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611 HEAVEN!

After such draining meeting with the merchants, the only thing that Cane wanted was to go back to his mate and slept peacefully next to her. He wanted to bury his face in her hair and breathed in her scent. 1

His heart was in the right place the moment he opened the door and found her sleeping peacefully, while Aliana sat on the chair, guarding her.

"Alpha," Aliana greeted him, sheimmediately stood up and stretched her body. With Cane was here, her night duty would end and she could go back to her room and sleep.

"Did she eat her dinner?" Cane asked, as heapproached Iris and stared at her sleeping face. If there was one word that could describe her right now, it must be serenity.

"Yes, but not much, she was very sleepy andtired." Aliana gave Cane a meaningful look with a smirk on the corner of her lips, but

he didn't dare to bring up about the book. She might be cheeky with Iris and her brother was Cane's beta, but she held the utmost respect for this alpha.

"Hm." Cane nodded."You can leave."

Aliana didn't need to be told twice, she immediately rushed out of the room once Cane leaned over and kissed his mate's lips gently. It was almost very scary to see how gentle the alpha was, because she thought, she would never see this side of him again, especially when there was nothing change with the way Cane acted whenever Iris was not around, he was still that cold and collected person, which could make you trembled with only a glare from him.

Once it was only the two of them, Cane undressed and cleaned himself before he came to bed and sleep peacefully next to Iris.

Yet, his sleep was not as peaceful as he thought it would be, because a few hours later, he was woken up with Iris kissing his lips. 2

His mate was half awake when he found her

nibbling on his lips. She didn't seem to realize what she was doing, but when slightly pushed her away, she let out protest noises.

"Iris?" Cane caressed her back and smoothened her tangled hair, while he let her did whatever she wanted with him. It didn't take a genius to figure out what she aimed and what she really wanted from him, because it was as clear as day, just like how clear those merchants wanted to fool around with him, that his mate wanted to be intimated with him.1

They had done it this afternoon and Iris clearly still not yet recovered fully from it, but here she was, wanted another round of it, as she tried her s loppy attempt to get under his pants.

"Are you in heat?" Cane asked softly againsther lips, but she didn't answer that, she bit his lips when he didn't reciprocate her kiss.

Heat for shifter would come in random time, sometime, it only happened once, therefore, it was hard to predict when your mate would go through a heat, it even more

unpredictable when your mate was not a shifter.

Cane indeed needed his sleep, but he wouldn't turn down this pleasant surprise, though he was still unsure how to proceed it when Iris didn't seem to be fully conscious.

"Iris," Cane called her name again to get herattention, but she had slid down her hand under his pants and touched him there, driving him crazy with her bold action.

That was it. There was no way Cane could sleep peacefully when she freely touched him like this and now, she broke the kiss, but she climbed on top of him and straddled him. Her blue eyes looked so misty under the light of the pale moon in the night sky and her au burn hair looked slightly darker.

She was a devastatingly beautiful with innocent face, but her action right now screamed the opposite when she started to kiss his neck and trailed wet kissed along his jawline, like he used to do it to her. Apparently, she paid close attention to what

he did to her body and now she tried to apply it to him, leaving the alpha speechless.

"No..." Iris whimpered, protested whenCane was about to flip her body and fuck her to oblivi on for waking him up like this, yet she didn't want to. She didn't want to be pinned down, because right now, this was her favorite position. She wanted to be on top of him and got the control of it, as she set the pace... 1

"Good afternoon!" Aliana greeted Iris whenshe opened her eyes and met with her mischievous gaze. For some reason, she looked annoyed, but also helpless."I thought you are going to sleep through day and night and here I am thinking what should I do to spend time in this room."

"Good morning..." Iris greeted Aliana withhoarse voice. She felt very tired and hungry, her body was so sore and warm, she couldn't understand why she had not yet recovered even after sleeping the whole night.(2

Maybe Grace really had run out of magic stone and the concoction was a normal one.

"Good afternoon," Aliana emphasized it."This is already afternoon, you skippedbreakfast."

Iris rubbed her eyes and groaned when the light from the sun hit her sight, she curled her body again on the bed. "I am hungry..."she whimpered.

"Of course, after such vigorous afternoonand late night sex and then skipped your breakfast, I bet you must be famished."Aliana clicked her tongue and pulled the blanket away from her. "Come on, let's get something to eat from the kitchen, you need to exercise your body more, if you want to have enough stamina to do it the whole day and night."

Iris didn't understand what she was talking about, but she begrudgingly got off the bed and went to the bathroom to clean herself.

"You almost got the alpha into troublebecause he overslept, you know." Aliana helped Iris to undress herself, only then she

saw a lot of red marks on her breasts and stomach.

"What is this?!" Iris was panic to see them.

"What do you mean 'what is this'?" Alianachuckled when she watched Iris's reaction. "You don't have a great healing ability, luna, so try to tell the alpha not to get carry on if you don't want to be left with this."

Aliana waved her hands on her body.

Iris blushed vigorously, even her flat stomach turned red in."But, these red marks were not here yesterday."

"Then it must be happening during night." Aliana chuckled.

"Night?" Iris frowned. She didn't recall whathappened last night.

"Luna, I can smell the sex the moment lentered the room this morning and what else the reason of why the alpha overslept when he had an important appointment with the former beta and ga mma of this pack?"

Yet, Iris was adamant to deny it. "We didn't do anything last ni..." she stopped in the

o allym ous i middle of her sentence because a few flashbacks came to her mind and in an instant, her blue eyes filled with dread. "Heaven!" she exclaimed.

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Now Aliana mentioned it, Iris did remember what happened last night and if it was possible, her face turned even redder. She almost looked like the little lizard when she found it the first time, when its skin was still bright red. 1

"Heaven!" Iris covered her mouth whendetails of what happened last night came flooding to her mind. She didn't even know she could do such thing.

On the other hand, Aliana chuckled."Did the book help?" she asked lightly, trying to get a little bit juicy information about that mysterious book and when she watched how shocked Iris was, she knew it must be her, who had

purchased the book in the first place and she couldn't control her laugh."I can't believe it was you, luna!"

"Oh, shut up!" Iris almost cried, as she triedto make Aliana stopped laughing at her, yet her attempt was too weak and Aliana seemed to have so much fun to discover this.

Out of all people, why it must be her who found it?!

But then, Iris simply couldn't imagine if it was someone else, she would really di g a hole and bury herself to even imagine if it was Eth an or one of her seven warriors.

It took a long time for Aliana to get over it and she only stopped when Iris literally cried, seeing how serious it affected her and made her uncomfortable.

"I am sorry, I am sorry, I will not bring it upagain," Aliana apologized genuinely. She didn't mean to take things too far and simply only wanted to tease her. She wiped her tears and helped her to take a bath, while talking about something else entirely.

She told her about Zale, Celia and Joel, because Iris used to pay close attention to the three of them, especially Zale's progress in training. Aliana also filled her in with a few information about what was going on around them.

The merchant had been here for days, but the alpha was still trying to make a reasonable deal with them, regarding the

grain because those filthy merchants went crazy with the price they proposed.

Alpha Nolan had been around and was not happy because Cane didn't want to leave to Red Claw pack immediately, neither he would let Iris go there without him.

"I don't know what the alpha did, but hemanaged to make him stay away from you,"Aliana mumbled.

Iris didn't mind it at all if Cane put alpha Nolan away from her, because she didn't like the alpha too, he made her uncomfortable, even if they only met for once.

"How do you know all of that?" Iris asked, she tilted her head to look at Aliana, who was washing her hair.

Aliana winked at her."Well, you can say Eth an is hardly able to keep secret from me."

Iris narrowed her eyes."Maybe because you threatened him."

"Luna, I am not that bad," Aliana chuckledwhen she heard the accusation.

After that, Aliana took Iris to the kitchen to get her late lunch, as she munched on her meat happily and almost finished all the food on her plate, when she used to not be able to eat that much.

"You are really famished!" Aliana pointed itout and immediately closed her mouth when Iris glared at her, thinking she was going to tease her again. 3

After that, Iris spent her time with Celia, teaching her how to write and read like usual. She was having a hard time and her progress was not as fast as the other people Iris had taught, which made the little girl frustrated.

Meanwhile, Zale was training with Zephyr and Lil Thing was playing dead with the little children of alpha Adrian.

Cane put all the mistresses of the alpha and their children in the west part of the pack house and they had been staying there ever since, didn't middle with anything inside the pack house, knowing alpha Adrian's regime had fallen.

It was very lucky for them to be able to stay

alive and not be made slaves, thus they didn't want to get into alpha Cane's bad side.

Iris also learned something from Haco when his mind conscious enough to teach her how to manipulate her newly found power, but it didn't last for long, because the sorcerer went into his senile state pretty fast. His wrinkled face looked tired and his misty eyes stared into the distance, as he kept asking her; 'who are you?' and Iris had to introduce herself a few times.

Her heart ached to see the old sorcerer like this. She hoped, there was something she could do for him. Haco was actively dying at this point, his mind shut down on him and it was a rare occurrence to see him in a clear state of mind. 2

When night came, Iris spent it inside her bedroom and had her dinner there with Aliana, since she would meet with alpha Nolan in the dining hall, thus she had never gone there once the alpha was here.

More so, Iris was too tired and sleepy, she was still feeling so sore because of last

night and she was exhausted after teaching Celia and talking to Haco, every time she went to see the sorcerer, she became emotional to see how he regressed so fast.

She had been crying silently to see him like that and there was nothing Aliana could do to console her.

Cane didn't come to have dinner with her, but there were three chests that he sent for her, which needed twelve warriors to carry it.

"What is it?" Iris frowned when she saw thechests were being dropped inside the bedroom.

Dean came to her and smiled. "This is from the alpha, luna. He said everything inside is for you!" He looked excited, even though it was not gifts for him.

"For me? All of this?" Iris was surprised, shewidened her eyes. What could be possibly inside the chests, which each one of them was the same size like her?"What is inside?"

"I don't know!" Dean beamed.

"You need to open it to know. Why don'tyou open it now, luna?" One of the warriors also looked excited to know what was inside.

Ever since the news about Sofia's baby was not Cane's, the warriors warmed up to Iris a little bit, though they didn't become close all of sudden, but at the very least, Iris could feel they were less hostile and indifference toward her.

"Open it, luna!" Aliana nudged Iris to open he chests impatiently.

Iris approached one of the chests that adorned with pretty ornament and intricated carving. The chests alone looked very expensive, let alone the things inside it.

She was excited to know what Cane gave to her, because it could count as the first gift from him.

But the problem was...

"I can't lift it, it is too heavy..." Iris groanedwhen she tried to lift the lid of the chest and the warriors immediately realized their

error. There was no way their petite luna would be able to lift it when it took two of them to do it.

Meanwhile, Iris's seven warriors poked their head from the door, wanting to know what was inside the chests too.

Once the first gift from Cane was revealed, all of them were shocked, they gasped out loud to see what was inside.

There were a lot of things there and Iris couldn't even comprehend how she would be able to wear all of them.

There were countless necklaces, bracelets, rings, which were put into smaller boxes inside the chests, pendant, tiara and then a lot more gold and diamond. 1

"Open another chest!" Dyne shouted fromoutside, he wanted to see what the other gifts were and it seemed, these warriors held the same excitement like Iris, if it was not more.

With Iris's permission, they opened the other two chests, which filled with a lot of beautiful dresses, while the other chest was

filled with variation of shoes and more trinkets, which made of precious stone.

"The alpha has gone crazy..." Alianawhispered breathlessly. She knew Cane was a loyal person, but didn't he know the concept of giving a gift? No, he was not 1 giving Iris a gift, he gave her a treasure!

"These all for me?" Iris was shocked beyondwords. She had never received a gift before, but this was too much!

When Cane took her to the festival and buy her a book, she was already very happy and contented, but she was not sure how to react with such gift from him.

"Luna... the alpha is pampering you somuch!" Aliana pointed it out, her voice was a little bit loud, so the twelve warriors could hear that. She watched how their expression twisted because some of them still couldn't see Iris as their luna and was unable to accept that their alpha had genuine feeling for her.

Later, Iris learned that Cane bought all of these from the merchant. He had said that money was not the problem here, since he

had the fortune of the six packs, but the fact that those merchants fooled him and gave him the ridiculous price for the grain that he disliked.

Therefore, buying these pre cious items for his mate was not a problem and it wouldn't hurt them financially.

'I want to make it up to you.'

That was Cane's answer when he was asked why he splurged with his gift.

A week after that, Redmond and Sofia arrived in the Diandem pack, so did Lou.

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Iris was very generous when she wanted to share the gift that Cane gave to her, since she knew it was too much and there was no 1way she would use them all.

She tried to give a few precious stone to the warriors that had carried the chests, but all of them immediately rejected the idea.

'That's yours, luna. We can't accept that.'

That was all they said to her, but Iris insisted, at the very least, they needed to accept a few coins. Under the pile of new dresses, she found a small box, which contain with a lot of coins, she literally could buy anything that she wanted with that and for someone, who had never had any money or any precious things in her possession, everything that Cane had done was overwhelmed her.

Without doubt, she was very happy and wanted to share this happiness with the warriors there.

In the end, they accepted a few coins from

her and looked very happy to have some extra money. They thanked her profusely before they left the bedroom, talking about buying some drink somewhere. There were a lot of tavern and bar in this pack.

"Don't you want to go drinking with themtoo?" Aliana nudged Iris, as she chuckled, reminded her the last time they drank together.

Iris grimaced, because her memory was different from Aliana's. Aliana might not aware of this, just like Iris at that time, because the only thing in their mind was to have fun, but Iris promised Cane and herself not to touch alcohol, especially when they were trying right now.

Their effort was already hard enough with Grace was running out of the water magic stone without her trying to ruin their chance again.

"Let's see the dresses! There must be adress or two that you will like!" Iris wanted to share the dress with Aliana too, because Celia was too small and Aliana was the only adult woman around her.

Aliana scrunched her nose."No,I am good with all my dresses. Why don't you try them all?" She grinned and nudged the luna to see how she was in those dresses.

Unfortunately, Iris was already tired when she tried the third dresses and curled herself on the bed once she was in her nightgown and fell asleep pretty fast. 1

Yet, she woke up in the middle of the night and 'bothered' Cane again with her unrestrained desire. 2

All of the embarrassment she felt during the day when she remembered how she had forced herself on him, well, that didn't quite right, since Cane was more than willing to give what she wanted. (1)

After that, Iris would sleep peacefully throughout the morning and woke up at noon.

'You skipped your breakfast again.'

That was what Aliana said when she greeted Iris the moment she opened her eyes, she looked so miserable because of how bored she was.

The same thing happened for four nights straight...

On the fifth day, Iris woke up early in the morning and was happy to see Cane was still there, since she would always wake up to see Aliana's face lately.

"Good morning," Iris said sheepishly, shestretched her body and hugged him again, snuggled against his chest to get some warmth from his body. She was still sleepy.

"Good morning," Cane said lazily, as hecombed her curls with his fingers.

They stayed like that for a while, relishing each other's presence.

"What are you thinking?" Iris lifted her headto see Cane was staring at her, there was no indication that he was going to leave soon, as if he planned to laze around after being very busy recently.

"I am wondering why you didn't wake meup at night," he said casually, but the meaning behind it made Iris screeched.

"Cane!"

Iris attempted to leave, since it was so

embarrassing to be reminded of what happened, but Cane caught her ankles and dragged her back, as he pinned her down on the bed and started to kiss her. It seemed, he wanted to get his fill, since he didn't get it last night. Alan stared in disbelieve when he saw a baby that he held almost a month ago had stood up and he literally looked like a five years old little boy. His eyes were no longer bloodshot red, but to his horror, his feature almost looked like him. 1

No. If people saw this little boy, they would have thought, he was his son or something, because of the incredulous familiarity between them.

Currently, this young boy was munching on his prey. He licked the finger of the dead guard, before he devoured it, like he had ravaged the rest of his body. (2)

This little monster needed a man to sat e his hunger and at least, he needed one for a week.

"I don't like to be stared at when I am

eating," the little boy spoke, in his childish tone, but there was nothing innocent about him, the way he spoke, as if he was cursing at you. 1

Alan immediately averted his gaze. This was not the first time for him to witness such brutal sight, he also was not an upright person, he had done countless sin that could send him straight to hell, but still, he was nothing compared to a boy, who just born a month ago.

This child was the epitome of evil.

"What about the north?" The little boyasked, he stood up and then walked toward the guard's head.

The smell of blood filled this room, it was very suffocating, but there was no trace of it. Hours ago, you would see such a gruesome scene, where the body of the guard was being torn apart, but now, everything was clean and what left behind, as the evidence such horrendous thing had happened was only his head, which now was being toyed in the hand of this little monster.

His lifeless eyes stared at nothingness. It happened so fast, even he didn't realize that he had died. A moment, he stared at this strange little monster, but in the next second he was no longer could feel anything, as his life was being ripped apart from his body.

"Al- alpha Derick refused to surrender..."Alan reported it to him. It was not sure, since when he became this little monster's personal messenger, but that was what he did as the king of this continent. He did what this little boy told him to do.

All the decision from him was coming from this little monster.

Alan was stupid enough to not be able to see the end goal of his own grandfather, but he could sense danger would come to his way. There must be the reason why this little boy had the same face like him...

"And then? Have you given an order to razethat pack?" The little boy gouged the eyes from its socket and the sound of it made Alan's stomach churned. He was a sadist, but he still couldn't stand what this little

boy was doing, he felt like he was about to vomit and the only thing that held his back was his fear that he would end up like those guards that he had devoured.

"I... We... we can't raze their pack, becausewe will have trouble with the monster in the north... we need them to keep the monster away from the capital city." Alan scrunched his nose when he heard the slurping that echoed throughout the walls inside his bedroom. "Maybe you don't know this, but the pack in the north is needed, they act as a fortress against the monsters."

"I know."The little boy wiped his red lips, which left blood stain on the back of his small hand."Do you think I am that stupid for not knowing that?"

Alan didn't know how to re tort that. He literally just born a month ago, but he knew a lot more thing that what Alan did.

"Kill them all if they don't want tosurrender."

"I-I will make sure they hand Kellan over." Alan trembled when he heard the sound of the shattering bones.

The boy's eyes slated when he heard that. "Who cares about that disable man? I wantthe whole pack in the north, it's either they surrender, or they are dead. Understood?"

Alan nodded vigorously.

"Good king," the little boy spoke in mockingtone.

Today was a little bit different, it was a little bit tensed and the atmosphere was a little bit suffocating, though the sky looked so gloomy, as if the rain would be pouring down soon.

All the warriors were seething, especially the warriors from the Howling Wolf pack, because today Sofia and her baby would arrive. The hostility from them was very thick, despite the entourage had not yet arrived.

"I feel like I want to shred that woman intopieces."

"That slu t had deceived us."

"We need to kill her, so no one will try topull the same trick."

"I hope the alpha will behead her and sendher head to alpha Gallot."

The warriors talked to themselves and Iris pretended like she didn't hear anything during this breakfast in the dining hall with alpha Nolan, while her mate tended to her like usual.

"Eat more." Cane changed his plate with Iris,after he slices another meat into pieces, so she wouldn't have a hard time to eat.

This time, Iris didn't protest and actually eat more.

"I am sorry to hear that the baby is notyours, Cane," Alpha Nolan said.

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Despite what alpha Nolan had warned him, to not show his affection toward his mate, Cane actually did the opposite. He didn't change the way he treated Iris, neither he tried not to be affectionate with her in public. 1 Most of the people also already knew about the gift that he gave to his mate, though Iris didn't wear a lot of accessories, she did wear a ring or necklace now. In the morning, she would rummage the chests and found something she liked to wear and she enjoyed it a lot.

"You don't need to feel sorry, Nolan, because I don't." Cane was sitting on the opposite seat from alpha Nolan in this long table in the dining hall.

Alpha Nolan shook his head." I know you must be very upset right now, this is something that unforgiveable."

Hearing that, Cane tilted his head and

shifted his attention from his mate, who was munching her meat happily, her appetite improved, she ate a lot more recently and it didn't go unnoticed by him. Probably it was due to a lot of things they did during the night that caused her hunger in the morning. 4

"I don't, Nolan." Cane's voice was even andall the people fell into silence, they stopped eating and listened to the alpha's conversation, because you could sense the tension started to rise up in the air, though a certain auburn hair woman was oblivious, as she relished her meal. "If you want to pity someone, take your pity to Gallot, because I will not let this slide." 1

Alpha Nolan smiled, but it didn't reach his eyes at all. "So, are you going to march toward Moon Dew pack and take him down? With these warriors from the six packs you have, you can easily take down his pack." His eyes glinted with cunningness."I will be happy to assist you and I am sure the Red Cla w pack will not refuse to do the same."

"I can handle my own affair, but thank you

for the offer." Cane tucked a strand of Iris's hair behind her ear, so it wouldn't fall into her plate.

The sight made alpha Nolan scoffed. He was sure Cane did that to annoy him, as he was contradicting his advice. This time, he directed his words toward Iris, who had been staying out of their conversation ever since they entered the dining hall. Somehow, she had this strong dislike toward alpha Nolan.

"Luna Iris, you are very lucky that the babyis not the alpha, or else, you will not enjoy this treatment from him, if another woman gave birth to his firstborn." Alpha Nolan leaned his back against the backres t of his ch air and smiled harmlessly."You need to get pregnant quickly, or else, another pregnant woman will do the same thing."

Iris dropped her cutleries and glared at alpha Nolan. She looked extremely annoyed and it was out of character for her to act very hostile like this. The warriors stared at each other when they sensed how unhappy their luna was. It was also a surprised for them, since this was not the reaction, they

expected from her.

"Then it will be stupid for the people tobelieve it easily, if the same thing happened again, even a blind people will not fall into the same hole." 4

All the warriors immediately averted their gazes, some of them lowered their heads in ashamed and most of them felt like they wanted to leave this dining hall, the feeling of embarrassment was very strong.

Iris's answer was directed to alpha Nolan, but all of them felt like she was talking to them instead. The feeling of guilty ate them alive and yes, they felt stupid.

On the other hand, Cane looked relax, he watched with an amusement in his eyes. His timid mate had truly become bolder and bolder with each passing day.

"Of course, of course. It will be so stupid ifanother person will do the same method again." He nodded in agreement, as if he was on the same page like her. "But, you still need to give an heir for the pack, Cane is the last person in his family bloodline and you have the responsibility on it. If my

daughter still alive, she would have given birth to Cane's second child by now."

It was clear what alpha Nolan tried to implicate. He subtly compared Iris and Leana. The same method he used to put discord between Iris and Cane, creating a problem that was not there in the first place. His intention of doing that was still unclear, but whatever it was, he managed to make Iris upset.

Cane felt alpha Nolan had crossed the line too far by disrespecting his mate in such way, but before he could put him in his place, Iris already did it.

"You are very concern about this pack toomuch, alpha Nolan," Iris spoke before Cane could."You are not even part of this pack, or do you want to pledge your loyalty to my mate?" 8

"Presumptuous!" Jax stood up from his seat, his face was so dark, as he held back his anger upon hearing what Iris said. He was alpha Nolan's beta and came here with the alpha with the mission to take Iris to meet with the Serafim."How dare you woman

talk like that to the alpha!?" 1

What Iris said could be consider as an insult and for an alpha to pledge their loyalty to the other alpha, it could mean the pack had been defeated. The only time an alpha pledged loyalty was to the king and Cane was not a king... yet.

Shifter was an arrogan t and proud creature by nature, thus for a shifter, they held their status so highly and to step down from it was akin to spit on their face. Based on that, what Iris said was extremely unacceptable, especially when she was a woman.

"Tone down your voice!" Ethan snarled, hestood up from his seat too. His claws emerged from the tips of his fingers, as he was ready to tear this beta apart. He had finished eating, his stomach was full and he had enough strength for a fight or two.

The ga mma from the Howling Wolf pack had been buried by stressful tasks, thus to let off some steam by fighting off this insolent man before his eyes, it would be a great way to vent out his frustration toward

his alpha for overworking him.

On the other hand, the warriors were growling at each other, as they were ready to shift into their beast and fought, seeing how things escalated so fast.

The seven warriors and Aliana stood close to their luna, they were ready to secure her once the fight broke, because at this point, it looked like that was what was going to happen.

On the other hand, the two alphas seemed unaffected by the vicious growls around them from their respective pack member. 1

Cane actually stretched out his hand and caressed Iris's cheek, he stared gently at his angry mate, but the words he spoke was directed to alpha Nolan.

"Not your pack, not your business, Nolan.Step back." His voice was dark and filled with warning, though he didn't raise his tone.

"How dare you!" Jax growled at Cane and Ethan kicked his chair, until the poor thing

broke into pieces, he was ready to shift and the rest of the Howling Wolf pack would follow, taking that as a sign.

However, before the quiet and peaceful morning turned into bloody, alpha Nolan quickly deescalated the situation.

"Sit, Jax! Step back all of you!" alpha Nolan'svoice echoed throughout the dining hall. His warriors gritted their teeth, because they were being held back.

"Alpha!" Jax protested, but before he couldspeak, a harsh punch had landed on his face. He didn't expect this, because the alpha had told them to step back, yet he should have known that Ethan didn't give a shit about what his alpha said. 1

Jax's body fell to the ground, as he spat a mouthful of blood. He shifted into his beast and was ready to attack Ethan, but the gamma had shifted into his beast first, he was so close to tear his neck apart and kill him right there and then.

The rest of the warriors were ready for a battle, as some of them had shifted into their beast.

"Enough!" Cane roared, which made all ofthem froze in their place, even the warrior from the Winter Moon pack stopped in their track when they felt this strong alpha's voice from him, though Cane was not their alpha. 3

He stood up from his seat and glared to all the warriors inside the dining hall, the room fell into a depressing silence, before his dark eyes landed on his gamma.

However, Ethan used to disobey Cane in rare occasion, especially when anger had controlled his sense, it was so hard to reach to him. "Ethan! Stop!" Cane used his alpha's voice to suppress his gamma, this was the only method to get him back."Step back and shift!"

The brown wolf whimpered, he was so close to end his opponent's life, but this alpha's voice bothered him so much.

"Step back and shift!" Cane repeated hisorder before Eth an could sunk his fangs on his opponent's neck.

In the end, the brown wolf clawed the other beast's face before he stepped back. His eyes filled with anger and dissatisfaction to see his opponent. 4

He wanted to kill him!

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615 IRIS WAS IN AN EXTREMELY BAD MOOD

Inside, alpha Nolan was seething, what Iris said was an insult for him. pledging his loyalty to Cane?! This woman was sick in the head to even think he would do such thing! 1

However, outside, he was calm and collected. He controlled his facial expression to perfection, until it was so hard to tell what was in his mind.

Especially at time like this, when he had to think rationally and suppressed his emotions. They were in disadvantage, because if the fight really broke out, he would end up being the losing party. Not to mention that he was outnumbered, this pack literally owned by Cane now and it would ruin his long term plan. It didn't worth it.

Alpha Nolan simply didn't expect Iris would fight back, she didn't look like that type of person, more so, as a woman, she shouldn't have talked back to him. A good woman

wouldn't cause trouble and even though she was a luna, in front of the alpha, she should lower her head and shut her mouth.

It seemed, the way Cane pampered her had gotten her head too big.

Yet, alpha Nolan couldn't afford a chaos and be in a bad term with Cane. He needed him for his own plan and fighting over what this stupid woman said would jeopardize the whole thing.

"Everyone steps back!" alpha Nolancommanded his warriors and told them to shift back into their human form. He also stood up and glared at his people, whom immediately shifted back and put a distance with the warrior from the Howling Wolf pack.

"Aliana, take Eth an out of the room," Canesaid. Ethan could be unpredictable whenever his anger got the best of him and he could fight until he couldn't once it came to it.

Aliana knew about that as well, she didn't need to be told twice, as she approached Eth an and took his hand.

The ga mma immediately withdrew his claws when Aliana grabbed his hand and dragged him out of the room. He begrudgingly followed her, though his eyes still lingered on the wailing man on the floor, covering his bloody face with his hands.

Dread mixed in the air, as silence befell in this dining hall. Everyone was beside themselves with anger, they were on high alert and it was simply nerve wrecking.

"I will send a healer to see your beta'swound." Cane nodded at Jax, who kept wailing in agony.

Actually, for the first attack, Cane saw it coming, after all, he knew his ga mma so well. He could stop Ethan before he attacked Jax, but he simply deliberately had a late respond, but for the second attack, it was unexpected, yet Cane wouldn't hold it over Ethan's head. He did a great job after all. His fighting skills improved whenever he was mad.

"You don't need to bother with that, Cane. Ihave my own healer," alpha Nolan rejected

the offer politely. "I think your mate has misunderstood my concern. You should tell her to be more careful, because she can cause a lot of trouble in the future with her fiery temper."

"Or maybe you should know when to shutup, Nolan." Cane shut his attempt to put the blame on Iris. "Just like what my mate said, our pack's affair is none of your business, you don't have to worry about something that has nothing to do with you." 1

A killing intent flitted crossed alpha Nolan's eyes, but it disappeared so fast when he smiled harmlessly. "My bad to overste p your pack's affair. I used to be your father in law, so I think of you like my own son and want the best for you." 5

That was the most hypocritical and blatant lie that Cane had ever heard, even his pack member wanted to vomit to hear such righteous words came from his mouth.

What father in law and thought of Cane as his own son? He had never been involved in anything, even when Leana was still alive.

"Cane will be doomed if he has a father like

you," Iris muttered under her breath, she still looked upset and there was no trace of fear on her face whatsoever, knowing what might happen if Cane didn't stop the whole fiasco in time. 5

Probably Iris talked to herself, but for shifter, her voice was loud enough and they were stunned to hear such bold words came from a woman's mouth.

However, some of the Howling Wolf pack's warriors snickered to hear that, as they agreed with her. Having someone like alpha Nolan as Cane's father was simply ridiculous to imagine it.

Alpha Nolan's face turned red. He tried to keep his voice even when he spoke, but one could tell that he was barely holding on his last straw of patience. What Iris said really got on his nerves.

"You are not going to say anything about the disrespect your mate showed to me?"Alpha Nolan narrowed his eyes dangerously at Cane.

Meanwhile, Cane was speechless by Iris's sudden hostile personality. She looked like

she was in extremely bad mood, as if there was a dark and gloomy cloud hovered above her head. 1

Yet, the only thing that Cane said to her was extremely gentle.

"Be good." Cane caressed her earlobe, whichmade Iris swatted his hand away and glared at him. She looked like she was going to claw him for doing that. But, in Cane's eyes, his mate was akin to a little kitten, trying to look scary. 6

Alpha Nolan was extremely dissatisfied. "I have warned you this, Cane. She will bring nothing, but trouble for you, if you don't discipline her."

Cane smirked when he heard that. "Thanks."And that was the only respond from him, as he ruffled Iris's hair.

Seeing that the conversation wouldn't go anywhere, alpha Nolan tried to get control over the situation."We will talk about the punishment for your gamma for attacking my beta."

And with that parting words, he led his

warriors out of the dining hall. Two warriors helped Jax to stand up and they rushed him to see their healer. 1

However, only three steps, alpha Nolan stopped in his track and clutched his chest. His face contorted, as if he was in so much pain. The agony only lasted for a second, but it was enough to almost knock him off to his knees. 4

"What happened, alpha?" One of thewarriors realized it and asked with worried.

"No, nothing." Alpha Nolan shook his head, the pain had disappeared, but he was sure that acute pain was there a moment ago.

Still in confusion, he continued to walk away.

Once all the people from the Winter Moon pack had left the room, the tension dropped and the warriors chatted with each other, begrudgingly cursing alpha Nolan and his people for their provocation.

"Iris..." Cane called her name with helplesstone, he saw that and immediately knew it was his mate, who was the cause of alpha

Nolan's sudden pain. "Don't." 4

"I will make him in so much pain if hepunished Ethan," Iris grumbled. Her small face scrunched in annoyance and then her blue eyes fixed on Cane. "I will be so angry if you pu nished Ethan." 1

"And then? What are you going to do if youare angry with me?" Cane lifted his brows. Somehow, the way Iris acted out was very out of character of her. 2

"I..." Iris tried to think hard. "I..." She didn'tknow what she would do, which sounded like a threat, but she didn't want to threaten him. "I will not talk with you." Her voice sounded unsure and she immediately stood up and rushed out of the dining hall. 2

Cane followed her out, but he didn't try to catch up with her, he let her to calm herself down, she was being too emotional for no reason. 3

The alpha followed his mate's scent and he ended up at the garden, where he found Iris was crouching down next to the sleeping white bear. He waved his hand to dismiss

the seven warriors with her.

"You almost caused a bloody conflict, Iris.You know that?"

"I know," Iris mumbled curtly, whilecaressing Lil Thing's muzzle.

Cane stood behind Iris, but there was something off about his mate, thus he approached her.

"What happened?" Cane crouched downnext to her and watch her crying. She was so angry a moment ago, but now she was crying? He really couldn't understand it her sudden change of mood. 7

Iris wiped her tears harshly, which made her face turned so red. Cane caught her hands and wiped them for her gently.

"Something is bothering you?"

"I am upset," Iris sobbed.

"If you are upset, why are you crying?" Caneput his finger under her chin to lift her head up, her eyes were so red, as she bit her lip. She indeed was very upset."Why are you crying?" There were a lot of things that made Iris was very upset, she could talk about it for seven days and seven nights, but the only answer that came out of her mouth was; "I don't know."

Cane raised his brows. Confused. Between the two of them, it would be Iris, who would have a better communication about what she felt and thought, but now, she didn't even know why she was upset and was crying. 2

"I don't know," Iris sniffled, she shook herhead and then snuggled against his chest, continued to cry. She wrapped her arms around his waist. She felt queasy. "I don't like him. He is annoying." 4

"I can't agree more."

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616 A SINCERE APOLOGY

Iris didn't know why she was crying like this and why her emotions were all over the places, but she was very upset for what alpha Nolan tried to imply. She was tired of listening how they belittled her and 1compared her.

Before, it was Sofia, who tried to put herself in the picture and now alpha Nolan tried to bring up the topic about his daughter, who was no other than Cane's destined mate.

Iris didn't want people started talking about her, not because she disliked the woman she had never met, but because she didn't want to be compared again. These people would remember Leane along with the event how she died and it would be Iris, who received their hatred again.

Whatever she did, she would never be enough. She thought, she had given up and was no longer care, but it still pained her to be wronged for something she didn't do. 1

Even so, she felt so bad to even think she didn't want them to remember Leane and

compared her with Cane's dec ease mate, which resulted for her to be hated again.

The more Iris thought about it, the more she felt bad. She was very depressed and upset with the whole thing.

"I don't like him," Iris whimpered againstCane's chest, while he held her in his arms. Both of them were sitting on the ground, next to the sleeping white bear. Lil Thing's ears twitched when it heard Iris cried and opened it eyes.

"Okay," Cane said lightly, as he caressed herback and kissed her forehead. He came here to let her knew that her provocation almost caused trouble and a bloody fight, he also wanted to know why she reacted that way, since it was so out of character for his mate. He could understand if Iris used to be like that, but she was not.

And now, he was thrown out of guard when he ended up comforting his crying mate.

"Did what Nolan say really bothered you?"Cane asked gently, as he cradled her, while Lil Thing stretched its body and stared at both of them, its small eyes were still

sleepy, but they filled with curiosity too.

Iris nodded."He wanted me to be hated by your pack member again..." she sniffled, but a little bit calm now. "And the fact I am still not pregnant..." 3

Cane immediately stopped her sentence, he pushed her slightly away to cradle her face in between his palms, as he stared deeply into her blue eyes, tears streamed down her cheeks and he disliked to see how distraught she was.

"The fact that you are not pregnant, it'sbecause of me. Because I am the one with problem here," Cane said firmly. He started to notice that Iris took the blame for their situation, despite knowing it was him, the caused of the problem.

Women were expected to give birth an heir, because that was one way for them to make their men felt happy and fulfilled their duty as a woman, a way for them to survive in this crazy era. No woman without a child would last for long to be favored by their man. An heir would be a critical issue no matter

what pack you were in.

"Maybe because I am not normal... becauseI am not like other shifter and used to be sick, that's why the concoction from Grace didn't work on me... maybe if it's another woman..." Iris choked in her own words, the thought Cane was laying down with another woman hurt her so bad. She didn't even want to imagine that.

But the idea of it kept rummaging her mind and make her felt nauseated.

"They will still not get pregnant." The creasebetween his brows deepened."The thought of touching another woman that is not you, disgusted me. " 2

Hearing that, Iris cried again, she buried her face against his chest.

This time, Lil Thing stretched its body and moved to put its muzzle on Iris's lap, the white bear nudged her stomach and Iris caressed its head, while still crying. 8

Yet, Cane frowned to see this bear changed its position and snuggled to his mate. Its silly face annoyed him, reminding him that

the annoying merchant would be here soon.

"Maria sent a letter for Iris, do you want meto give it to her or do you want me to send it to Grace?" Eth an joked around with Cane because he was bored, not because he didn't have anything to do, but because he had a lot on his plate and didn't know what to do how to accomplish his tasks, his mind went blank and he looked for Cane to take a break by letting him knew about the letter from Maria.

Cane glanced at the letter in Ethan's hand, as his ga mma sat down in front of him in the study room.

"What she said?" Cane asked casually, hedidn't look very interest to know that.

Ethan shrugged his shoulders."The gist of it, she is very apologetic for the way she treated her."He then added."She didn't include herb in her letter. So, should I give this letter to Grace or Iris?"

Cane used to give all the herbs that Maria sent for Iris to Grace, based on that, Ethan

teased his alpha to send the letter to the healer, though it was not funny at all. His mind simply shut down on him because he was overworked.

"Give the letter to Iris." His mate deservedan apology. She didn't need to accept it, but she should know about it.

"Okay, I will give it to her right away!" Ethanimmediately stood up, he looked a little bit cheerful.

"No. Give the letter to the guard, I want youto go to Nolan and give your apology to his beta," Cane said. Alpha Nolan had been making a fuss for what happened yesterday. He wanted Eth an to be punished.

Ethan scrunched his nose when he heard that."That stupid beta deserved that."

"Go and apologize," Cane said sternly. Hisgamma was trying to rebel again and he didn't have time to bicker with him.

Ethan pouted, he crossed his arms in front of his chest to protest."I heard Iris said she will be so mad at you if you let them punished me. She will also be mad at you if

you pu nished me."(1)

Cane glared at him when his gamma used his mate. "If you listened to my mate more than me, then maybe I should start to find another gamma."

Ethan immediately threw his arms in the air. "Okay, okay, I am just joking! I am just teasing you! Let alone an apology, I am willing to give my heart and soul for you!"1he said hastily.

"I don't need that," Cane replied cruelly.

"You are so mean." Ethan made a face."I amgoing to apologize now."

If his ga mma thought by utilizing his mate, he could get his way, he was completely wrong. Cane indeed favored Iris, but what he was doing was different matter entirely.

What Ethan was trying to do, though he didn't have any ill intention, was a gentle reminder that someone would take advantage of his mate because he favored her, just like what alpha Nolan said. He was not wrong in this matter, because that was how it worked.

"Only apologize," Cane emphasized thisbefore Ethan left the room.

The ga mma turned around and grinned at him."Don't worry, I will give him the sincerest apology that I can do."

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His sincere apology was questionable...

Later that day, the entourage from the Riverside pack arrived. There were around four carriage that looked so humble and an extravagance red carriage that hurt your eyes. You didn't need to guess, who was inside.

"Why it's you, who greeted me? Where isyour alpha?" Lou stared at Dean with dissatisfaction from the window of his carriage."I am here because of your alpha, he should be here to greet me."

Dean had gotten used to this merchant's antics when they were in the Howling Wolf pack and worked on the magical device there."You are here because you asked for the alpha's help to deal with the royal," he reminded him of this. "The alpha is busy, he has a meeting with alpha Nolan."

Lou was not happy to be reminded of that. Now Alan was the king, he started to regret it that he treated him so bad in the past. That kind of man was holding a grudge very well... and now, he ended up being stuck with Cane because his options were limited.

"Where is your luna?" Lou asked again, thistime he genuinely excited.

"Luna Iris is sick," Dean replied almostimmediately, as if someone had briefed him.

"Now I am the one, who is sick with thatexcuse," Lou growled and shut the curtain, as he barked to Sabian to ride ahead.

Inside the carriage, Nala stared at the man in front of him with a frown. She couldn't understand this merchant's obsession toward that runt, even when he knew very well he was playing with fire if he did something to Iris, Cane could have his head.

"Why do you like that woman so much?"Nala asked him, she was sitting across from him, wearing only her underwear. "What do

you see from her?" She couldn't understand why important figure like Cane and Lou were infatuated to Iris.

Lou smirked. "That's none of your business and I want you be close with Aliana." 3

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"What?!" Nala widened her eyes. Theremust be something broken inside this merchant's head to even give her such suggestion.

It was well known that Aliana served Iris and how bad things between her and that luna, there was no way she could get close to Aliana.

"Are you crazy? There is no way I can getclose to Aliana! You know very well, how much that luna hates me, do you really think her se rvant will like me?" Nala was annoyed beyond words.

"In that case, can you get close to Iris then?"Lou didn't seem to think what he was saying, he simply blurted it out."It will be even better."

Nala was exasperated to hear that. She wanted to punch this man on the face now. Of course, she had done it countless time in her mind.

"What do you want!?" Nala was upset. Theremust be the reason why he wanted her to be close with Aliana."Do you want to know about that luna's movement?" Even now, Nala was still reluctant to call Iris by her name and whenever she said 'that luna', her tone would be filled with mockery and disdain.

Nala didn't love her father and his death didn't really affect her emotionally, but it gave a grief impact in her life because she didn't have anyone to back her up and her plan to get into Cane's side was ruined because of Iris.

If she died during the attack from the royal, it would be great!

Somehow, it was so easy to hate Iris and direct all her negative feelings toward her. Hating someone was way easier than accepting that you were in the wrong.

"Yes!" Lou nodded excitedly."Being close tome makes you smarter!"

Nala hated it whenever Lou was being overly proud of himself, but she liked his caring side too, since no one had ever

shown her such thing and paid close attention to what she liked and disliked. A small thing he did for her, sometimes, made her heart fluttered.

"There is no way I can get close to Aliana,"Nala said in a matter of fact tone."But, I think I can get close to one of her warriors... what information do you want?"

"Good girl!" Lou exclaimed, he leaned overand kissed her lips."You know how to solve a problem now!"

As it turned out the injury that Ethan caused on Jax, the beta of the Winter Moon pack, was quite severed. He had clawed Jax's left eyes too deep and now his left eye was blind.

Oh. Ethan regretted it... he should make him completely blind. 1

"An eye for an eye!" Jax roared, as he stoodnext to alpha Nolan. He glared at Ethan with his healthy eyes, which now seemingly suffused with venom and hatred."I want his eyes too!"

"I am here to apologize," Ethan stated, hedidn't interest to hear Jax's wailing for justice. This was funny to hear someone like them demanded justice. "If you want to punish me, you have to discuss this with my alpha," he said nonchalantly.

Currently, Ethan was inside the room that filled with people, who wanted to shred him to pieces, but the gamma didn't show any hint of fear whatsoever.

"I have apologized and now I need to leave, there is a lot of things I need to take care of," Ethan excused himself, but four warriors stopped him in his track, as they stood in front of the door. "Do you want to keep me here?"

"Gamma Ethan. I don't think youunderstand the situation well enough,"alpha Nolan finally spoke, he leaned forward in his chair. He looked so old and calculative.

"I am sure, I understand it very well, alphaNolan." Ethan kept his voice even.

"Everything that happened is not entirely

my fault. If you can discipline your beta better and he could keep his mouth shut, all of this will never happen and he will not suffer the consequences of his own action."He swiftly shifted the blame on Jax instead. Being so close with Cane all this time had shaped him to be cunning too.

When Ethan could control his anger and emotion, he knew when to play innocent and read the situation better.

"Are you trying to blame my beta for thereason why you attacked him?" Alpha Nolan narrowed his eyes.

"Yes!" Eth an replied shamelessly, which setJax off, he really wanted to shift into his beast, but the healer told him not to shift, until his left eye healed. Currently, he had a bandage over his head to cover his blind eye.

"The audacity!"

"Gauge his eyes!"

"An eye for an eye!"

There was an uproar inside the room. There were around twelve people here and they

were from Winter Moon pack.

"Did Cane want to kill me to send me alonehere?" Ethan grumbled under his breathe, he was rather annoyed than afraid for people here to show their hostility toward him.

"Gamma Ethan." Alpha Nolan stood up fromhis chair and approached the gamma. "Cane is like his father. He upholds justice..."

"I think you are wrong in that sense, alphaNolan," Ethan cut his words before he could spit another nonsense. Alpha Josh wouldn't have killed prince Vemion and walked the path that Cane treaded now.

"I don't think so." Alpha Nolan strodetoward Ethan and the ga mma didn't even take a step back, as he held his eyes.

"Alpha Nolan, you will not do anything tome. You are not in the position to piss my alpha off."Ethan tilted his head."Just to inform you that I am is my alpha's favorite person. He will be pissed if something happened to me. You do realize, right? Alpha Cane is the sovereign in the southern kingdom and you are in his territory."

"How dare a gamma like you threaten thealpha!" Jax roared angrily, but it only caused his eyes hurt even more.

"Ck. I should have clawed your mouthinstead," Eth an said not so quietly. 4

Iris was very sleepy when she taught Celia how to read and write, she yawned a few times and this made the little girl suggested for them to take a break and walk outside.

Meanwhile, Haco was sleeping, he slept more often now and started to forget about his surroundings. The lesson from him became non existence now. He didn't even remember himself and spend his time to stare out of the window.

"Haco forgets about me," Celia said in sadvoice when the two of them walked in the corridor, the six warriors were with them, following behind."Sometimes, he will talk about a few places that he visited when he was young in the Andelus continent. I think he missed his home there."

It would be more than five decades now

Haco was away from his homeland because of the lycan after he was being kicked out from the Holy Kingdom.

"Luna, is there no way for him to be cured?Grace said he only needs to rest because he is very old, but he has been resting all the time."

Iris caressed her cheeks, she didn't know what to say."Grace is right, Haco needs to rest. He has done a lot of things and went on a long journey, it's time for him to rest."

Celia looked very sad. She stared at her feet.

Not so long, Zale approached them from the opposite direction, he was holding something in his hand. Now he was well fed and trained, he looked healthy and in good shape.

"Luna Iris, I heard you are here," Zalegreeted her."Do you like flower?" He had fresh red rose in his hand."I found this on the way to the training g round and I thought it's so beautiful and maybe you will like it."

Iris smiled and accepted the flower, she

brought it to her nose and smell the refreshing scent, this made her happy. "Thank you, Zale. I like it."

"I thought you are allergic to flower."

Iris almost jumped out of surprised, while the six warriors growled at the sight of the merchant. He walked leisurely toward them with Nala followed behind him.

"I remember Cane said in the meanest tonethat you are allergic to flower when I gave you one," Lou stood behind Zale and the young boy gave him a dirty look.

Zale didn't know this man, or who he was, but he already disliked him. He looked very 1tacky with his red robes.

"Maybe it's not the flower that luna isallergic to, but the person, who gave it,"Eron muttered under his breath, but it was pretty loud enough for them to hear.

Hearing that, Lou narrowed his eyes at him, he was ready to give the warrior a snarky comment.

"I am allergic to a certain flower," Iris said todeescalate the situation.

"Are you allergic to this one, luna?" Zaleasked worriedly.

"No, I am not, Zale. Thank you for theflower, it's beautiful." Iris smiled at the young boy, who sighed in relief.

"Luna, I think this is the time for you tohave your lunch," Kian said, he glanced at Nala briefly.

"Yes, you said you were hungry," Asherchimed in. They still remembered the alpha's order not to let Lou around his mate.

"Great!" Lou clapped his hands excitedly."Iam hungry too, let's eat together. I know a good restaurant around here! It has been a while, since I came here. I will give you a tour! Cane must have confined you here, right?"

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618 THE CALM BEFORE STORM

After what happened during breakfast with alpha Nolan, all the warriors became a little bit more polite with Iris, especially when their hatred now was directed to Sofia, who 1just arrived in this pack.

They didn't treat Iris, as if she was a special person, but the hostility that came from them reduced significantly, more so after that breakfast, they could see that their luna was not as timid as she appeared and she could carry herself just fine when it came to a provocation.

Of course, they loved Leane, as Cane's mate at that time, therefore, they shared the same disliked toward alpha Nolan when they learned how he demanded hundreds of magic stone from them or he wouldn't let Leane go to be with her destined mate. He sold his own daughter. Now after they learned the baby was not their alpha's, they only wished the luna

would come with good news soon.

"I have been in this pack for a few times and think your mate has not yet changed anything." Lou looked excited with the prospect of taking Iris sightseeing in this pack."Have you ever gambled before? I bet you have not tried it, I can teach you how!"

Nala was speechless to see Lou's attempt to get Iris, he was being very obvious and even a blind people could see his infatuation toward the alpha's mate. He was really tired of living apparently... maybe life was too boring for him and he so ught to die.

Hearing that the six warriors were on alert, they stepped forward and Eron pulled Iris behind his back, which made the merchant growled at him, but the warrior growled back viciously.

"What do you think you are doing?" Louasked menacingly, he narrowed his eyes dangerously and looked like he was going to attack the warrior.

"Back off!" Eron snarled.

Seeing how the situation was escalating

very fast, Iris tugged Eron's sleeve and poke her head from behind his broad back. 1

"I want to have lunch with my mate. Youcan have lunch with your woman." Iris nodded at Nala. Her presence didn't go unnoticed by her, especially when the other woman still looked at her with the same jealousy and unfriendly manner.

But this time, she didn't worry about her, she was no longer a threat and only a nuisance, as she believed, there was no way she could get her hand on her mate. It was a good thing if the relationship between Nala and Lou progressed, so the two of them could leave them alone.

"You don't like her?" Lou's eyes turnedgentle when he looked at Iris. She looked so cute and chubbier."I can make sure you will never see her again."

"I don't want to have lunch with you, Lou."This time Iris's voice became a little bit firm.

"Why?" Lou pouted and crossed his arms,like a pet ulant child."We can discuss about the tea you gave me before, there are a lot

of merchants here right now, I am sure I can secure a few deals for you."

"You should have discussed that withAliana. You didn't reply to a single letter from her," Iris spoke in accusatory tone. Aliana had been sending a few letters to discuss about the tea, but Lou never wrote a single reply.

"I have not yet received anything. The hawkmust be confused on the way."

That was a blatant lie and Iris was speechless how shameless Lou was.

"Luna, I saw the alpha over there! Come, Iwill escort you to him!" Zale tugged Iris's hand to go with him, even though he didn't like the alpha, but he disliked this tacky man more. 1

Iris let Zale pulled her away and grabbed Celia's hand to come with her as well, while the other six warriors barraged Lou's attempt to get Iris again.

"Stay away from the luna," Dyne said withwarning tone.

Lou threw him a nasty look and his eyes

filled with malice when he stared at the young boy, who took Iris away, at the same time, that young boy turned his head and met with his eyes, but there was no fear whatsoever, as he held his gaze briefly and rolled his eyes. 2

"Darn mutt!" Lou cursed under his breathand Nala approached him.

"You make things more difficult for yourselfto court her openly." Nala watched Iris's little entourage. She heard there were seven warriors that were appointed to be her personal guards, one was missing, but she didn't mind it, because she got her target.

"Can you see, which one you can get?" Lou'sexpression became impassive, but he looked a little bit colder now.

"Yes. I think I can get close to him." Nalanodded. 1

"Good. Do your job well," Lou saidnonchalantly and then walked away.

On the other hand, Nala stared at his retreating back, she had this mixed feeling.

"Cane!I know what you up to!" Ethan wasannoyed, he grumbled on his way to find his alpha.

Cane was talking with Grory and Argean, discussing about a few things related to the pack when his gamma approached him, fu ming mad.

"Do like I say." Cane dismissed the two ofthem. They were Adrian's beta and gamma, but with their knowledge about this pack and how cooperative they were, Cane let them to run the pack, still he watched them closely, because he didn't trust them completely.

"Yes, alpha," they replied and then left.

They were standing near the gates and Cane was about to see Redmond and Sofia to instruct them what they needed to do next regarding the baby.

"Cane, I know why you sent me alone toapologize to that bastard gamma!"

"He is a beta," Cane corrected him, as hewalked out of the gate. Redmond and Sofia

didn't stay in the pack house, he let them stayed in an inn.

"Whatever!" Ethan was too furious rightnow to even care with that detail."Cane, you are trying to use me to feel alpha Nolan, right? Whether he will harm me or not?"

Cane glanced at his ga mma and simply nodded, the gesture made Ethan speechless.

"Wah... I am so hurt. You even tricked methat way!" Ethan felt so wronged. He learned what Cane was up when he sent him alone to apologize, but it was too late. He was in critical situation a moment ago.

"He will not harm you," Cane said lightly, ashe stopped in front of an inn and entered, while his ga mma was still on his ears.

"How do you know? How can you be sosure? What if you lost me? Don't you like me anymore?"

Cane scrunched his brows with that last question."You said you trust my judgment."

"But, it doesn't mean you can throw me

around and lead me into your trap without me knowing anything." Eth an felt very miserable, at the very least, he could communicate, right? He thought, Cane had gotten over his old habit.

"You don't seem to trust me enough likeyou have always declared."

Ethan was speechless."You can't throw my word back to me!"

On the other hand, Iris was looking for Cane, but she couldn't find him, until the guard told her that the alpha left the pack house with the gamma. They were in the town now.

"Should we go back, luna?" Eron asked.

Iris stared at Celia and Zale. "I thought you were in training with Zephyr?" she asked Zale, whose face turned a little bit red. He looked cute when he was caught ditching his training.

"I want to give the flower immediately toyou, luna," he said sheepishly, which made Iris smiled softly at him.

"Okay, why don't we go out for a while?" Iris

suggested, the last time when she went out was when there was festival. She wanted to visit that bookstore again, she had read all the book... including those three, maybe she could find more... well, not that kind of book, of course...

"Lady! You are awake!" Letto exclaimedwhen he watched Aria finally opened her eyes. They were bloodshot red. "Welcome back!"

Aria stared at the ceiling and immediately frowned."Was it your master?" she asked with hoarse voice.

"What?" Letto tilted his head. He was verylanky had no muscle at all, as if he would be blown away if the wind was too harsh.

"Your master revived me again." That wasnot a question, but a statement.

"Well..." Lett o scratched his head."I used totell you, right, that my master is rather fond of you..." It was hard to describe, more so his master didn't treat her gently or anything that indicating his affection toward Aria, but after following Dexter for

years, he was able to see it.

Aria scoffe d and then pushed herself off the bed.

"Where are you going?" Letto asked when Aria stood up.

"Tell me everything." Aria stopped walking.She intended to look for Dexter, but then there was something she wanted to know. "Where is that monster that I gave birthto?"

"That's..." Lett o told her everything that heknew and the more Aria heard about that the more she was disgusted.

Her child? She gave birth to a monster and everything happened because of Dexter! She was miserable now because of Iris! She lived a curse life, even though she was already dead because of Cane, who punished her severely! All of the people here only used her! 2

Aria was very sick of it!

Especially when she heard Cyan created a plan on Winter Moon pack based on the information she gave her! 3

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"Ah!You are here again!" the woman in thebookstore clapped her hand excitedly when she saw Iris walked inside with Zale and Celia, Eron and Dyne came with her, while the rest waited outside."I see you don't hide your hair again because he is not 1here?" she winked at Iris.

"Wow! Book! A lot of books!" Celia gasped.Because she had never learned how to read before this, thus there was no point for her to go to library when she was in the pack, but now she was interested, especially when she already managed to string a few words together.

The woman smiled at Celia."Check that aisle, I am sure you can find a book that you like!"

Celia looked at Iris first, asking for her permission, only when the luna nodded, she bolted toward the aisle that the woman pointed, but Zale stayed close to Iris.

"Why don't you go with your friend andcheck something out there?" the woman asked Zale gently.

"I am here to protect the luna, not to lookfor a book," Zale replied curtly, which made Eron and Dyne snickered and stopped when the young boy threw them a look. It was well proven that he had a bad temper.

"Go with Celia and find the book you like, Iwant to talk with her alone," Iris said softly, as she ruffled his hair, which made Zale lowered his head sheepishly.

"Okay," he said in small voice and then went1to the same aisle like Celia.

Meanwhile, Eron and Dyne knew to keep their distance and give Iris privacy. They were not too far, but not close enough to listen to her conversation.

"Are you looking for that book again? Youcome right in time, the merchant from Karam are here and they brought new collection with them, you must check this one out. But..." the woman lowered her voice and gave her a suggestive look."You have read the book, it's time to learn it from

the expert, I can ask my friend..."

Iris immediately cut her off before she could suggest her friend again to be her tutor in that matter. She didn't need a tutor though...

"I am looking for another book," Iris saidhastily. She was not such a maniac to start reading those books all the time and collect them. She would get into trouble if they started to move again. Three books could be hid, but more than that, the chance another people saw it would be more higher. She felt like she was going to die when Cane and Aliana learned about it.

The woman tilted her head, a little bit disappointed because Iris rejected her suggestion."What book do you want?"

"Do you have..." Iris was a little bituncomfortable when she said it."Black magic and curse?"

"Of course, I have!"the woman chirped.After all, book about black magic and curse was not really forbidden, though you need extra effort to find them.

"No, what I meant is..." Iris fiddled with her

fingers."The forbidden one..."

The corner of that woman's lips curled, as she understood what Iris wanted and chuckled, which made Iris felt even more uncomfortable.

"I know what do you want. I will not sayanything about this, don't worry." The woman beckoned her to come closer, as she went to her desk.

"Do you have book about the history of theSerafim and the Holy Kingdom?"

If Haco couldn't help her with this, she would figure things out on her own, even though, Cane had shown her that you couldn't believe one hundred percent of what you were reading from a book, because the information could be fabricated, but at the very least, Iris could get the gist of it.

"Sure! You will like these books!"

"The baby is only being a baby, Redmond, what do you mean he can understand what you are saying?" Eth an stared at the baby

on his crib, who stared back at him with his clear eyes. He felt like Redmond was staring at him instead, but this one was less annoying. 1

"Tell him a joke," Redmond urged. "He canunderstand a joke."

Ethan gave him a nasty look. "Someone hit your head on your way here and spilled your brain? I don't think you are sane now."

"Damn it, mutt!Just do it!" Redmondgrowled."You will understand."

Ethan felt like he was going crazy, even more when he took it seriously and actually started to recall a joke that he knew to this baby.

"What did the horse say after it tripped?"Ethan asked to no one in particular."Help!I have fallen and I can't giddy up!"

Silence.

"Is that supposed to be a joke?" Redmondgave Ethan a nasty look, while the gamma glared at him.

"I tried, okay!"

Maybe because the tension between them and how they talked viciously under their breath, or maybe because the joke was not funny at all, but the baby was crying now. Fat tears fell from his eyes, as his face turned so red.

"See? He can understand! He cries becauseyour joke was not funny!" Redmond pointed his finger to his son, as he told Ethan proudly. 1

"Damn it, red hair! The baby is being ababy!" Ethan bickered with him.

"He cries because he doesn't like your joke!He can understand you! Don't you think this baby inherited my intelligence?"

"Base on your logic, he has none then,"Ethan jeered. 2

"What did you say?! dare you to say itagain!"

"Do you think I am afraid?"

The two grown ass men were bickering, while the baby was crying and Sofia had enough with the two of them.

"Enough!" Sofia growled at the two of them

and then picked up her son from the crib, as she cradled him in her arms, trying to calm him down."Your son is crying, but you don't make any attempt to comfort him."

"You know that I am not good with a baby,"Redmond retorted and Ethan laughed.

Thankfully, this meaningless argumentation didn't last long because Cane finished with whatever thing that he was writing, he gave it to Redmond and tell him to leave immediately to the Moon Dew pack.

After that, Cane left the inn, but he saw Kian. He supposed to be in the pack with Iris, but if he was here, it meant, his mate must be nearby.

"That's Kian, right?" Eth an just noticed thewarrior when Cane changed his direction.

It didn't take long before Cane found Iris, she was walking around the town and tried various food from the stalls there, as she shared it with Celia and Zale. She looked happy and vibrant.

"Iris!" Eth an shouted when he saw Iris andwaved his hand when she looked around to see who had called her and found the alpha

"I never said you ever bought it. I was theone, who paid for that, remember?" So, technically, Iris had never bought that kind of book, if she didn't buy any this time.

Ugh.

Iris was speechless, she knew that she couldn't argue with him.

"What book?" Ethan was clueless as helistened to them."Why am I being ignored?"he frowned when Cane took Iris hand and they walked away. 7

Eron and Dyne came to his side and patted his shoulder."Stop being grumpy, let's go."

In the end, they ended up walked around the town and Iris tried a few foods that she had never eaten before, especially when the merchant from Karam continent was here, there were various food from that continent too.

"Why are you staring at me?" Iris munchedon her meat, as they walked.

"You eat a lot." Cane noticed that. He used to disagree with how little Iris was eating, but recently she ate a lot. 2

Hearing that, Iris stopped walking."Do you want to say that I am fat?"

Cane smiled."What is wrong with that?"

Iris was not satisfied with his answer.

"Fat or not, you are beautiful." Cane leanedover and kissed the tip of her nose, but Iris scrunched her face and rubbed her nose. "What's wrong?"

"Let's move from here, the smell is verystrong. It makes my stomach uncomfortable." Iris covered her nose when the wind carried a strong sm ell of sweet cake. 5

She used to love something sweet, but recently she didn't even drink her hot chocolate anymore.

"Are you, okay?" Cane asked, he feltsomething was off, because he knew this kind of smell wouldn't bother her.

"I am fine, just feel a little nauseous, maybel am eating too much."

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"Are you sure, you are okay?" Canenarrowed his eyes, his gaze was intense on his mate, because she had been acting off recently. Her emotion was erratic and it happened often.

"I am fine," Iris grinned, she tiptoed andpulled his clothes to bend his body, so she could kiss his cheek. She was being affectionate more in public, something that used to make her face turned very red.

Cane stared at her, deep in thought, as he wrapped his arm around her waist, barely grazed her belly.

"Let's go back to the pack house. Don'troam around."

"But,I am not alone," Iris protested.

"Still."

Meanwhile, Celia was chatting with Eron and Dyne, she told him that she bought something sweet for Joel. The girl had

with that grumpy warrior.

"Stay here and rest." Cane caressed hercheek, but Iris had none of it.

"What do you mean rest? I just woke up."

Cane frowned and the seven warriors watched how their alpha caved in in the end, which didn't surprise them anymore. Their alpha could be very strict and cold to anyone, but whenever the luna was in the picture, he softened up. More so, they also noticed how Iris had been very clingy lately.

"You gain weight."

That was the first thing that Redmond told Iris the moment he saw her and this made her wanted to squeeze the living out of him for his insensitive comment. He and Lou really needed to wash their mo uth with soap some time.

But then, Redmond added."I didn't mean it in a bad way, I mean you used to be very sick and skinny. It's good that you put on more weight."

"Nice to meet you too, Redmond," Iris

hissed, she regretted to take the pain to come and see him here. She should have listened to Cane when he told her to stay at the pack house."And congratulation to be a father."

Iris meant her last words as a sarcastic remark, because Redmond used to complain how much he hated that. Thankfully, at that time, she could simply turn her head away.

However, Redmond was grinning when he heard that.

"My baby is awesome!" he said with a bigsmile plastered on his lips, his face lit up when he mentioned his son, which made Iris smiled as well to see how happy he was, though he didn't want to admit it.

Currently, they were in the entrance gate, where they would see Redmond off, the warrior would go to the Moon Dew pack related the matter with Sofia's baby. This was part of the plan, though it didn't go as smooth as Cane expected, because what Cyan did and the death of the king had changed his whole plan.

"Are you going to leave for Moon Dew packalone?" Iris didn't see anyone would come with Redmond."Isn't that dangerous?" She frowned.

"It will be fine," Cane said, he caressed herback gently.

Iris couldn't see how it would be fine when he sent Redmond away all by himself to the enemy's den. She was worried and it was justified. How could he send him away without any protection?

"Cane..." Iris wanted to protest. She hadnever heard this plan before, but then, if Cane had to elaborate all of his plan and the way he was thinking, it would take seven days and nights to do so and probably most of the ideas, Iris preferred not to know at all.

"I am thankful that you are worried aboutme, but there is no need for that,"Redmond said when Iris wanted to argue with Cane's decision. She gave him a look."I am not going to die, okay? Don't ji nx me."

"I thought you don't want to receive anyorder from him," Iris retorted.

"What's the point? You always agreed withhim anyway or will end up agreed with him."Redmond shrugged his shoulder and he couldn't say it any better, since Iris admitted that she had never really given any order to him.

More so, Redmond could see how well Iris was right now and there were seven warriors that protected her, while the alpha seemingly very infatuated with her, which meant her position as the luna was secured, even though she had not yet given him an heir.

The situation changed and Redmond also changed his point of view in this whole situation. Not to mention this was the compensation for keeping Sofia

and the baby protected. He couldn't ask for more, if he didn't want to appear very greedy.

"I heard you are able to hear now."Redmond changed the topic, because Iris seemingly was going to argue about him leaving alone. He knew she was kind and softhearted, and her genuine concern touched him.

"Yes, I can hear your voice now." Iris didn'tpay close attention to his voice, because she didn't find it very endearing like Cane's. Redmond had this hoarse voice and whenever he argued, his voice would turn into a growl.

"How is my voice?"

"I don't really like it," Iris replied honestly, which made the warriors scoffed and she laughed to see his expression.

"Go back to the carriage, I want to talk withhim for a while, okay," Cane said, he kissed her cheek and Redmond rolled his eyes. The alpha didn't need to be very affectionate in front of him, right?

"Okay," Iris replied docilely, as she walkedback toward the carriage.

"If you have time, can you see my son?I amworried Sofia will not take care of him properly. Just take the baby from her if you think she is being mean," Redmond shouted at Iris. He was simply talking nonsense, since Sofia adored her little one. There was no way in hell, she was going to harm her baby.

"Can't promise that," Iris replied sourly. Thebaby was the same baby that people in the Howling Wolf pack thought was Cane's and if she visited the baby, it meant, she would meet with Sofia. Seeing the history between them, she didn't think that would be a good idea at all.

"Okay."Redmond didn't bother with that.And once it was only him and Cane, his expression turned very serious, his voice deepened, as he talked to the alpha."You trust me this much?"

"Not really."

"There will be a high chance I will betrayyou."

"I know."Cane nodded and Redmondnarrowed his eyes, he couldn't understand why he was given this assignment. But then, his son and the mother of his baby were here, in his hand.

"And knowing that, you still go on with thisplan? You are insane."

Cane said nothing, he only stared at the frustrated warrior before him, which made

Redmond became even more speechless.

"I am not part of your people. I am from thepack that had enslaved your people."

"So did my mate."

Redmond was lost for words. Cane was right and the meaning behind his curt words was he saw beyond that.

"Well, Iris always goes along with yourdecision in the end, I didn't do it for you, I didn't pledge my loyalty to you," Redmond emphasized this, as if it could change anything.

"Okay," Cane said simply.

Redmond scratched his head and then waved his hand."Fine. I will go now. Don't blame me if I changed my mind in the middle of it. You know that I can impregnate any woman that I want. I am sure I can find another woman in the Moon Dew pack." The statement simply told Cane not to hold Sofia and the baby over his head, because it wouldn't work.

"Okay."

The answer was still the same and before

the alpha drove him crazy, Redmond chose to leave immediately.

Once he took off, Cane returned to the carriage and find Iris was waiting for him.

"Why did you send him away alone?" Irisclutched on his clothes, as she came closer to him. She literally straddled him now without her knowing it.

"I will tell you later,"Cane said, he caressedher thighs and kissed her neck. There was this complicated look in his eyes. "Let's go back to the pack house, you need to rest."

"I don't want to rest."

"If everything went well with the meetingwith the merchant. We are going to the Red Cla w pack next week, it will be a long journey. You need to rest."

"Can I go with you to the meeting?"