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83 JOURNEY TO THE HOWLING PACK (3)

Iris grimaced when her body made contact with hard and wet ground, but the pain was immediately forgotten when she saw a troll in front of her. The creature was twice the size of a normal human with skin that was covered with mud.

The troll in front of Iris was not the only troll that attacked them along with the goblins. There were at least seven of them.

"Hanna!" Iris was shocked when she saw Hanna lunge forward to attack the creature in her beast form.

A troll was not that smart, but they were strong and usually it would need two or three beasts to take one of them down. Since their skin was so thick, a deep cut was necessary to hurt them.

Hanna, in her grey beast, attacked the troll. She bit out a chunk of his flesh, which aggravated the creature and put its sole attention on the beast, leaving Iris alone.

Terrified that something might happen to Hanna, Iris immediately stood up and looked around to get some help. But, everyone was busy fighting, as the number of the goblins increased.

Finding a hiding spot to hide between the rocks, Iris rushed there. She couldn't fight and it wouldn't help anyone if she were to be in the middle of that chaos. At the very least, she should not become a burden for them.

With that thought, Iris curled her body between the rocks, while staring at the fierce battle. Carriages. were broken, blood splattered on the wet ground, while thunder mixed with ferocious roars from the beasts filled the air.

Iris' eyes were on the grey wolf, she could breathe a sigh of relief when she saw three beasts helping Hanna and she was completely fine, because the real battle continued at the back of the entourage. This troll just happened to manage and breach the barricade.

The grey wolf saw her hiding spot and agreed that it was best for her to hide, thus she could focus on

her skirmish.

From where she was hiding, Iris could see Aria poking her head from her carriage, fear filled her eyes, but there was a little smirk to see Iris' carriage was broken into pieces. Did she hate her so much until the thought of her death amused her?

Iris didn't have time to think about that, because something yanked her collar, almost choking her, and soon she was being dragged away from her hiding spot.

She shrieked to feel her back against the wet and cold ground, while rain was pouring down from the gloomy sky. This time, it was not her collar, but her hair. Something grabbed her by the hair and pulled her away from between the rocks, while the others were still fighting the trolls and Hanna didn't notice her predicament.

The sound of thunder and roars from the battle swallowed her screams.

Iris opened her eyes, determined to see what actually had abducted her and found three goblins were trying to take her away.

Her eyes were filled with horror when the fourth goblin sat on her chest. When her shoulder hit a

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rock, she wailed in excruciating pain, as all the air got knocked out of her lungs.

In desperation, Iris caught a rock as big as her palm and immediately smashed it against the goblin's face that sat on her chest. It sent the creature flying from her, as it let out a shrill scream that aggravated the other three.

Iris felt her hair being yanked out of her scalp, the burning pain brought tears to her eyes. She gasped, as she tried to hold her braided hair, which was now rumpled.

After a few attempts, Iris finally managed to stop them from dragging her away and turned around to smash the rock in her hand against their heads.

Her palm was bleeding from the rough surface of the rock, but she couldn't care less about it.

Breathing heavily, Iris stood up and kicked the goblin that came after her. This creature was small, its head only reached her thigh, but they were surely a handful.

However, another goblin grabbed the hem of her dress, which caused her to fall to the ground again. not to mention how slippery it was because of the rain. Right now, Iris was caked in mud.

Right at that time, when Iris was almost exhausted to fight off these disgusting creatures, a brown wolf came to her and snapped the goblin's head, as it burst between its jaws.

"Argh!"

The sight was so ghastly and for a moment. Iris didn't even realize that she had been holding her breath, until the brown wolf killed all the goblins that came after her and shifted back into the young man, who chatted with her earlier.

"Are you okay, Luna Iris?" He asked in concern to see how petrified she was. "Are you hurt somewhere?"

Iris shook her head, and forced herself to snap back to reality. "I- I am fine..."

No, she was not. She just witnessed how a goblin's head burst, how its eyes bulged terrifyingly. She was not sure if she would recover from that any time soon.

But thanks to the storm, the thick dark blood from the goblins was washed away by the rain in no

time.

"We need to go back to the order, it is dangerous to stray from the others." He helped Iris to stand up and shifted back into his beast once she could find her footing.

Iris wanted to say that she didn't intend to stray either, but then there was no point in pointing it out, thus she followed the brown wolf that fell behind and let her run ahead, as he protected her from. behind, just in case there was another ambush like before.

After all, this rain made it hard for them to use their keen sense of smell.

The young wolf performed so well as a guard, despite his tender age. How old was he? Fifteen? Fourteen?

In the distance, the trolls were successfully decapitated, while the battle was still happening at the middle and the end of the party.

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84 JOURNEY TO THE HOWLING PACK (4)

When the battle finally ended, it was almost dawn and they couldn't reach the Howling Wolf pack before sunset. The attack of the goblins and trolls delayed them because there were so many victims in the commoners and also a few in the warriors.

Though there were no casualties, they still needed time to recover, especially the children. Because their healing ability was still developing, they couldn't heal from the injuries as fast as the adult. shifters.

"Find a place that can be used as shelter during the storm." Cane looked up at the dark sky. Rain was still pouring down heavily. They couldn't continue this journey in such weather. Their best bet was to find a shelter until the storm passed. "On it," Jace and Ethan replied, as both of them immediately dispersed their subordinates to find a suitable place for this large entourage to take shelter.

They couldn't find a cave in this butte, but there were huge rocks surrounding them, which they could use as a cover during the storm.

Meanwhile, Cane asked Will to take a few people to check their surroundings, just in case there would. be an ambush again.

"Right away, Alpha." He moved fast, because the gloomy sky and how the wind howled between the rocks told them they would be in a dire situation if they were to be ambushed again.

From afar, Grace had already moved to check on the injured people with the other twenty healers.

"I don't think there will be another ambush," Redmond said, as he approached Cane. He didn't want to address him as the alpha, but he had to keep it civil with him, since he was the mate of his luna.

Cane just spared him a glance, but he didn't say anything. He knew this attack was most likely a rare occasion because of the migration. It would be winter in two months.

However, it was better to be safe than sorry.

"I am going to see my luna and make sure your people didn't neglect her during the attack," Redmond answered the unspoken question from Cane, since he stared at him for following him to the head of the party.

Cane still said nothing. He was bound to Iris and unless Iris betrayed him, this man wouldn't be able to do anything against her wish.

With that thought, Cane furrowed his brows, as a question that bothered him dawned on him. Did he completely trust her?

In the distance, Cane could see Iris sitting together with Hanna and a young guard that he believed his

name was Joel, since he was a constant presence whenever he saw Ethan.

"Are you okay? Are you hurt somewhere?"

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"I am fine." Cane took a step back to avoid her touch, she looked hurt, but she knew how it was with him. "Are you hurt?"

"No, but I was so scared when those things appeared out of nowhere!" Aria pointed at the carcass of a troll. His head had been decapitated from his body and because of the rain, they couldn't burn the body.

However, they still needed to do it as soon as possible, before those bodies turned into ghouls.

"Stay inside your carriage, it is raining. Keep yourself warm." Cane nodded at Aria's carriage, near where Bian and Dalia could be seen standing. All of them were drenched in this rain.

Aria wanted to protest and pull him to stay inside the carriage with her, but the alpha had already walked away from her.

After saying that, Cane walked ahead to approach Iris. He needed to know why she didn't stay inside her carriage and roamed around carelessly instead.

"Why aren't you in your carriage?" Cane asked Iris, who was sitting on a rock, with Hanna, Joel and Redmond surrounding her.

Iris lifted her head and squinted her eyes because this rain made it hard for her to see. "Her carriage is destroyed." It was Joel, who explained the situation and how Iris almost got injured when four goblins attacked her. "But, I saved her in time!" The young guard looked pleased at himself for what he had done.

"Thank you for your bravery, Joel, Iris said with a bright smile, even on this gloomy rainy night, she still exuded warmth in her eyes.

Joel's eyes lit up, as he said timidly. "You have thanked me enough, Luna Iris."

"I will find you another carriage." Cane then looked at Redmond. "Come with me, I want your man to patrol around the area."

Redmond threw a nasty look at the alpha. What did he mean by he needed his men to patrol in this horrible weather? Even a creature as stupid as troll wouldn't go around and terrorize people during

the storm.

"I don't take orders from you," Redmond said simply, as he turned to Iris, who was shocked to read such a defiant answer from him, yet the alpha didn't change his expression at all.

After all, Cane knew that Redmond was only trying to get on his nerves and he wouldn't give him what he wanted.

"You need to follow his order," Iris said in a small voice, but it was enough for them to hear. "You don't need to ask me first."

"I serve you, luna." Redmond nodded his head politely.

However, right at that time, Stone came to the alpha. His expression was ghastly as he dismounted from his horse with Ania in his arms.

"Alpha, I need to continue this journey alone," he said in panic.

"You can't go. There will be a storm." As he spoke, the howling wind and rain became even more brutal.

"No, I can't wait," Stone said helplessly. "Ania, my daughter, was poisoned during the battle. The healers don't have the remedy for her and can't heal her because this is something that they didn't

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"What do you mean they don't know?" Cane frowned.

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