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"Don't." Cane kissed her forehead to easeher pain and gave Iris a form of comfort. "None of it is your fault." He stared into Iris'seyes gently, while holding her hand and caressed her forehead. She was sweating even in the winter."I am the one, who have to be blamed for this."

He swore, he would protect them. He swore he would do anything to keep them safe. He swore he would throw his life without a second thought if it meant he could put them away from harm.

He prayed every night to any god for their safety, but once again, the god forsaken him. He had to lose his baby and put his mate and the other baby's life in danger. He had harmed them. $\mathbb{W} \otimes \mathbb{W}. \mathcal{N} \circ \mathbf{V} \otimes \mathcal{L} \otimes \sigma \mathbb{m}. c_o m$

If there was someone to be blamed, it would be him.

"You have done a great job, Iris. I want youto stay with me."Cane kissed her knuckles. He wanted to do anything to ease her pain.

If he could, he wanted to shoulder her sadness and the feeling of devastation that racked her. Iris was already in so much pain, why would she be tortured again?

"I killed the baby, Cane... I-I am sorry..." Iriscried her heart out, she kept apologizing, she knew how much they waited for the babies only to lost one of them and probably them both.

"You did not. Decratic did."Cane wiped hertears and looked at her deeply.

sweating, the pain on her stomach tortured her, but the pain in her heart made her wanted to die."What if we lost them both? I am sorry...I am sorry..."

"I want you, Iris. I want you to live."Canewas being honest here. If he had to choose between her

Iris cried even harder. She was a mess, her curls, auburn hair stuck on her face as she kept

and the babies, he would choose her. It broke his heart to lose his babies, but he would choose her without doubt."Stay with me, Iris. Stay with me."

Not long after, Grace came with

concoction, she told Cane that Iris needed to drink it in order to induce the early labor.

other."How long it will take?"

"After the luna finished it, she will be inpain, we will see the development from there."Grace

"Give it to me," Cane said, he took the bowlfrom Grace's hand, as he held Iris upper body with the

alleviate the pain for her.

However, the black magic within her grew stronger and she had to suppress it before it could spread

explained the procedure briefly to Cane, while Abby came closer and held Iris's hand. She tried to

"Drink this, Iris."Cane gritted his teeth whenhe brought the bo wl of the concoction to her lips and

helped her to drink the nasty medicine. He felt like he was poisoning his mate right now, the feeling

was awful enough, until Iris finished drinking the whole liquid and started to scream in pain. "What

happened? You said you will ease thepain?!" Cane snarled at the Serafim.

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He couldn't care less if she were the Serafim or the king, he had suppressed his feeling and his growing frustration enough, his wrath slipped.

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Abby flinched when Cane raised his voice at her. It reminded her of how useless she was and how

people in the Holy Kingdom became very frustrated whenever they taught her.

"I am trying my best, but the black magic isamplifying the pain," Abby said, gnashing her teeth. She

had given her all, but like all this time, it had never enough. It would never be enough.

awake and she had to be awake if she wanted to deliver their babies.

"C-Cane!It's hurt!"Iris was in so much pain,this excruciating pain made her vomited against Cane's chest. She had never been in so much pain like this, she wanted to pass out, but Abby kept her

This pain was even more painful than when her brother lashed her back, or when the Howling Wolf pack stoned her. She was on the verge of giving up, but Cane kept saying

to stay with him.

Iris didn't know what he meant, but she was ready to go with her babies, this life was too painful and

cheek."Don't leave me... GRACE!"

agonizing for her to keep going. She didn't think her other baby would survive too at this point, so it would be better if she was gone with them...

Maybe she could be with them in a better world, where she wouldn't be in pain and maybe she

could have a peaceful life, a simple pray, a little compensation for what she had gone through.

"I don't want to be in pain anymore, Cane...this is hurt...it's very painful..." Iris cried, she felt her

inside was churning, as if someone stabbed her with blunt knife, trying to cut her stomach opened."Cane... please, make this pain go away..." Iris vomited again.

kept holding his mate. He didn't know what to say to her. He didn't know how to console her and ease her pain.

"You are strong, Iris. You will be able to gothrough this... Stay with me, Iris."Cane kissed her

Cane took off his cloak and wiped her mouth with his hand. He tossed his dirty cloak to the side and

Meanwhile, Grace checked on Iris, while Aliana put the blanket over her lower body. She had

the pack house.

"Luna Iris, you can push now!" Graceinstructed."Push Luna..."

prepared hot water for her and a few towel that she could get from the warrior, who fetched it from

Iris held Cane and Abby's hand tightly, the Serafim felt like her fingers would break, but she kept holding onto her.

However, the pain because of the black magic interrupted the process. Iris was not sure what to feel anymore, she thought it would be a mercy for Cane to kill her right there and then and stopped this

"Kill me... Cane, please kill me... I can't..." Iriskept vomiting again.

"That's not enough!Try harder!"Canewanted the babies to get out of Iris's body, so she didn't need to

"Serafim!" Cane growled at her, because shepromised to help and numb Iris's pain, but she did nothing of short based on how his mate was crying and screaming.

"I try!I am trying!"

be in pain anymore. He would claw them out if he had to.

Abby was on the verge of tears when she heard that, but she had given her

and let Lou held Iris hand, while she placed her hand over Iris's stomach.

"Move to the side!"

All of sudden Lou was already close to them and sat down next to Abby. Everyone was on the verge

surroundings.

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pain.

of breaking down to even notice his presence earlier.

"Keep control on the black magic and I willtake care of the pain!" Lou said, he looked exceptionally

serious right now, he didn't look like that reckless merchant, who couldn't care less about his

Abby glanced at Lou's other hand, he was holding magic stones, it seemed, he got that from the magic users, or who knew where he got that, because right now that was not important. Abby moved to the side

It was hard to control the black magic and ease the pain, especially when she had exhausted her strength, so Lou's help was more than welcome.

"Push, luna! Push!"

Now with Lou was here, the pain was a little bit bearable for Iris, as she concentrated to deliver her

babies. Cane held her and even though this was inappropriate to have another man presence in the

labor of your mate, Cane said nothing. It spoke volume of how he dissed all the proper etiquette as

long as it could help Iris and made this easier for her.

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And when the pain was way more bearable and her mind was not clouded with the thought of giving up, Iris gave her all to survive.

There was still hope, her baby could be saved...she had to save her baby.

be the baby that didn't survive, the poor soul, who had taken the brunt of the black magic.

Grace handed the small baby to Aliana and she gritted her teeth when she received her. The baby

was very small, she came out too fast. Her body was still warm, but she was not breathing, her lips

Tears streamed down Iris's face, noticing there was no cry when her baby came out, she then concentrated to deliver her second baby.

had turned pale and she had a tuft of black hair, her small nose looked like the luna's.

"It's a girl..." Grace announced, there was nojoy in her voice, needless to say this must

increasing pain, she felt like she had sunk into a dark place, drowning in a lake of misery. Cane kept whispering something to her ear, but she couldn't hear what he said, his voice like a buzz, until she heard that...

The sound of a crying baby... it was small at first, as if she heard it from under the water, but then it

It took more than five minutes for Iris to give birth to the second baby, as she struggled with the

she focused on it.

"It's a girl, luna! The baby is alive..." Gracechoked in her voice, as she handed the baby to the Serafim.

It was the sound of her baby cried.