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The moment Lou asked whether or not she wanted to know why he acted out of his character, Iris knew, there was something serious behind the reason of this nagging feeling.

Iris was reassured when Cane finally opened up to her and did not reject her advance, he became affectionate with her again, but once Cane went away and the butterfly in her stomach stopped fluttering its wings, that weird feeling came again.

Especially after she saw Lou. $\hat{W}(w)w.n(o)$ V \hat{e} $\mathbb{I}\hat{W}\mathbf{0}(r)\mathcal{M}.\mathbb{C}(o)m$

In the past, no matter how she tried to push him away, he would stick to her and never miss the opportunity to one up Cane.

Therefore, when she saw Lou was acting weird toward her, she knew Cane was hiding something and for odd reason, Lou agreed with him, therefore he avoided her, since he couldn't resist not to tell her.

"That's what happened, right?" Iris voicedout all of her suspicion. She couldn't rely on Aliana and the other because they obeyed Cane blindly and even if Hanna couldn't tell her, the only person whom she could get the answer was this merchant."Cane has been hiding something and you agreed with his decision."

Lou raised his brows. He was surprised that her guess was rather accurate. "Wow!You are smart!"

Iris frowned, it didn't sound like a praise at all."And what is it that he has been hiding from me, until all of you agreed with him. Even you agreed with him."

Lou raised both of his arms. He looked offended to be said he agreed with that alpha's idea."I did not. I do not agree with him."

"Then, tell me what is it?"Iris looked calmand collected, it was so different from herself two weeks ago.

Was it alright to tell her about what happened? She looked like she could handle it... Lou actually contemplated it.

"Have something like this ever happened toyou before?" He looked serious when he asked the question.

"Something like what?" Now Iris wasconfused.

"Have something really, really bad happened to you and you force yourself to

forget about the event completely?" Lou looked at her more intensely and he could see the shock on her face. "So, it happened before. What is it? Who had hurt you before?" His voice when he asked this laced with subtle anger.

Iris balled her fists, her face scrunched as she took a step back, but then her jaw hardened. "That's none of your business,"she said through her gritted teeth, her voice was dark and deep, a flicker of hatred crossed her eyes.

Seeing that, Lou knew it was something serious. Suddenly, he felt this rage to think someone had hurt her until she forced herself to forget about it.

That person had hurt her to the point the pain was equal to losing her babies? Who was that bastard!?

Kella n stared at Cezi, the son of alpha Derick looked very furious when he saw his sister's condition. Arella was laying on the bed, she didn't move and unable to speak. She was paralyzed!

Kellan purposefully asked someone to bring Arella here in his campsite, because he heard Alpha Derick and Cezi would come as his reinforcement. It was almost a month, but Kellan still couldn't penetrate Diandem pack, all of that thanked to a hundred dark magic users that alpha Colter had to defend the place.

They had tried all method and right now, they could only wait until they ran out of their food. Eventually, they would come out on their own. That was the best strategy Kella n could come up with.

"What happened with her?!" Cezi wasfurious, while his father couldn't utter a single word, as he crouched down next to the bed and held Arella's hand. His precious daughter was crying, but her body was paralyzed. She couldn't even move a finger, neither she could talk. It was only her eyes that was still able to look around. Those eyes were very red, as tears streamed down her cheeks.

Kellan gritted his teeth and then fell to his knees in front of alpha Derick and Cezi. He had his head hung so low." I am sorry for causing this misery for your daughter! "he said." This is my recklessness that cause her suffering."

"What actually happened?!" Cezi didn't wantto hear him apologized, he wanted to hear explanation, while his father seemed disconnecting for the rest of the world.

Alpha Derick had pledged his loyalty and

put his whole pack in difficult position, only to preserve his daughter's life and prove his loyalty to prince Kellan, but then how could his precious daughter end up like this?

"What happened with her?!" Cezi snarled.He was enraged, you can see the madness in his eyes to learn how his younger sister in this devastated condition.

"I don't want to make an accusation, but it isalpha Cane," Kella n blurted out, he then stood up again. $\mathcal{W}w \otimes .no \otimes \mathcal{E}\ell \mathcal{W} \circ rm.(c)_{\mathcal{O}}M$

At first, alpha Derick and Cezi were shocked to see him being able to stand up, but Kellan told them this was because he found a really great healer and actually, what happened with his legs were the cause of black magic.

His injuries were not really serious, but it was the black magic that prevented him

from being able to use his legs all this time.

Alpha Derick and Cezi couldn't argue about that, they took his word as it was. More so, alpha Derick

still had this blind loyalty toward the prince. He believed everything he said, just like right now.

"What? What do you mean this is because ofCane?" alpha Derick finally shifted his attention from his daughter.www.nove①worm.côM

"I don't want you to make a hastyconclusion, but I have my own suspicion."Kella n then proceeded to tell alpha Derick and Cezi about the wine that Cane gave him months ago, where the alpha told him it would help him to sleep better."...Arella has been homesick and I let her drank it to help her sleep, but she became like this after consuming the wine for a week."

"What?" Alpha Derick narrowed his eyes. He

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didn't believe that.

"You can ask around, he gave me the wineopenly. It's not a secret."Kella n went to bed and kiss Arella's forehead."I am sorry, I have put you your life at risk..." he looked very remorseful."I will take care of you for the rest of my life. I promise. I will never leave you alone."

That night, Sofia purposefully waited for Redmond to come home, she pretended she was woken up when he opened the door to her bedroom.

This was Redmond's routine now to check on her and the baby before he cleaned himself. He would do it again after he had cleaned himself and was ready to sleep.

The red hair warrior didn't sleep on the same bed with Sofia, he slept on the couch. As if there was this tacit understanding between them, because this was their sleeping arrangement the last time they were together.

However tonight, when Redmond was about to check on his baby again for the second time, he found Sofia was awake, she was sitting on the edge of the bed.

There were two cribs inside the bedroom, the other baby was Lucia. Sofia told her about how she ended up with the baby.

"I will check on the babies, go back to sleep,"Redmond said, as he checked on Rye and glanced at baby lucia. She was breathing, so it was fine, thus Redmond put his focus on his son.

"Are you going tomorrow?"Sofia had been

trying to come up with a random topic, but now she chose to ask him point blank.

"Yes," Redmond replied, he was mesmerized by his own son and wanted to spend more time with him, but unfortunately, their situation didn't allow him. In that case, he wanted to spend as much time he had with him.

"Do you really have to go?" Sofia pressed herlips.

"Do you want to go in place? I don't mind tostay here and take care of the babies."Redmond really knew how to ruin a moment by running his mouth carelessly.

"Fine!Go!"Sofia was upset, she laid downagain and pulled the blanket over her head, but she still could hear Redmond's movement. After a long silence that man actually approached her.

"What is it? Are you worry about me?"Redmond asked, he sat down on the bed next to Sofia, which

made her a little bit flustered because of his bluntness.

"I am not, I don't care even if you died."

After she said that, she felt the blanket was yanked from her and Redmond trapped her between his arms, he hovered above her and his eyes were so intense.

"Say that again to my face," Redmond said,he didn't raise his voice, neither he said it with malicious tone. He simply challenged her.

However, Sofia could only gulp down, her heart was beating so fast. She prayed Redmond wouldn't be able to hear it.

"Move away from me!" Sofia hissed. She wasafraid the babies would wake up, but when her hands made a contact with his sturdy chest, he was stunned. She could feel the muscles under her palms and this made her blushed.

Especially when she realized this man was actually pinning her down.

Redmond smirked, he lowered his head and whispered to her ear. "Are you sure, you want me away?" His warmth breath tickled her skin.

Tonight, would be the last night they were together before tomorrow battle.