.

"Cane, you really need to talk about your plan to Ethan and Jace, receiving another point of view will not do any harm, right?" Iris was tracing her fingers against his lips, as Cane hovered above her, giving kisses on her cheeks and neck ever now and then, as they talked. "Both of them looked like they were going to cry whenever Lu took over and they were clueless about what to do." (1

Iris brought this topic up again, she had mentioned about it before, but it had become a habit for Cane and just like what people said; old habit died hard.

1"I will try." Cane kissed her collarbones and bither lightly.

"Cane, there is this young woman, who was therewhen you shifted into the lycan..." Iris bit her lip, Cane's kisses distracted her line of thought. "What do you want to do with her?"

Cane stopped kissing her and lifted his head to look at Iris's red face. "You know we don't have any other choice," he said darkly. "She is not part of our pack. Her loyalty is not in me." 2

Iris had expected this answer, but she still wanted to try. "Can you let me talk to her first? She didn't commit any crime, she was only in the wrong place and time."

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Iris felt very uncomfortable if they had to kill Chrystal for something that she couldn't control. She did not make any grave mistakes, it was only the timing that was not right.

"Cane..." Iris tried. "Let me talk with her, okay?"She cupped his face and stared into his eyes.

"Iris, you know the answer. I hate to break yourheart, but this is not a negotiation." Cane kissed her palms to appease her, but he still could feel how tense she was with the decision. "You don't need to be there. Just forget about this matter, I will take care of it."

Iris knew what exactly Cane meant when he said he would take care of it. It didn't make her feel better at all.

"Iris." Cane caressed her cheeks and stared intoher eyes. He had warned her before that something like this could happen, but if in the past he could be assertive with her, Cane found himself softened up with her. He felt horrible to disappoint his mate. "We can't take the risk, especially when we are in this situation. The risk is too big to let her alive." 2

Iris bit her lip, she couldn't say that she didn't understand what they put at stake, but at thesame time, she couldn't completely agree with this decision.

Now, she truly realized, this wouldn't be the last she would be in this position, there would be many cases in the future like this and it was a common sense in this sick world to silence anyone that they couldn't trust when they knew so much.

There was no agreement regarding this matter, but knowing this was something that needed to be done, they left this matter at that.

"Tell me what happened with you when we werein the Goffa mountain. How come you can finally hear?" Cane tried to change the topic, since the previous one had been settled and he wouldn't change his decision related to that.

"Oh... I think I know the story between Lu andthe first Serafim..." 1

And with that, Iris told Cane everything that she had witnessed when she lost her consciousness and how she thought, what lady Cyan had done with the dark magic, triggered something inside her. Not only her, but the lycan within Cane as well. 1

They spent their time talking, there were a lot of discussion they needed to cover and even after spending hours, it was still simply not enough.

This was also the first time for Cane to share his thought and have discussion, since he used tothink and decide everything alone.

The more they talked about the current situation, the more Cane realized how fascinated the way Iris was thinking, she approached the matter in different view that he had never thought before.(1

Woman indeed had different way of thinking and with this, he could figure out a little bit of lady Cyan's approach... 1

"Order from the alpha," Redmond said, heentered the luna's bedroom that Sofia occupied without even knocking first, which made her screeched, she was still shock because of the nearly death situation yesterday and had been having this cramp due to the stress of the situation.

Therefore, Maria had been tending to her and nurse her, so she wouldn't harm the baby further.

"Don't you know how to knock?!" Sofia screamedat the red hair guy, who looked so brazen and reckless, as he pulled a chair near her bed and crossed his arms, staring at her with those disturbing gaze.

"Direct order from the alpha," Redmond repeatedhis words, completely ignoring Sofia's protest. "You need to clear this room and stay in a newhouse, outside of the pack house." 3Sofia pressed her lips, she gritted her teeth, as she tried to hold back her tears. If it was before, she would have rejected the idea and screamed on the top of her lungs that this was the alpha's firstborn, but after that night, she was not sure what to believe.

Redmond tilted his head, waiting for this woman to scream her head off, but it was so weird when it was so quiet.

"Hello, did you hear what I say?" Redmond wavedhis hand, as if to get attention from Sofia, which made the pregnant woman glared at him. "Well, that's better..."

It was only an hour before the funeral for the fallen warrior, but Redmond didn't feel like to attend it, not only because of the fact that the dead bodies of the warriors from the Blue Moon pack would be left in the Goffa mountain and let the nature took care of them, that was what Jace said to soften the meaning behind it.

Let the nature took care of them my ass, they were feeding them to the monsters.

However, Redmond couldn't demand anything, neither he wanted to. There was no point for that. He realized the gravity of the situation, more so, they were already dead and he didn't want to create more fraction between himself and the warrior from the Howling Wolf pack, the feeling of walking on egg shells around them waspretty irritating for him.

"Was that... really you, that night?" Sofia finallyasked through her gritted teeth.

"Yeah, it was me." Redmond tilted his head lazily. "Should we do it again to make youremember?" 2

"Bastard!" Sofia screamed, as she threw a pillowtoward the warrior, but he simply swatted it away without any effort. "You make me pregnant with your baby!" 1

Redmond was offended, what's the matter with his offspring?

"You made yourself pregnant by not taking themedicine, woman. And the fact you came all the way here to frame him is pretty lame. You should know the alpha has a peculiar taste. He likes bright color hair." 2

Redmond was so good with his words, but not in a good sense, to push all the wrong buttons on someone.

Sofia knew what the meaning behind his words, but if he thought, he could hurt her with such lame sarcasm, he must be dreaming. The life of being the

mistress of alpha Gallot, who had to compete with the other mistresses, had made sarcas m and insult became their own language.

Those women probably were even more fluent of talking shit and wrapped it into beautiful words more than those alphas. Instead of screeching like before, Sofia gave Redmond a mocking smile. "Oh, that's why, even though you came from the Blue Moon pack, he keeps you around, because you are his type?" She nodded at Redmond red hair. 3

Redmond's expression turned dark when he heard that. It was so repulsive for one to even think about it. He wanted to ga g and it must be seen on his face, because Sofia laughed at him. Her heart was a little bit lighter after she got back at him.

On the other hand, even though Redmond was good at making a s nide comment, but his patient was only the length of tea spoon.

Redmond immediately stood up and started to pack her things.

"What are you doing?!" Sofia was panic when shewatched what Redmond intended to do.

"What? Didn't you hear me? This is a direct orderfrom the alpha, he wanted you to clear this room and move away from the pack house."

"But... but, he said... he offered me a deal!" Sofiabecame anxious, she got off the bed and approached Redmond to stop him. "Stop this!"

Redmond turned around and smirked at her. "He never said that he will let you occupy the room until the end."

"But, what about his plan? What about the plan toget back on alpha Gallot?! He wants to ruin his plan? What if people are thinking he denied the child and people knows the child is not his before the right time?" Sofia didn't want to believe the child in her stomach was not the alpha's, but there was something in Cane's voice that made her believed that once she was calm enough to think the matter through.

After all, she needed to survive, just in case she made a wrong decision and the baby was indeed not his.

"The situation has changed, the plan has changedas well." Truthfully, Redmond didn't know what was in Cane's mind, he was having a hard time to keep up with the way he was thinking. All of sudden, he was summoned a few hours ago to prepare a small house outside of the pack house for Sofia and was ordered to help her to move out from the luna's bedroom. 2

Iris didn't seem to know about this, since she was still asleep at the time, he received the order, but even so, Redmond was pleased for Cane to finally take some action for this woman, so people could stop talking about Iris and cornering her with argumentation that compared she and Sofia that the former had not yet pregnant. 1

"What change? I don't want to move!"

"Don't worry, your little, old servant will comewith you as well. She must have been told about this plan by now." 3Redmond then ignored the way Sofia cursed at him and found the joy to make her even angrier than this, as he kept tidying up her belongings, while singing off tune song.

Meanwhile, currently Cane was helping Iris to get on her dress, both of them would wear the color of their pack and led the funeral. 1

Iris was wearing a simple black dress, all of them would bring a candle and all the source of light would be put off.

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Once Iris stepped out of the bedroom, you could see how dark it was in the corridor, while the only source of light was the candles that two of the warriors held and the pale light of the moon in the dark sky.

The two warriors were not the seven warriors that supposed to be with her, she had seen the two of them a few times before, but Iris said nothing, it was not an important matter in her mind right now. 1

The two warriors handed one of the candles in their hand for Iris and Cane, this little light reminded her of the light she created to calm the soul of the fallen warrior when they were in the Goffa mountain. She felt so bad.

"Thank you," Iris murmured, as she received thecandle and Cane took her hand, as he led the way.

Outside of the pack house, people had gathered, as they held little candles in their hands, they cried silently, as they chanted a song about a long journey, their voice echoed softly under the dark sky, while the moon watched them from above, which made the funeral became even more sacred. The atmosphere was warm and the wind was not chilly, but one would feel the tension and serenity, the sadness and heartfelt, the helplessness and the hopefulness at the same time.

Amee had told her that the candles were to guide the soul of the dead, so they could go to the afterlife. It was a comfort for their soul, so they could leave this world in peace.

Iris wondered, if the idea had any relation with the way she calmed those souls of the fallen warrior.

Thankfully, during their talk, Cane explained to her about what they needed to do as the alpha and the luna to lead the ceremony, since she couldn't shift into a beast, like the other shifter, there was nothing much she could do, but stood next to Cane.

The alpha walked his mate toward the river. They were outside of the pack house and was on the west side of the pack, where you could find a river there, their only source of water in this pack. It was the same river from the Goffa mountain.

Not too far from them, Iris could see Haco with a young girl, around the age of ten or twelve, who kept sobbing, while chanting the song, she clutched on Haco's cloak, holding the candles so tightly. 1They had created a big hole for the fallen warrior, where it would be their final resting place. Because their number was too many and their pack tomb wouldn't be able to accommodate it, thus Cane dedicated this area for them, as a reminder of their bravery and how they lost their lives in order to protect their pack and the people.

This was the least he could do. They would start the burial soon after they hit the midnight, which was less than ten minutes more.

Iris grabbed Cane's hand tightly when she saw a woman fell on the ground and weep, but she didn't let her candles to go off, she protected the little light, as if it was her lifeline and Iris recognized that woman. It was Avid's mate. The warrior always looked happy whenever he talked about his mate, which was not often and he did it only by passing, but Iris could see how his eyes softened with the mention of her.

Probably because Iris stared at her for too long, she could sense it, the woman lifted her head and caught the sight of Iris and immediately rushed toward her, which caught Iris out of guard. 1

The look on her face was so intense and this made Iris wanted to scurry away. Was she angry?

Iris was about to use Cane as a shield, but thealpha agilely stepped aside to expose her mate and for Iris's surprised, Avid's mate hugged her so tightly, as if she was going to squeeze the air out of her lungs.

"Easy, Renee, she is still recovering," Cane said infirm tone, which made the woman named Renee loosened up a little bit.

"Thank you, luna. Thank you so much forbringing my mate back." Renee was trying so hard to make her voice coherent, but then, as if she forgot something, she immediately released Iris's body and looked at her face to repeat the same thing.

She heard their luna could read lips really great in offset of her inability to hear, thus you need to face her whenever you wanted to talk with her, that was what Aliana told Renee when she also informed her how they found Avid's body.

"I know, Avid is right... he is right when he said, you are the perfect luna for this pack." Renee tried so hard not to tremble when she spoke, so Iris could get what she was saying, but it was so hard when it pained her to be reminded that Avid had gone. "He is... right..."

Iris couldn't hold back her tears as well, as she hugged Renee and offered her condolence, but then she felt it. It was so mild and faint, but it was there. She could feel and see Renee spirit, but she also sensed the new one. "Take care of your baby..." Iris said softly to herear, which made Renee jolted and released her body. 4

"Wh- what? What did you say, luna?" Reneestammered when she heard that.

Iris smiled softly at her and then put her hand over her flat stomach. "This baby will be the joy of your life," she said with certainty. She was sure with what she was saying.

For a moment, Renee didn't know what to say, she was too speechless to say anything, as she stared at Iris dumbfoundedly, but before she could reco ver from her shock, Cane had taken Iris away.

"It's about to start."

And with that, the alpha and the luna walked among the people to ward the head of the crowd and he stuck the candle on the ground, which followed by the other before the alpha shifted into his beast and howled to the moon, the rest of the pack did the same.

The howling of a pack of wolf sounded so sad. You could feel how much they mourned their pack member. 2

Meanwhile, some of the warriors started to burry the dead bodies... the funeral ended when they had buried them properly.

The howling stopped and the quiet night returned. It was also a quiet day until the second day they received news from the capital city and the aftermath of the news of the dead of the king.

To say there was a riot there, was an understatement, the war for the throne was a vicious one and somehow, Koda managed to get Winter Moon pack on board to help them.

Winter Moon pack was Leane's former pack, before she went to the Howling Wolf pack as soon as she found her destined mate, which no other than Cane. 2

They had been lay low all these years, thus to hear they went out to wreck havoc in the capital city in order to help the Red Claw pack to sit on the throne was a surprised news for Cane.

"How are the other princes?" Cane asked, hefurrowed his brows with the mention of Leane's former pack to join in this fray.

"They have been having a hard time to relay theinformation because of the condition there, our spies couldn't give us information right away, because

they would shoot down all the hawk that carried the message. The capital city was closed off with half part of it managed to be under the Red Cla w and Winter Moon pack and the other half was the royal family with the support of the Golden Light pack," Jace reported everything to Cane. 2

It was only two days after the night of the funeraland right now, Cane was inside his study room, spending his time with his beta and gamma, but at this time, there was another additional person there. It was Iris.

The luna sat next to the alpha, listening to the report too.

"What about lady Cyan?"

Ethan shook his head. "There is no news from our people about her. With the chaos in the palace, no one cared about her either. Oh, and for the head royal sorcerer you mentioned before, there are two news about him. One, our people said, he led all the sorcerer to defend the palace and the second is the opposite. Our informant said, he went to the Celestial Moon pack with Alan."

"Is there any news from the Celestial Moonpack?"

"No." Jace grimaced. "It seems the monstersattack is still their main problem and without any help from the capital city, alpha Derick's hands were tied to do anything, aside from defending his territory."

Cane was silence, something that he used to do whenever he was deep in thought and usually, Jace and Ethan would wait for whatever decision he would make.

But this time, it was Iris, who finally spoke, after she heard all the information. "What do you thinkEthan and Jace wanted to tell her not to bother to ask, because the alpha wouldn't answer her, but to their surprised, Cane actually explained what was in his mind. 1

"I can't believe this," Ethan mumbled sorrowfullyto the beta. "Why I feel like the alpha is playing favorite with us now?"

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The best they could do right now was to defend their territory, because the situation in the capital city was still unclear and the war for the throne was still happening, Cane used this mentum to strengthened the seven pack's ritory under him.

He was the only alpha in the south kingdom and right now, including all the seven territories, he had the largest area and hundred of thousand people under him.

Before, Golden Light pack held the record, that was why, all the royal guards and warriors and most of the warriors in the capital city came from this pack.

On the surface, it was good for having such a large territory and resources, but then, the complexity of the problem from each area would be another internal trouble that they needed to tackle, especially when summer came and some area would suffer a drought. That was only one example of so many trouble that would resurface later on.

Iris understood the complexity of the problem that they would face, and sooner or later, once the problem in the capital city had settled down, no matter who sat on the throne, they would finally realize, how much of a threat Cane was tohold such power.

But, they could think about that later, since they needed to take everything one step at a time.

"Some of the pack is not worth to fight for," Ethansaid, he liked the idea to have more territory, but some packs simply too poor and would only hold them back. They would give them more headache than benefit.

"Blue Moon pack, Riverside pack and ChrystalMoon pack are the pack with highest benefit. Bloody Wolf pack... is not much, especially when some of the former warriors of the pack are very adamant not to be ruled under you. But Silver River pack and Diandem pack will only be a burden," Jace said calculatively. "I think we need to let go of the other two packs."

"And let the pack member to suffer?" Irisfrowned. She had read about those two packs and she had to admit there were not many things that they could offer, just like what Jace said.

"We can't save all the people, luna. We need tothink what the best option we have," Jace said, he didn't seem to be happy with his own decision, but he

needed to think rationally, since he couldn't allow the extra territory became an extra burden for them. It did not worth it.

"And what happened to the two packs that willnot be claimed?" Iris asked again.

:An't aoxzonxthino heMeanwhile, the alpha didn't say anything, he listened to their banter and found this situation was pretty amusing, since all this time, Jace and Ethan would do whatever he told them. Yes, there would be a few questions or protest from them, but it wouldn't turn into an argument or discussion.

Because in the end of the day, it was his order that they had to follow, whether they liked it or not.

"I think the other pack will claim them," Ethanexplained and then added. "We have claimed three and I think that's enough. More so, an extra territory will be a temptation, so did extra pack member."

"And they would turn the pack member into aslave," Iris stated it bluntly, which made the beta and the ga mma couldn't say a word, since they knew, it was most likely the fate for Silver River pack and Diandem pack's member. 1

"Do you have any suggestion?" Cane asked, hecaressed her cheek lightly with his finger. Her cheeks looked a little bit chubbier after the tonic that Grace concocted for her, which made of water magic stone, her appetite also improved, which was a good thing.

"Alpha, you are so mean, you have never askedour suggestion before this," Ethan complained, he felt like a neglected child in the family, 3Cane tilted his head and looked at his gamma. "What is your suggestion?"

"Well, we need to let go of the two packs."

"No. I want them."

"Alpha..." Jace tried to complain. "Extra territoryand extra people are good, but they come with liability too."

They had been talking about a few problems and then stumbled in this one, as they couldn't find a middle ground for it.

"Why don't we go to see the packs first? Onlythen, after that, we can decide it," Iris suggested. She didn't want to butthead with Jace and Ethan and also she was not sure with her opinion, since all of her information came from a book and it could be unreliable too. "We will be able to judge whether they are as helpless as the informant said or not."

"The informants are reliable, luna," Jace said.

"Yes, I will never say they are not." Iris nodded. "But, there are so many aspects that need to beconsidered, a pack is a complicated community, if the situation that bad, how they still survive, until today?"

"Make sense," Cane said, as he brushed his fingeragainst her earlobe, which made Iris flinched and swatted his hand away from her ear. 5Meanwhile, Eth an and Jace could only sigh helplessly. They were talking about something serious, but the alpha actually couldn't help not to tease his mate.

After that, they were talking about a few things more and the meeting ended three hours before dinner.

"Cane, why I have never seen Eron, Dyne and theother five warriors, I thought, you assigned them to be my personal warriors?" Iris asked, she had been wanting to ask about this matter, but she always forgot, since she didn't too much when they didn't show up. More so, this past two days, Cane had been always with him, except for a few moment, where he had to leave alone, but even so, Eth an would always be with her or Redmond.

"You will get another personal warrior," Canereplied casually.

They were walking in the corridor, where they would head to the tent to check on the injured warrior, some of them had nursed back to their healthy state, but some of them were still in bad shape, including Joel. The young warrior had been so down and didn't talk much and this made Iris's heart ached for him.

"Why?" Iris frowned. She stopped walkingbecause she felt this nagging feeling that something was not right.

On the other hand, Jace and Ethan stoppedwalking too, as they watched how their alpha would answer that question. They had told Cane that Iris wouldn't be happy with his decision, but the alpha was filled with rage and didn't want

to talk about the matter anymore, thus they shut their mouth, knowing how Cane was not in a good mood.

More so, there was no way they could persuade him.

"Where are they?" Iris narrowed her eyes, waiting for his answer.

"I put them in the dungeon."

Iris was shocked. "For what crime?!"

"For neglecting their duty."

"What duty?" Iris seemed to have an inklingabout this, but she still found herself gasp when Cane really said it.

"They supposed to be there with you, for you topass out for an hour without them knowing that, that is dereliction of duty."

"Cane! How would they know?! It's not like theywere inside the room and watched me passed out without doing anything!" Iris wanted to cry by Cane's absurdity. She had sensed it, but his possessiveness became a little bit out of control. "Since when they were there?"

"Since you passed out."

It meant, it was almost four days. "Cane!"

Meanwhile, the ga mma grinned to watch the scene before their eyes. "Let's bet, do you think the alpha will relent to her? Whoever lost, will pay for tonight drink." 2

Jace gave him a look, but said nothing, as he focused on their alpha and luna again.

Cane looked nonchalant upon facing his little mate's anger, while Iris looked very upset, until her face turned red, demanding him to release them.

"Cane said, they are in dungeon..." Iris mumbledwhen she saw Eron from a far, his back was facing her, but she could recognize him almost right away.

Eth an grinned. He tapped her shoulder to get her attention "He is not wrong. They are indeed in the dungeon." (2

Iris pursed her lips. When Cane said they were sent to the dungeon, she thought, they would be locked inside the cell, but as it turned out, they were assigned to stand guard in the dungeon instead.

As a battle hardened warrior, to be a warden was a great demotion, still, it was way better than to be behind the cell.

And because Iris demanded to get her personalwarriors back, Cane gave the order to let them go. Therefore, here the luna was with the gamma to let them know their punishment had ended.

Of course, Eth an got free drink for tonight. 2

"Eron!" Ethan called the warrior, whoimmediately turned around. He didn't look surprise to see Iris and clicked his tongue when he saw the gamma.

"Luna Iris, you are here!" Eron greeted Irisenthusiastically.

"I hope you don't have a hard time in these pastfew days. Where are the others? Tell them, all of you can leave now."

"Yes, luna, thank you so much." Eron smiledbrightly.

But then, Ethan stepped forward ahead of Iris and spoke, thinking Iris wouldn't be able to read his lips in this position. 1

"I told you the alpha will relent!" Ethan saidcheerfully. "I won! You and the other need to pay for my meal for the next two weeks!"

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Apparently, Ethan and the other seven warriors were having a bet about how it would end and how many more weeks they would stay in the dungeon until the alpha's anger subsided and they were allowed to go back within the rank.

All of them thought, they would spend at least, one or two months there, until the alpha summoned them back.

But, Ethan was pretty confidence when he said they would get out once their luna found out.

The ga mma did that because he wanted to save money, but more so, because he wanted to make the situation was not as serious as it looked like for them, since they looked so guilty to fail their assignment, as he knew, Cane punished them out of impulse.

"I told you, you can rely on our luna!" Ethanlaughed. "Now, the seven of you will take turn to pay for my meal for the next two weeks! You can choose the day!"

"Meal in the pack house is free! Why do you wantto eat outside when you can snatch anything from the kitchen?" Eron grumbled.

"Hey, I am not always in the pack house."

"Did you make a bet with them?" Iris frownedwhen she heard this ridiculous conversation. Shewas worried sick she would get more haters from the pack member, especially the warrior because of Cane's punishment for them, but as it turned out, the situation was not as serious as she thought. Eron looked fine actually, so she assumed the other too.

"Huh?" Eth an turned around, his eyes widened. He was sure, Iris was behind him and didn't read what he said. 1

"I am very worried, but you actually make a bet inthis situation?" Iris narrowed her eyes. 2

"Lu- Luna... you can hear that?" Eron was quickto grasp the situation. Though, the question was a little bit offensive, but he couldn't help, but asked.

"Yes, I can hear nice and clear," Iris said, still wasnot happy. 1

Ethan and Eros then gasped in surprised.

"Did the alpha know about this?" The gammacame closer to her, as if he couldn't see her clearly.

"Yes, and I think I will ask him to put you also inthe dungeon," Iris said, annoyed. She was ready to pester Cane to release them all if he refused her request, thankfully it didn't take much effort to persuade him. 3

But, it showed how much Iris cared, only to find they were betting in the situation."Nooo..." Ethan wailed. 1

Cane stood in front of the room and a guard handed him a cup of tea. The smell was so sweet, which made you wanted to taste it.

"How is she?"

"She has not been eating much and only layingdown on the bed." The guard glanced at the door. "No one talked to her, but it seems she didn'twant to talk with anyone either."

Cane nodded and the guard opened the door to small, but clean room, where a girl was sitting on the edge of the bed, she had this anticipation in her eyes when she saw Cane entered the room. She must have sensed her presence.

"Alpha Cane," Chrystal greeted him politely, asshe stood up.

"You can sit down." Chrystal sat down on theedge of the bed again. "Your name is Chrystal?"

"Yes, alpha," Chrystal replied.

"Do you know why I am here?"

Chrystal glanced at the cup in Cane's hand, she gulped down and her eyes became teary. "I know," she replied in whispery tone. "Alpha, if I swear to you and pledge my loyalty, will you spare my life?"

"You can't pledge loyalty to me," Cane said. Hestared into her eyes when he spoke again. "You have been in contact with lady Cyan when she was here.".

The shock on Chrystal's face was the answer that Cane needed. "Alpha... lady Cyan offered me a freedom, if I follow what she said, I was so desperate to be free from all the pain. Alpha Gill had never treated me well, alpha Dristan was not so different." Tears started to trickle down from her face."I only want my freedom, alpha. I think you can understand that..."

As a slave, she knew her fate wouldn't look so well. She thought, she would be in a better place when she became a mistress, but being with alpha Dristan

was not different with being with alpha Gill. Both of them were sick in the head.

"Alpha, I will not betray you... I swore. I want tobe part of your pack. I want to live here, please... please have mercy on me. Lady Cyan had not yet given me any instruction, she only told me to wait for her instruction. I swear, I don't lie to you, alpha..."

Cane leaned his back against the wall, still holding the cup. Chrystal looked genuine with her words, but he couldn't take the risk. She had been in contact with lady Cyan and that was enough reason for him not to put his trust on her, especially with such secret. 1

It was a pain to find the spy inside his pack, he didn't want to have another potential spy underhis command again. After all, he knew how fickle a heart could be. And with the importance of information that Chrystal knew, the risk was too much for Cane to let her live.

On the other hand, seeing how Cane didn't budge even after so many pleading, Chrystal burst into tears, as she sobbed loudly. Her whole body was shaking, knowing she wouldn't have a chance to live a normal life that she always dreamed of.

"Alpha... you can't spare my life because I havebeen in contact with lady Cyan?" Chrystal finally asked, once she was a little bit calm down, but Cane didn't answer her. "I only want to survive. Is one act of survival nobler than the other?" 1

Cane knew what she meant. He also coalesced with the lycan in order to survive. It was not different from her, if anything, his act of survival was even worst than what she did.

She was pretty smart emotionally and could read the situation pretty well, which was unfortunate that he couldn't trust her.

"Then, you should have succeeded with whateverway you chose. Because in the end of the day, no matter what way you chose to survive, you need to make it, for it to work, or else, it's only a bad choice."

Chrystal cried a little more before her eyes fell on the cup in Cane's hand. "Will it hurt?"

"No. You will feel sleepy when your heartbeat isslowing down. You will feel like you are going to fall asleep." Cane handed the cup to Chrystal, which she received with shaking hand.

"If I can be so brazen for the last time, can I askone more thing?"

"What is it?"

"I don't want to be alone." Chyrstal gulped downwith so much difficulty, she felt the cup was so heavy in her hand and she knew, no matter how much she begged and cried, she wouldn't be able to change this alpha's decision.

"You can drink now."

Chrystal smelled the tea and tasted it a little bit. "This is sweet. I have never allowed to drink oreat anything sweet when I was with alpha Gill..."she said bitterly and took another big gulp. "I used to sneak inside a kitchen to eat something sweet, but when they found out, they would beat me. I like sweet. Thank you for making the tea tasted so good." 2

Cane said nothing, she only listened to her rumbling, until her words became incoherent and the empty cup fell from her hand, so did her body.

But before she could limp to the ground, Cane caught her body and laid her down on the bed. Her heartbeat slowed down pretty fast and she breathed her last, while the alpha watched her.

Once it was so quiet and the poor girl's heart wasno longer beating, Cane walked out of the room, where Jace had been waiting for him.

"Bury her in a nice place," Cane said. 1

People might wonder why Cane personally came to deliver the poison when he could ask someone else to do the task, but it seemed, the beta knew the reason why, though he couldn't confirm, neither he was one hundred percent sure about it.

But, the girl's name was the same like the person Cane respected the most. Probably it was only a nice gest ure from him because he had lost so many people recently and had to kill someone on top of that was not really comforting.(3

"Trion sent words that Aderan kidnapped thequeen," Jace said, as they walked away, which made Cane stopped walking and turned around. 2

The beta could see the anger in Cane's eyes.

"Where is he now?" Cane didn't raise his voice, but Jace could feel his anger as clear as day.

"Trion is not sure, but he thought, he will take aship to the other continent," Jace replied, as he handed the letter from Trion that they received only now.

You could see now, how fickle a heart could be and this happened to the warrior that pledged his loyalty to him...Eunan was trying to appease Iris's irritation, while Eron and Dyne gave her an apologetic look, and the rest tried to avoid her eyes.

"Fine. But, I want my meal to be paid too," Irissaid slyly. 4

"How can you do that, you are the luna!" Ethan, Eron and Dyne complained. 2

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