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Cane couldn't answer Iris's question right away, he was silent for a while and this made Iris imagined a lot of scenarios in her mind and each of it, made her heart felt uneasy.

"You don't need to answer if you don't want." Iris pushed the plate that filled with snack and then stood up. She didn't want to see her expression on the mirror, because her face looked like she was going to cry. "Let's go, don't let the Serafim wait for us."

However, Cane grabbed her wrist before she could leave. He stared at his mate and when he spoke his tone was very serious. "I don't like her in that way, Iris. But, what I feel about her is more like guilty."

It didn't sound right for Iris, she turned her head and looked at her mate, she could see how complicated Cane's feeling was. "She betrayed you, she killed three orphan children when she used black magic to harm you, she stabbed you



and you are the one, who feels guilty?"

"I feel guilty because I thought she will have different ending if I didn't even give her a chance in the first place."

Cane did not use to talk about what he felt, but right now, he was talking about what bothered him. Admitting this guilt was a vulnerable feeling for him, as if he put his weakness in the open for people to see.

"I didn't even think to have a second mate at that time. I clung onto the last piece of Leane's memory, in which I didn't even realize it at that moment and I took her because she was Leane's personal maid." Cane's eyes dimmed. "That's not an excuse. I know. That's pathetic of me to even think and act like that."

Cane's reluctant stemmed from this guilt, because when he saw how Aria was right now and how she lost herself in her hatred and her obsession with him, how even in her death she had to be revived by dark magic, Cane knew, he was to be

blamed for some part of it.

"Cane." Iris came closer to him, she raised her hand and caressed his cheek. "You told me before. This road is not easy and there will be a lot of things that we must do even though we didn't want it. I think this is one of it."

Probably, Iris's true intention to remind Cane about it was because she didn't like Aria and deep down, shamelessly, she had to admit she didn't want her to enter their life again. But, more importantly was because Aria was dead. For her to be alive, it was against the nature. Dark magic was not a plaything.

"You said it yourself to me before. There will be countless death ahead of us and you have to kill people that you deemed deserved to die for the purpose of your plan." Iris raised both of her hands and cupped his face. "Cane, you know that Aria should die. From the day she wanted to harm you with dark magic, you owed her nothing. She chose the way she wanted to live and she walk in her own consequences now. You have nothing to do



with that."

Cane kissed both of Iris's palms. "Okay."

It almost felt like their role were swapped. What Iris said just now was something that he would say to her a year ago.

Iris had grown so much from that timid girl, who would feel intimidated by people around her to become a figure worthy to be called as a luna. She guided her mate when he lost in this hectic world and entangled his complicated emotions.

Meanwhile, when Cane always put a hard front and wouldn't let anyone to see the turmoil inside him and all the scars he had, he bared his feeling for Iris to see, being vulnerable with her. He put down his title as an alpha and here he was, he was only a man full of scars with difficult past and feared for the uncertainty of the future.

His past always shackled him, but he was forced to rush forward, while carrying this baggage and had no one to talk to.





But, right now, he had her.

They had each other...

When Cane and Iris entered the meeting room, the Serafim and her five holy knights had been waiting for both of them. Jace, Aliana and Ethan were also present, so did Eron and Dyne because both of them knew about the fact Cane was the lycan.

There was this subtle tension between the beta, gamma and Aliana, as she stood between the two men.

"Apologize for the tardiness." Cane pulled the chair for Iris and pushed it back when she sat down, he himself took a seat next to her, while the Holy Kingdom's people sat across from them.

Abby stared at Iris and both of them smiled. This must be the first official meeting between the two of them, since Abby had been avoiding Iris when they were in the Bloody Wolf pack and had no time to meet with each other because of the situation and Iris suddenly disappeared one day.



"We are still..." Cedric was about to say they were waiting for another person, who supposed to be in this room right now, but the door was slammed open and that person walked into the room with a grin.

"I am sorry for being late. I have a hungover last night and wake up so late." Lou walked graciously in his red cloak and took a seat next to Iris, he smiled at the luna warmly, put Iris in the same fate like Aliana. "We can start now."

The people from the holy kingdom gave Lou a look, they didn't understand why this merchant was invited into this meeting when even alpha Colter and Koda were not presence here.

"Let's talk about Decratic," Abby started, drew the knights' attention to the purpose of this meeting.

"Alpha Colter and Koda told me about Decratic when the first time I arrived here and they said to ask you, alpha Cane, to get more detail about it.

What do you know about Decratic?"

Lou looked at Cane, because he was not sure what



was Decratic, or who was this Decratic. Aliana, Eron and Dyne had this same look of confusion, but as they followed the conversation, they could grasp what actually was going on.

Cane told them about the symbol of Decratic that they found in a rickety hut in Riverside pack and what Haco told them about this creature.

However, he didn't mention about the lycan and the power that Iris had, neither he talked about the first Serafim's life essence in Iris.

He wanted to see what information the Serafim could offer after he already gave her his part of information. Cane wouldn't open all of his cards and he needed to gauge the situation first.

"Decratic takes form of the king, Alan," Iris added and only then it clicked with Lou how he was almost killed by Alan and how that coward prince could use magic.

"We have told you what we know about the Decratic. We need to know what he actually is. The history of Decratic is tied close to Serafim, I am

sure, you know the information that we don't."

Cane looked at Abby, but she reciprocated his gaze calmly, yet she didn't reveal anything.

"We need to talk with the sorcerer that told you about this Decratic. You told me he was one of the sorcerers from the holy kingdom."

"Even if you met him know, he is not in his right mind," Cane replied.

"Why?"

"He is very old and becomes senile."

"I need to confirm something."

Cane saw through Abby. She wouldn't conceal anything and only wanted to get more information from him without providing the same thing. "Why I feel like you don't want to cooperate in this matter, Serafim?"

"Because this problem is a matter within the holy kingdom. This is something that we can't talk recklessly with the outsider."



"I thought we have agreed to exchange the information in order to help each other facing this Decratic."

"And I have told you all the thing that you need to know. The rest is something people outside of the holy kingdom no need to know."

"What a bullshit," Lou mumbled under his breathe, which only Cane's party, who was able to hear him. "What information that you gave us? You didn't even reveal a single thing when the alpha here had told you everything."

Now Lou could understand why his magical device didn't work in the capital city. Damn that Decratic or whatever his name was.

"Watch your mouth, merchant!" Liam warned Lou.

Lou stood up, he lifted his chin with the same smug face that he always showed to other people.

"I have nothing to do with this Decratic, I was being forced to join his campaign because I don't have any other choice. So, do whatever you think suit you, don't count me in, especially when you





don't know how to cooperate."

"Impudent!" Cedric slammed his hand against the table and stood up too.

However, Cane also stood up, which made the Serafim and her knights become cautious.

"Just like you said, this is the holy kingdom's problem, since the origin of Decratic is from your continent and this is not the cooperation we have agreed upon." Cane helped Iris to stand up. "May you settle this matter quickly."

With that, Cane and Iris followed Lou went out of the room.



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The way how the Serafim and the knights were not cooperating in this meeting was not something they had agreed upon.

They had discussed this beforehand with the presence of Iris, but with the condition, they would be transparent with the information they had regarding the Decratic. After all, they were against the same entity and they had to gather all the information they could in order to defeat him.

"Alpha Cane!" Cedric exclaimed when he watched Cane, Iris, Lou and all the people that came with him walked out of the room. "We have not yet done with our discussion!"

Lou turned his body around and faced the annoying knights. "Do you call this a discussion? You only want to gather the information without giving a shit in return!"

Cane said nothing, since Lou had voiced out what he wanted to say in harsher way. He chose him to



come along because he had involved himself too deep and there was not a way out for this merchant anymore. More so, he needed his power.

Cane couldn't rely on Haco and he needed a sorcerer within his people, based on that Lou was the right person to fill the role, as long as he could stay away from his mate, working with him was not bad.

Just like right now, Cane didn't need to utter a single word when Lou had talked on his behalf everything he wanted to say and more.

"You need to stop cursing!" Cedric glared at Lou.

"And you need to stop thinking you can get everything by waving your status as the Serafim's knights. If this Decratic is someone that your Serafim needs to destroy, by all means, do it." Lou was still upset because he almost died by the hand of this Decratic. "We have upcoming war here to think about."

Lou glanced when Cane took Iris out of the room and he followed them out, so did the rest of them.



This time, they didn't turn around when Cedric called them back.

However, when they were already away from the meeting room, Lou hastened his steps and blocked Iris and Cane way. He stood in front of the two of them with arms crossed.

"Don't you think I need some explanation? My poor heart keeps beating so fast with curiosity." Lou was being dramatic again. He glanced at Iris's stomach and felt annoyed every time he saw how big it got. Why would she need to be pregnant with his child?! "You have dragged me too far, this is not even worthy even if you promised me you will help me expand my business to the holy kingdom. In this rate, they will hate me to the point I can't even trade anywhere. It's your fault too for how the black market was destroyed. At the very least, I deserved to know what is going on."

Iris looked at Cane and then Lou back and forth, but the two of them were in stalemate. She didn't want to voice it out, but Lou was right, they had involved him too deep to put him in dark place and



not let him know about the crucial information.

"I am in, or I am out. I don't want to be in between." Probably this was the first time Lou looked very serious. His voice was deep and calm, he didn't look like he forced himself to be part of this craziness, but if he was going to step in, he wanted to know everything.

And Cane finally spoke. "All of you can leave."

Lou was smiling within when he watched all of them left, including the beta and the gamma. He wondered, whether the two of them knew what Cane was going to tell him or not.

"Make it warm," Cane said all of sudden.

"What?" Lou caught something that Cane threw at him, it was a magic stone.

"Make the bench warm." He repeated what he said earlier and nodded at the bench next to him. His intention was clear, he wanted the bench was warm enough for Iris to sit.

"Do you think...!" Lou was about to blow his top,



but when he caught Iris's sight and how round she was, he was pretty concerned she would stumble and roll on the ground with that body. "Ck!"

Lou waved his hand and the snow on the bench and around it melted.

"Oh, this is warm, thank you." Iris looked surprised and happy when she sat comfortably there.

"Here! do you want to see more magic?" Lou became excited to see how Iris was happy with this small thing.

"Don't overwork yourself," Cane said. "Do you want to hear this or should I write you a letter about it?"

Lou clenched his jaw, but he quickly composed himself and faced the alpha. "Fine. Let's talk. What is going on here?" he glanced at Iris. "She is not a runt. I want you to start the explanation from her."

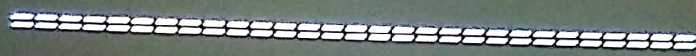
Lou had been very interested with Iris's background, ever since he met her for the first time and now he had a chance to know more about her,





especially after she could revive her power, he wouldn't let this chance slide.

"She knows how to find the magic stone, having the Serafim's pet and now she has healing ability. What is she?"



"This is not working, Cedric!" Abby looked angry when Cane and his people walked out of the room. "I have told you to let them know about this!"

Cedric looked in trouble. He didn't expect Cane would give this strong reaction, he thought there would be a further discussion. "Serafim, we still can't let out the information that belong to the holy kingdom to an outsider like them."

"We need their help," Liam reminded Cedric about this and the other three knights agreed with him in this matter.

It was their nature not to believe people from outside of their continent, especially shifter, but seeing the situation right now, Liam was right, they



needed the alpha's help in order to find and take down Decratic.

From the look of it, Decratic had planned to create his own army.

They didn't even reach to the point, where they discussed about Aria, the woman that supposed be dead. The prophecy started happening one by one and more importantly, they had not yet checked on what kind of power Luna Iris actually held. This one thing bothered Abby the most.

She couldn't accept the fact her power was being absorbed by her when they met for the first time. She was very sure it was divine power, but how could someone like Iris had such power. Divine power only belonged to Serafim.

"The last information about the map, it was in this continent. The place that I thought it might be is the black market."

"Yes, but the black market has been destroyed."

They were still looking for the map, which could



lead them to the great shrine, where the five swords were. They needed to go there so the Serafim could purify herself and regain her power.

They were tangled in a heated discussion about how to proceed from here and what kind of information that was allowed or not allowed for Cane to know.

But, there was another people, who currently in a heated argument too.

"Stop being childish like this, Jace. You two will work together, how do you want to kill him every time you have a chance?" Aliana frowned at her brother, while Ethan had disappeared the moment their alpha was not in sight, along with Eron and Dyne.

"He kissed you, Aliana! And you are okay with that?!" Jace was frustrated with her.

"Yes, he kissed me, but you acted like he kissed you instead."

Jace gave his sister a disgusting look for her

comment. "He forced himself onto you and you act like it's nothing."

"I am shocked, but I want to deal with this matter on my own, so you need to back off." Aliana furrowed her brows. "You only make the situation become even more awkward."

Jace opened his mouth and was about to say something, but he held himself back, as he gritted his teeth.

"Fine." Jace stopped walking and this made Aliana stopped too, she turned around and faced her brother. "I hope you know what you are doing, Aliana. I don't against you it if you want with him, but if you don't, make it clear with Ethan."

Jace turned around and left. He cared about his sister, but he also cared about Ethan too, he was like a brother for him after all they had gone through, but the sight of that man forced kissing Aliana was really unsettling.

"Oh, sir Cedric?" Aliana didn't expect to see the knights here when she walked around mindlessly.



"Lady Aliana," Cedric greeted her politely, he just came out from the room after the Serafim dismissed him. "I am sorry about how the discussion turned up. I hope alpha Cane will give a chance for another meeting."

"About that, you need to talk with the alpha, the decision is in his hand."

"I will." Cedric nodded.

"Is that the crest of the Holy Kingdom?" Aliana pointed her finger at the crest on the handle of his sword.

"Hm?" Cedric followed Aliana's line of sight and nodded. "Not really, this crest is only used for the Serafim's five holy knights."

Aliana stared at it, she felt the crest was the same shape like the birthmark Lou had on his back... but, a loud noise pulled her from her reverie.

"What is that?"

"Monster attack!"



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The bells rang loudly from all the four towers of the pack house and the tension thickened the atmosphere, as if the air filled with dread. The sound of the ringing bells from the four towers indicated they were under attack and their enemies were within their gates!

How could that possible?! How could the enemies already within their gates when they didn't even realize it yet?

There was no first warning or the second one. This was the last warning that they were in a grave danger.

As if answering their question, the sound of people shouted from afar became very clear when the words were being repeated.

"Monster attack!"

"Monster attack!"

"MONSTER ATTACK!"





Followed with that, the ground where they were standing started shaking, something big came from beneath the ground and this caused the effect like an earthquake.

"Are you okay?!" Cedric grabbed Aliana's hand and steadied herself, as they used the bench for their support, waiting for the ground to stop shaking violently. "We need to tell the other!"

Aliana agreed with that and once the ground stopped shaking and an uproar could be heard from the distance, as loud growls from the monsters filled the air, both Cedric and Aliana went to their respective order.

Aliana shifted into her beast and tried to look for the alpha and the luna, especially the luna, since she served her, but it would be great if she could gather Iris's personal warriors on her way to find her.

She still didn't know what the monster that had attacked them, but in the distance, she could see countless warriors and knights were heading



toward the battle that was currently happening.

Aliana in her honey brown wolf traced her way to the spot, where the alpha told them to leave because he was about to have a serious discussion with Lou and Iris, but they were no longer there.

Actually, fifteen minutes before the bell was being rang, Iris had felt it. The dark magic suddenly appeared and it was very strong.

Lou and Cane were in the middle of a serious conversation, it was rare to see the two of them were having a calm discussion like this, while Iris munched on her satay that a maid brought for her earlier as per Cane's request.

Basically, Cane told Lou the same thing like what he told Serafim, he didn't disclose about the fact Iris had the first Serafim's life essence and also the truth about the lycan, yet he told the merchant about something else.

About Iris's dream of five swords and what Haco told them about the five swords in the Holy Kingdom that could purify the Serafim from



negative effects of this realm, in which strengthen their power as the symbol of purity, kindness and benevolence.

Lou glanced at Iris, who was happily eating her snack, while listening to Cane. "Do you think the two of them related?" Lou raised his brows. "The Serafim and her. Maybe she is the real Serafim," he said bluntly about what he was thinking at this moment. "But, is it possible for two Serafim exist at the same time?"

That was the same question Iris and Cane had, but at the same time, they could also understand why it was possible to happen.

For Iris, who had Na's life essence, she was literally the first Serafim, though she was lacking of how to be more in tune with her power, there were a lot of things that Iris had to discover about her power, but because of Haco's condition right now, she didn't have someone to guide her and must unearth everything on her own, which declined her progress.



Meanwhile, all the Serafim after Na was someone, who was tasked to continue Na's role, since Decratic had not yet been truly destroyed, thus the next Serafim should be the balance of all the antagonism in this realm that would continue to happen, until Decratic was no more.

It could be said, the power that the Serafim after Na had, was not the pure power of the Serafim, where they needed to purify themselves in the Great Shrine every now and then to regain their strength after being exposed to so many devilish things.

In Abby's case, she had never been in Great Shrine, because the map to reach that place had disappeared for decades.

"That the question we need to figure out," Cane replied.

"I think I only get more and more task to join this trouble!" Lou groaned, yet he couldn't help himself and the temptation to be with Iris, ever since they met for the first time.



"Why do you think I am the Serafim? I only dream about the swords, it doesn't mean I am the Serafim, right?" Iris asked, she knew Cane wanted to be vague with this matter, but Lou made this conclusion.

Lou shrugged his shoulders. "The current Serafim is weak as heck, she is only slightly better than a magic user and to see you manage to lift the curse on that king baby, which was the task the Serafim couldn't do it, it will be more convincing to call you as the Serafim instead." Lou spoke about baby Vemion in mocking tone. He thought it was very ridiculous to have the baby as the king, but somehow, it was better than to have Alan to sit on the throne.

And yet, that person was not the real stupid Alan...

"Stop being touchy, can't you?!" Lou grew frustrated when Cane affectionately wiped the stain of sauce from the corner of Iris's lips.

Iris gave Lou a look, but Cane acted like he heard nothing. "Why? My mate was helping me."

"Come, I can help you too. I will wipe your face too," Lou grumbled.

However, Iris had not yet retorted to that sarcasm when she suddenly felt this chill and dreadful feeling. Her whole body was shivering and she was having a hard time to breath, this fear hit her so hard.

"Iris?!" Cane immediately knelt down in front of her and tried to calm her down, though he didn't have any idea why she reacted like this.

"What's wrong?" Lou asked, he came closer to them with confusion on his face.

"Did you do something to her?!" Cane snapped, because earlier they were bickering and the first thing that came to his mind was this merchant did something to mess with his mate.

Lou immediately raised both of his hands. "Are you crazy?! I will never do that!"

Cane shifted back his attention toward Iris, who was having a hard time to breath, her whole body



was trembling and her face turned so pale.

Iris felt this ominous feeling, but this time it was greater than anything she had ever felt before. The feeling almost like when you had to face your own death, as if you were on the mercy on your predators and you could see your own demise in their eyes.

Fear was an understatement for what Iris felt at this moment.

"What the hell is happening?" Lou checked the bench, he had this ridiculous idea that his magic suddenly stopped working and the bench turned cold again, but it seemed fine, everything was fine.

"They are... they are coming," Iris stuttered when she tried to warn them.

"What?" Lou couldn't hear what she said, but Cane could.

"Who is coming?" Cane held her cold hands tightly, as if telling her he was there, because right now, his mate looked like she was not aware of her



surroundings, she was drowned in her own fear,

"What do you mean?"

"What? What she said?" Lou knelt down in front of Iris too, even though it was uncomfortable to be this close with the alpha.

"We need to go, we need to warn all the people to take the shelter..."

"Who? What is coming, Iris? What do you feel?"

Cane caressed her cheek and wiped her tears.

"The monsters... the dark magic... it's very strong... so strong it hurt me..." Iris wrapped her arms around her belly, her instinct as a mother to protect her children.

"Dark magic?" Lou frowned.

"Can you feel that?" Cane shifted his attention toward Lou, he stood up and sat down next to Iris, hugging her trembling body in order to calm her down, leaving Lou knelt down in front of the two of them.

"There is no one can feel dark magic with only the



presence of it." Lou stared at Iris. "Well, I think she is an exception."

"Cane, we need to go now!" Iris became frantic because the two of them didn't move as quick, as she wanted them to be, since they couldn't feel what she felt and the urgency of the situation.

Right at that time, the bell rang and not too far from them there was a portal, which was opened. It looked like a blackhole. Iris and Cane were familiar with this, since they had seen it a few times when Lou did the same thing.

As if time had frozen in this winter, they stared in disbelief as a monster came out of the portal.

"Oh! Shit!" Lou stood up immediately when he watched Vermeyes crawled out of the portal.

Vermeyes was a monster with a pair of small red eyes, which didn't match with its monstrous body, though this creature couldn't run fast enough, but the monster was very destructive.

"Shit!" Lou only had one magic stone that Cane



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gave to him earlier to warm the bench.

On the other hand, the alpha shifted into his beast.



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From the portal, there was not only one Vermeyes, but there were two, three, four and more different kind of monsters came through the portal.

With this so many monsters that appeared all of sudden within the pack house's gates, of course it was a nightmare.

But the bad news was, the portal that Iris, Cane and Lou saw were not the only portal, which kept vomiting monsters, there were at least four more all over the pack and it caused an uproar.

The warriors gathered as fast as they could to fast the monster, so did the knights, but they didn't expect this sudden attack, as they were having a hard time to make a formation of protection. More so, there were so many monsters right now.

"Take her to the safe place!" Cane barked an order to Lou before he shifted into his beast. He was well aware the magic stone the merchant had right now was not enough to face these monsters, more so



there was his mate he had to think about.

No matter how Cane disliked Lou, he trusted him not to put Iris in harm way.

"Come on, Iris!" Lou said, as he grabbed Iris's hand and was about to take her away from this place, which had turned into a battlefield.

"No!" Iris refused. She swatted Lou's hand. "Cane will not be able to take them down! These monsters are controlled by dark magic!"

Iris knew the reason behind Cane's order to make Lou take her away, because he was about to use the lycan's power to control these monsters, but it wouldn't do if they were already controlled by dark magic.

The same thing had happened before when they travelled to Silver River pack for the first time and they had to face monster attack, in which the monsters were controlled by dark magic.

If Iris left Cane here, he wouldn't be able to take down these monsters.



"Are you going to kill yourself?!" Lou roared angrily.
"We need to leave! Your mate is not that weak and stupid to be killed by these stupid monsters!"

Lou didn't understand. These monsters would be so hard to be killed!

Iris gritted her teeth, she had done it before, she would be able to do it again now. How she did it before? It happened very naturally, because of the urgency of the situation, she didn't even think about it. More so, she had never practiced with this kind of power.

How? How she did it?

Iris tried to recollect her memories, but the black wolf approached her and nudged her body, though there was word, but Iris could understand what Cane meant in his wolf form. He wanted her to climb on top of him.

"Lou, help me!" Iris said. It was a little bit challenging to sit on the wolf's back when she was pregnant, but she was sure, Cane wouldn't let her fall.

"What? What are you doing?" Lou was confused, but he immediately understood when he saw the black beast lowered its body. "Damn it! Are you sure this is safe?!"

Cane knew what Iris was trying to do and he wouldn't let her try it, more so the merchant was useless when it came to persuade her. The last time Iris controlled the monsters and broke the dark magic that controlled them, she fell unconscious.

There was no way, Cane would let the same thing happened again and put her life and their children in danger! This was his priority to keep them safe!

"Are you sure, she will not fall?" Lou was worried if Iris would fall in her condition, more so, the beast was big enough, so the fall would be hurt.

Using the magic stone, Lou created barrier to protect them, while he helped Iris and ran behind the beast once Iris was seated on its back. For now, they had to put Iris in the safe place first and thought about how to survive this monster attack.



When Zale heard there was monster attack, the first thing that came to his mind once he learned the luna was with the alpha and that tacky merchant, was to come here.

In the hectic situation and how the warriors were busy to fight the monsters, while some of them helped the pack member to seek refuge, they must not realize there was this scaredy cat, who chose to hide under the bed, instead of running out of the room.

"Ezra! Come here!" Zale called him.

He had taken a note how the luna was fond of this white diamond tiger and she tried to make this creature opened up with her. Therefore, she would be sad if something bad happened to him.

More so, he had Lil Thing with him.

"Come here," Zale said, he stretched out his hand. He found Ezra under the bed, his favorite place to hide aside from the bathroom.



Luna Iris had this idea to make both of them friend, thinking Ezra could be close with Zale because he was only a few years younger than him, it could help this white diamond tiger to open up with more people, but every time, this little boy would be scared of him, or he would growl dangerously at him. Didn't want to be approached.

"There are a lot of monsters out there, do you want to be eaten by monster?" Zale looked impatient, he couldn't catch the little boy and when he pushed the bed, he moved as well. "Ugh! At least, give me that bear, that bear is mine!"

However, Ezra clutched Lil Thing even tighter, didn't want to give it to him.

"Come on out!" Zale moved the bed again, but Ezra moved along too. This annoyed him, but he remembered what alpha Cane told him. He didn't remember the exact word though, but he always emphasized it was important to use a strategy to get what he wanted.

Why he had to remember that annoying alpha at



time like this?

Zale frowned, he stared at Ezra for a while before he spoke. "You know that I am close with luna Iris, right? She told me to be friend with you before and now she told me to take you somewhere safe!"

Ezra still didn't move, but he paid close attention to Zale now when he heard he mentioned about the luna, thus he continued.

"Luna Iris will be there and she must be worried if we don't go there quickly!" Zale wriggled his fingers. "Come here, hurry!"

Would this work? Zale didn't know what else he had to do, but thankfully, Ezra moved closer to him and took his hand.

"Luna Iris?" he asked in small voice.

"Yes!" Zale grabbed his hand and pulled him out from under the bed, while he still hugged Lil Thing tightly. "Hold the bear closely, we are going out of here! Stay close with me, understood?!"

Ezra nodded. He followed Zale out of the bedroom



and in the distance, they could see three Vermeyes. The two of them stunned for a while, before they rushed toward the direction of the safety place.

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It was fascinating to see Lou managed to catch up with the beast, though he was having a hard time to keep up, but he would right behind the beast. It reminded Iris of Lil Thing, who followed their entourage to the Silver River pack.

However, all of sudden the black beast stopped and turned around, as right in front of them a portal was opened and hundred of goblins rushed out of that blackhole.

Goblins were not deathly creature compared to the other monsters, but they would attack in a group, thus there were at least a dozen of them and right now, there were around fifty goblins came from the portal, the number would only increase.

Meanwhile, behind them, there were two Deadeyes chased after them.

Deadeyes was a blind monster in a shape of a serpent, very venomous and once you were in its grip, it would crack your bones and strangled you to death.

"Damn it!" Lou immediately stood next to the black beast and created a protection around them. This transparent membrane shielded them from the attack of the goblins, who threw their small figure toward them.

Within a second, there were buried under the goblin and the only thing that saved them was this protection.

"Do you have any idea what to do now? This protection will not last for long, especially if those Deadeyes start attacking us!" Lou growled, the goblin above them looked very disgusting.

As if on cue, the ground was shaking, so did the shield when the Deadeyes wrapped the protection tightly, in order to crush them.

"Oh, shit!" Lou cursed under his breath. "You should have given me more magic stone, Cane."



"Help me," Iris said, as she wriggled to get off the beast's back.

Lou carefully helped her, until she steadied herself and only then Cane shifted into his human form.

"What now?!" Lou asked Cane, relieved that he could communicate with him now. "This protection will only last for twenty minutes if we don't do anything and I am sure they will not leave us alone. You have twenty minutes to think of a way to get out from this predicament!"

Iris looked around her, above them the goblins tried to break the protection, while Deadeyes wrapped its serpent body around it. There was no other way and Cane must have known about it too.

Iris lifted her hands, but Cane beat her to it.

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In this precarious situation, where they were facing life and death situation and seemingly there was no way out from the siege of monsters, it left Iris with only one option. She needed to subdue the monster and by doing so, she needed to purify the black magic that controlled them first.

Broke the control was not an easy task, because the last time she did it she lost her consciousness, but it was also due to her condition at that time, yet she was pregnant now and she was worried about their babies. Would this action harm them?

Still, this was their only chance.

Especially when they saw the crack on the protection that engulfed them. Once it was broken, they would be dead in a matter of second.

However, knowing what his mate was going to do, Cane stopped Iris in time and let out the black wisp emanated from his body, using the lycan's strength to get them out from this hellish situation.

7/17 BLACK RAIN AND DARK SNOW (05)

"SHIT!" Lou cursed. "What is that?!" He remembered that he had seen this before...

First it was Iris with her shocking power, but now it was Cane! He was a shifter, there was no way he would be able to use magic.

It didn't take long for Lou to gather all the pieces he needed to make this conclusion, where he blurted it out, as he watched how this black wisp form a few tendrils, which sharp enough to cut the body of the Deadeyes and broke the siege of the goblins, wiped out these little monsters from their vicinity and kept them safe.

In five minutes, two dead bodies of Deadeyes laid lifelessly on the cold ground and the remaining goblins backed down, since they didn't have enough number to attack. Black blood smeared on the white- covered- snow ground. Some blood stained their clothes.

"You are the lycan..." Lou whispered in shock when everything was done, he stared at Cane and then at Iris, she didn't seem to be surprised to witness

this. Of course, how fool he was to think she didn't know. "You are that cursed creature."

Iris was mortified. Not because Cane let out the lycan's power to save them from this predicament, neither she was fazed by the appalling sight before her eyes, but because of the fact, Lou learned Cane's secret.

The black wisp disappeared, so did the monsters that surrounded them, but this still quietness made you uneasy.

What Cane was going to do? Would he kill Lou?

Right now, Cane was staring at the shocked merchant, his expression was devoid from any emotions and what was in his mind was the biggest mystery.

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Aliana couldn't find Cane and Iris, but she could see the portal that kept vomiting monsters, this area was covered by a lot of monsters! They wouldn't be here. The alpha must have taken his

mate to the safe place.

In this case, she needed to go to the shelter, where all the pack member sought for safety.

"What are you doing here?!" Ethan roared when he finally found Aliana. He just shifted into his human form, while behind him, Jace followed him closely in his beast form. "We need to get out of here!"

"I am looking for the luna!" Aliana said, behind Jace, luna's five personal warriors made their way here, it seemed they had the same thought like Aliana to look for the luna in this place.

"She is not here! I am sure, Cane has brought her to somewhere safe! Let's go, we need to go too!" Ethan shifted into his beast and Aliana did the same too.

Together, the eight of them went through monsters after monsters, killed some of them or ran away from the rest to reach the shelter.

There were two shelters in this pack and they needed to find the luna, to make sure she was



alright and was not stuck somewhere, fighting the monsters.

Separated the group into two, Ethan took Aliana, Eron and Dyne to the south shelter and the rest would follow Jace to the east shelter.

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"I will not say anything!" Lou raised both of his hands, he glared at Cane, as the black wisp covered half of his body and he couldn't move at all. He cursed under his breath because he had dug his own grave. He should have listened to Sabian when he told him not to associate himself with this alpha, now there was no option for him to leave. "I said I will not tell anyone about this! Damn it!"

Lou knew Cane was seriously considering killing him because he had witnessed something he shouldn't have seen. This was his fault, okay?! Why should he be the one, who paid the price for it?! If he didn't want him to know, he should think of another method to get them out of the dangerous situation!

But, of course, Lou could only complain internally, since his life was in his hand, he would, for the first time, think twice before he provoked this alpha. He remembered how well Cane played his part and built an image of the lycan that could make you think he had nothing to do with that cursed creature.

If Lou was not in his current predicament, he would be in awe by how brilliant his plan all this time to use the lycan.

Unfortunately, he didn't have the luxury to feel that way when his life was only a snap away.

"You need me, Cane." Lou stopped wailing, his voice turned into a business like. The alpha liked a rational argument, thus he would try this approach.

"You need a sorcerer by your side."

Lou would appear nonchalant, reckless and couldn't care less about what was going on. He would complain here and there, but it didn't mean he was not aware with the gravity of the situation.

Of course, he knew what it meant and the reason



why he was invited in the meeting with the Serafim. Cane needed him because his sorcerer was helpless now and he couldn't find another sorcerer that he could trust.

You could see the irony here? Cane didn't trust him, but somehow he trusted him at the same time.

"You gain nothing by killing me, Cane. Even if I will go to the Serafim and reveal what you are to her, what the benefit I can get from her or the Holy Kingdom when they are currently hunting down this other creature named Decratic? At the very least, after all the trouble you caused me, I need to gain something from you. I will not get anything if you were dead!"

Lou had tried and think all of the thing that might change Cane's mind, but he hated it when this alpha made such cold expression and didn't let other people know what was in his mind. This frustrated him!

"Iris!" Lou called for her desperately, she had this look on her face, as if she wanted to persuade

Cane to believe him, but she held herself back.
"Talk to him! There is no point of hurting me!"

However, Lou shrieked when the black wisp changed form into a spear and it thrust toward him.

He thought, he was going to die. He gritted his teeth and balled his fists, waiting for the pain to come, but to his surprise, the cold black wisp around his body loosened up and when he opened his eyes, it was already dispersed.

"We need to take her to the safety place," Cane said shortly, as if he was not going to kill Lou a moment ago. He wrapped his arms around Iris's waist protectively and then turned around.

Lou really wanted to curse him! But, he knew better not to do so. He was upset with himself!

Yet, another portal suddenly appeared right beside Iris and a Brinetallon appeared. This monster had two heads, looked like werewolf with sharp tails like dagger, which filled with venom.



Thankfully, Cane had a good reflex, as he carried Iris in his arms and dodged the attack,

"What the hell with these portals?! How they can keep appearing like this?!" Lou grunted. The remaining magic in the magic stone was only little, it wouldn't be enough to fight this Brinetallon, not to mention currently there were four of them.

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Lou clicked his tongue to watched the four Brinetallon surrounded them.

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flabbergasted. He was snapped back to reality when something bright emanated from Iris's body. This was not the same like little light that she used to create, this was almost the same like the black wisp, but in white color, it looked like fog.

Iris covered the area with this, while the lycan fought the four Brinetallons. The monsters wailed and growled viciously as if they were in pain when this fog reached them.

"Stop," Iris said and gradually, the Brinetallons became less aggressive, which making it easier for the lycan to kill them.

"What else, you can do, Iris?" Lou muttered to himself,

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