Chapter 673

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"Yes, the alpha is inside."Aliana nodded andwatched the merchant stormed out somewhere, but then he traced back and begrudgingly spoke with Kian.

"You. Come with me, I forgot where is myroom!" Lou pointed his finger at Kian.

Kian was about to re tort when Aliana waved her hand, indicating for him to go with the merchant before he was throwing a tantrum here.

The warrior was a little bit conflicted when he followed the merchant. Of course, he knew where he stayed, he occupied the same room as Nala. She was his woman after all, there was no need for him to feel bitter.

Yet, when they arrived at his room and Nala opened the door, Kian watched how the merchant kissed her without any scrupulous, he didn't even care there was someone else there and slammed the door

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However, Kian happened to catch Nala's eyes and he couldn't describe what to feel when he walked away, trying to get rid of the sight she was being kissed by someone else and their moans from inside the room.

On the other hand, Aliana shooed away the rest of the warriors.

"Yes, the alpha is inside with the luna, youbetter give them some space," Aliana said. She pushed Zephyr's back and grabbed Dyne's hand so they could move away from the door."Go, go. Patrol around the area."

"But, how? How the alpha and the merchantwere inside the room? We have never seen them came inside!" Asher couldn't let go of the topic. He wanted to get the clarification for it.

"If you want to know, ask the alpha," Alianareplied tactfully and all of them grunted, they didn't even need to try to know what kind of answer the alpha would give them. A complete silence. You would have a higher chance to be able to have a

conversation with a sheep than got an answer from the alpha for that question.

Meanwhile, inside the room, where it was only their heavy breathing that echoed against the walls and the pitter patter of rain outside, Iris finally managed to will herself to break the kiss.

"No..." Iris said breathlessly, turned herface, so Cane would stop kissing her."No, stop..." She knew where it would end up and despite her strong desire to have him after a long time to be away from each other, Iris's annoyance for her mate seemingly won this time.

Cane's jaw clenched when he made a great effort to stop. He pressed his forehead against Iris's, as he hovered above her carefully not to press her body, just in case he would hurt their baby.

It took a while for Iris to calm down, for both of them to clear their mind a little bit, in order to have a decent conversation.

"You can't come and kiss me as you likeafter you ignored me for weeks," Iris said

bitterly, she wanted to sound angry and firm, but she felt like crying. Ugh. She hated herself whenever she was overwhelmed with her emotions like this.

Cane caressed her cheeks."I am sorry."

Not every day, you could hear the alpha from the south apologized, some of them would never hear

it in their lifetime.

His apology sounded very tender and genuine, which made Iris wanted to cry. Her emotions were all over the places. She wanted to continue being angry with him and pushed him away, so Cane would know how much he had hurt her, but at the same time, she wanted them to stay like this, she wanted him to hold her closer, coaxed and comforted her, while she kept sulking.

It was so hard when your heart was not in sync with your mind.

Iris cried because she was very upset with him and with herself for not being able to decide what she wanted to do now Cane was here.

"I am sorry, Iris." Cane kissed her tears

gently. His warm breath against her neck."I am sorry."

"No..." Iris whimpered, but she hugged himcloser and looked for his lips."Why did you ignore me? You don't like me anymore? Did you find another woman? Did you find pretty woman? Answer me..."

Alright. The last accusation sounded very silly and Iris showed her jealousy side in the worst way possible, even Cane himself thought it was ridiculous. Iris should have known that by now.

"Iris..." Cane could only call her name whenshe kissed him, but at the same time, she was upset with him. Therefore, her kiss became a little bit aggressive when she started to bite him.

Cane had to pull his head back slightly to save himself from his mate's aggression, which didn't make Iris happy at all. She tried to capture his lips again, but Cane already buried his face against the crook of her neck.

"I didn't mean to ignore you, but it will be

hard for me to focus." He couldn't make an error, he couldn't afford a mistake in this critical moment and the bad news was, mistake happened all the time, no matter how well you prepared your plan.

At the very least, Cane wanted to reduce his loss in the aftermath. He had to shoulder the responsibility of thousands lives.

And yet, how could he focus when all he wanted was to cuddle with his mate and talk about their baby? Ignoring Iris completely was the best solution that he could think of.

"You are selfish," Iris whimpered, she criedagain.

"I am, and I am sorry." Cane nuzzled againsther neck."Please, forgive me."

How Iris could stay mad at him when he was like this? When she understood how hard it was for him? "I forgive you, but I am still mad."

"Okay..." Cane agreed readily.

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But, before Iris could finish her words, Cane had moved to the side, removed himself from above her and a second later, Iris immediately knew why.

"No...!" Iris grunted in frustration whenCane shifted into his lycan form and now it was the lycan by her side with his red eyes, staring at her.

There was a frown between the lycan's eyes, if you could call that...as if saying; 'You are not happy to see me'.

Tonight must be the new moon, it was hard to tell when the sky became very monotonous with only gloomy clouds and pouring rain.

"Ugh, I want Cane..." Iris scrunched herface, but then the lycan nuzzled her stomach and she couldn't stay mad, as she caressed the lycan fur.

In the morning, Cane called for Aliana to get Lou, because they needed to return to the Black Market. There were a few things that he had to handle before his meeting with Redmond.

"You don't wait until she wakes up, alpha?"Aliana asked Cane, as she glanced at the bed. She was

standing in front of the door, but she knew Iris would wake up very late. This was not the hour, where she would be sober.

"I will leave now."

Aliana grimaced."She will be very mad at you."

Cane smiled, as he remembered how she bit him. "I know." He thought, he would prepare himself for more biting when he returned."I don't think I can leave, if she asked me to stay."

Aliana smiled with that confession." I will make sure she knows what you said. At least, it will console her."

Cane was well aware that last night was new moon and he used that reason to justify his visit. He didn't want Iris to meet with the lycan again, but then, the cursed creature became his justification to meet his mate now. The irony...

"What about the Serafim?" Cane asked the

most important question.

"She has been sick, ever since she arrivedhere." Aliana frowned."People become restless because they expect, she will chase away the dark clouds and they finally can get the sunlight. I think she is under the pressure of people's expectation of her."

"Do you think she can do it?"

Aliana thought about it for a while."I don't think so. If she can, she would have gotten it done before she even arrived in this pack, she should be able to do it even when she was in the Red Claw pack, right?"

But then, the look in her eyes changed for a second.

"Say it."Cane knew there was something inher mind that she hesitated to voice out.

"I heard it from Arthur. You hype the peopleto welcome the Serafim, is it because you want them to have a high expectation for her? So, you can keep her in check, knowing she couldn't do anything with this strange weather?" Aliana shook her head, she corrected her statement."Of course,

you already knew, there is nothing she could do with this weather." If Aliana could guess it, let alone Cane."Alpha, you are full of schemes."

Aliana then told Cane in more de tail about what happened when the Serafim met Iris for the first time.

"What they were talking about when theywere alone?" Cane had not yet gotten the answer for this.

"I don't know."Aliana shook her head."Theluna didn't tell you anything about it, last night? Why didn't you ask her yourself, alpha?"

"We didn't have time for that."

"Oh," Aliana cleared her throat."Grace said, you can't be rough with her, alpha... she is still in early pregnancy."

"Okay." Cane didn't even have any intentionto correct her misunderstanding.

"I will get the merchant here, alpha," Alianasaid, as she resigned herself and Cane went back to his mate.

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The room filled with her scent and this was very therepeutic and calm. First, Cane added more firewood to keep the room warm and then went to kneel down next to the bed, staring at his mate's sleeping face.

Iris's lips were slightly ajar, as she breathed regularly. After that, Cane's eyes fell on her stomach and a rare warm smile formed on the corner of his lips, his eyes softened.

There was a small bump on her stomach, you wouldn't be able to see it, if you didn't pay close

attention or if she was not wearing this thin nightgown. But, that small bump was there.

Cane stretched out his hand and caressed her tummy lightly, afraid that he might hurt her and the baby. He leaned over and kissed it, his kiss lingered a little bit longer.

"Don't get hurt. Please, be well ... "

"Don't show me that look," Aria spoke indisdainful tone when she caught Redmond was staring at her. "You creep me out."

Redmond scoffed."I don't know that I can

creep out a corpse."

"Do you have another swearing word?Because you have used that very often." Aria rolled her eyes, she walked in front of Redmond into her carriage.

In Redmond's eyes, Aria was too full of herself, like she usually did. She carried herself in such a way, as if she was the most important person in the room.

Apparently, even death couldn't fix your bad personality, if anything, it only enhanced it.

"I don't understand why you have to come."Redmond entered the carriage and sat across from Aria, he tried to be as far away as possible from her, but this carriage was too small for him to be able to do that.

"Because I am the surprise for him andbecause I want to see him. It has been a while, I wonder what will he think when he saw me."

Redmond narrowed his eyes."Are you really crazy or dumb? He doesn't even like you. Do you really think with you coming back from the afterlife will make him

miraculously want you?"ww $@.mOv@lwor\mathcal{M}.com$

Aria glanced at Redmond. "I can offer something that he wants."

"What? Your rotten body?" Redmondremembered how Aria used to throw herself to get Cane's attention."Are you sure your body hasn't yet decomposed?"