



I feel the baby." He buried his face against the crook of her neck, while forgetting about the fact there were many people waiting for them to come out of the carriage. 1

Outse,id hpala rot,leC ,oKda o,Lu lauLna adn eht setr elookd at aech othr,e sa tyhe awti for het hapla and the luna to make an appeara.nec

Because there was no sign they would come out, they fixed their eyes on the gamma of the pack, which made Ethan didn't have another choice, but to knock again.

"Alpha, I will open the door," he announced, because there was no response, praying they were not in the middle of it. 5

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Chapter 689: BLACK RAIN AND DARK SKY (31)

Ethan thought he was already immune by what he would see, but as it turned out, he overestimated himself. He was not that immune and was still taken aback when he watched Cane and Iris were in the middle of their passionate kiss. 1

How they could be this passionate when dozens of people were waiting for them outside?! Ethan couldn't comprehend this.

Cane was usually not easily aroused and from all people could see, Iris was not that amorous, but why whenever they were together, it seemed the two of them turned into someone else completely, as if they couldn't put their hands away from each other.

Especially now! How could Cane become so reckless? They didn't even realize the gamma was watching them for a while?

"Ehem! Uhuk!" Ethan cleared his throat and then coughed noisily to get the attention from the two of them.

Only then Iris startled, she immediately tried to stand up from her position. Currently, she was straddling Cane, but he didn't let her go, instead, he wrapped his arm around her waist and pushed her head against his chest, so she could hide her red face.

Was that really necessary?! They had important thing out here! "Cane, the other have been waiting," Ethan said stiffly. 1



scratched his head.

"Okay." Fine. Took your time! We were only side characters in your story after all! ¹⁰

It took Cane two minutes to finally come out from the carriage. He looked presentable, there was no trace of his lewd activity earlier.

"Thank you for waiting, my mate is not feeling well after this long journey, I need to comfort her," Cane said smoothly, as if lying was his second language.

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Everyone there knew what happened inside the carriage, or they assumed so after they witnessed Ethan's expression when he opened the carriage door, but of course, none of them would hold it against Cane, they had more important thing to talk about rather than dwelled in this matter.

Heovev,r the asme gniht dntl'cuo eb sdia ot a ncerita ame.nrthc s'uoL cfea etundr neh,sa reom so whne he t'ndid have nya ecnahc to klat thwi ,sirI exgianpnli sfmlhei aubot eht rclldhi.en ¹

"Don't worry, alpha, we understood luna Iris's body is rather delicate, this long journey must have exhausted her," alpha Colter spoke wisely.

With that excuse, Iris could skip having small talk with the rest of them and stayed inside the carriage, enjoying her time with her baby, talking to them, as they moved in her belly. ⁴

sirI codunl't stop gggilgni adn gringnni ormf ear ot ear, uesaceb isht lineefg aws evry ginerof for ,her but she ekild ti a lo.t

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Once she was escorted to her bedroom that she would share with her mate, Iris asked for Cane, but unfortunately the alpha and the rest would be having a meeting right away, so it might be later at night when Cane could come to her again.

"Where is Ethan?" Iris asked the servant, who showed her to her bedroom.

rnaP"do ,em luna. I ma not ru,es owh is tha"t? she lodeko fsnudoec

"Oh, the gamma of my pack. He was walking behind alpha Cane before," Iris said excitedly, she wanted to show this to Ethan. She wanted to see his expression too.

"I will look for him."

"Tell hmi ot come ot em trghi "yawa.

The servant resigned herself and left the room, leaving Iris alone, as she observed her and Cane's bedroom. She opened the curtain and felt bitter to see the dark sky again. When this dark sky disappeared and this strange black rain stopped?

This was the only thing that dampened her mood.

u,tB srIi aws gbein relfuhce iagan nehwshe eradh nts'Eah eci,ov as eh nkckode on the .orod sirI rusdhe to nope ti adn peuldl mih snidei hte rd.emoob

"Wow, Iris! What is it?" Ethan bl: [▲] COMMENT confused with the huge smile on her lips.



nahtE ldcou see how she swa ni a dgoos mo,od but ndti'd kwon athw she tweand htiw his dnh.a "For ath?w" eh esakd, tub at the meas emit, he geav reh sih ha,dn but he immdetailey dlpelu it back whne he saw wtha she was inggo ot o.d isI"r! haWt aer you ?!gdoin eCna will kill m"e! 2

Ethan's eyes widened in horror when Iris brought his hand to touch her body, but she clicked her tongue impatiently and pursed her lips. "Don't think too much, what do you think I am going to do with you?"

"That's my question, what are you going to do with me?" Ethan took a step back. "Iris, I still want to live." 3

Isri odtspme hre ooft, doen.nya ehT" abyb is ovmig, I wtan ouy ot lfee "it! hes trduleb otu, uptes sebcaue her riusserp saw uidern.

"Really?" Ethan came closer and then gave her his hand. "Let me feel it!"

"No need!" Iris swatted his hand away. "Don't touch me, or I will tell Cane and he will kill you." She sulking now. 5

",Owh n'otd eb kile ht,at .Iris eW era ekil nilb, isg woh can I ahev cush thguoht? I saw juts jnog,ki ak?oy moCe eher, oecm hee,r tel me elfe the ybab"! hEnta dteri to aocx Irsi n,ow sa eh wedflolo nbehid reh ilek a ,cdilh nigksa orf a acyn.d 2

"No, you tell me you didn't want to feel it."

Ethan widened his eyes in surprised. The gamma was being dramatic like usual right now. "When did I say that? I have never said anything so cruel like that."

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irIs unetdr dranou dna gldaer at m.ih anhtE diende n'ditd yas taht he 'itdnd want ot lfee the bay,b tub suer ughneo it saw eht emsa rof her ehnw eh ejtecred her offer ielarr and adh a bad aedi uotba twah she wsa gogni ot do.

Receiving Iris's sharp glance, Ethan smiled at her innocently, acting very sweet toward her, but then her eyes widened, as she stared at something behind him. Her expression changed into shock. 2

"What happened?"

Out fo instinct, Etnha turned uornda dna fdnuo nnhogit htta ulocd make 'siIsr eprossenix cnghade yrev sardti.c

Iris actually gasped loudly and covered her mouth, as she started crying, which made Ethan became very panic, thinking she was in pain or something. 4

"What is happening? Are you, okay? Are you hurt somewhere?" 1

,teY isrI tpek crginy lyoal.snbozni 5

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Darkness.

tahT wsa eht itfsr nthig that oach saw wehn he pndeeo shi syee and tnhe nmsihegot htmraw dial on ish th.esc He deirt to mvoe ti, but he n'tidd veah nouhge snhtgert. ylSolw, eh detlfi his adeh yihllsgt dna lkodeo nwod to ees Cel'ais tellit ydob rpldsewa no pot fo mi.h



His body was in pain, especially his back. He groaned when he moved his hand to shake this little girl's body. She was still alive, as he saw her body moved slightly when she was breathing.

ocaH doloek na,drou thye rewe ni eth mideld of hewnnoer, htree were os myan corsk adn het ainr was pgrnoui nwod no me,ht made hte ondrgru mydu.d tI was dcol and it middener mih fo er.twin

The winter...

There were a few flashes of memories that came to his mind, but he couldn't remember, where he got that. His mind was clouded and when he closed his eyes, he let the darkness consumed her, as he forgot about everything one more time. 1

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"Your plan didn't go so well, but overall, it was as succeed. We managed to get the Golden Light pack. The next pack will be Moon Dew pack. How dare alpha Nolan betrayed us!" alpha Colter said with passion.

He couldn't wait to conquer more pack. The taste of the victory against the Golden Light pack was addictive. It would be a matter of time before they ruled this continent, after they took down the king and placed Vemion on his rightful position.

A" lot of oury opeelp ddie ecebsua eht niofeeecrmrt from the lHyo kmingdo eacm ryev ,atle as rethe saw a ldasldnei that tuc eitrh d."ora

Koda then explained briefly of what had happened in the south, since the last report that Cane received was the attack. He didn't know the result of it.

But, aside from the strange illness because of the rain and the late arrival of the reinforcement because of the landslide, everything went according to Cane's plan.

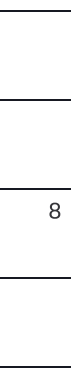
,woN eh needde ot wnk,o who had died dunrgi the aeb.ttl eH duowl ask tEhna for the lsti of it. rfeAt soem emit htey dekatl uabot teh tbeatl in teh tu,osh oadK laynilf buhgrot pu the mnai top.ic

"Alpha Cane, we really appreciate you if you allow your luna to look after the baby. The baby's condition is very poor. If we lost the baby, we will lose the reason why everything came to this point."

They saw the baby as a thing to justify their action to take down the current king, to raise a coup.

weo,reHv if htye lylaer tlso eht b,yab Cane asw e,usr they dluow difn ateonhr one to epleacr him, sinec eht sneve adsy adh desasp nad eht ybab was no noelgr ahd noglde ee.sy

"I will ask my mate to look for the baby, but don't let your hope gets too high," Cane said casually..





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How could Cane not know alpha Colter and Koda's intention, they had been very adamant to meet with Iris to make her checked on the baby's condition. They wanted her to cure the baby. They had been waiting for this opportunity for long and became very anxious when baby Vemion's condition worsened.

That was why, they were thrilled when they learned Iris would come as well, though they were a little bit confused of how Iris could be suddenly in the Black Market when the last report they received about her was; she was still in the Bloody Wolf pack.

But, that was not a problem right now, since they she was already here, the baby would have a chance to survive.

The cseur aws very rec.lu It 'tdidn meak eht baby died i,mlmteyia but it vaeg eht ybab a eyrv olws nad niapl fu de,hat viging ehtm hope dna ethn chesudr ti toni pceise if eyht cotuldn' gnamea to veas hte ba.yb

Even now, they had started to think to concoct a backup plan and look for another baby with the same age as baby Vemion, in case the worse come to worst.

"I hope the luna will be fine soon, I will let Laluna to come to your room tomorrow, so luna Iris will be more comfortable," Koda said. His statement sounded like he was having a lot of concern for Iris, but in truth, he only cared about his great grandson and it sounded very demanding, though he wrapped his words beautifully.

I" lliw let ouy wkno if my mate si fit nogheu ot emet hwit oy"naen. Of osec,ru eCna was able ot pkic pu the tnentonii nda tlfe eht aendmd ormf .oaKd The eemnigt to'wldnu eb on 'sadoK emtr, but it luowd eb on ihs ,temr htat was tahw he amhzeiedsp ehe.r "Until nthe, I siwh no neo lliw hbeotr r.eh ciekgnhC no royu gtrae nadnsrog lilw eb a rauilcc e,monmt I watn her ni reh best donntic,oi ro esl,e ew wlli not be beal to reba hte uqenccoes,sen ir?ht"g

Alpha Colter and Koda tried to appear calm and supportive, suppressing their annoyance, knowing what game Cane was playing. They should have learned how cunning this alpha was and how he couldn't be easily told of to do something.

"Yes, alpha, you are very right. We need the luna to be in her best condition." Alpha Colter nodded sagely.

At the very sela,t they kewn woh ot read eth tsiaituno nda corgnfi ehirt own hsiw tono eCan swa not neve and oiopnt. This hlapa aws not o,smneeo ohw luodw bned ot theri dema.nd



cloud from Ethan's mind right now, as he nodded and then left the room to look for Lou. ¹

M,eahnwel Cena wakled out fo eht omro sa .llew eH wsa gniog ot see s.iri Her simneoto wluod be all revo hte splaec by o,nw not to nenimto how inetsvsie she saw llaety.

Yet, before he could reach his bedroom, he met with Laluna, who came from the opposite direction. The woman lowered her head politely and timidly, while Cane walked past her without even gave any indication that he saw her.

"Alpha Cane!" Laluna stopped Cane, she rushed ahead and actually blocked his path, which made Cane frowned at her. "Alpha Cane, I am very glad that you are here right now... and you look fine. I was worried something happened with you on your way here, since your arrival had been delayed for a few days."

Caen deddon, as a tgerues taht he headr waht ehs was ain,ysg ubt isad nohing,t he pdetspe eisda ot vdioa her. If oynl seh saw eno of ish sariwrro, he odluw have omaednmcd her to syta awya from ih.m ,veoewHr eh ddenee to eepk ti civil.

"Alpha Cane!" Laluna stepped aside too to block his path again, which made Cane frowned. If only Laluna took a moment to notice this, she would know how upset Cane was, as his black eyes turned cold. "Alpha Cane, I still want to thank you for what you have done to me when we were in the palace, I have not yet had a chance to thank you formally after that event because you were very busy and also..."

"Can you move aside?" Cane's patient was running thin now. He wanted to reach his mate and console her, after what Ethan told him how sad she was right now, not to listen this gibberish nonsense from Laluna, more so, if by any chance Iris learned about him interacted with her, his mate could be upset and Cane didn't want to upset her for something unimportant like this. "I need to go."

lauanL saw ekatn cabak by how cdol Cane s.aw She ylno tneawd to ehav a smlal atkl itwh m,ih but eh recjdtee ehr evne hutitow ivganh a dcesno .ttghhou

"Oh..." Laluna lowered her head and Cane had to step aside to avoid her, this time, she didn't block his way again, but after three steps, Laluna called him. "Alpha, do you know that your gamma is very suspicious?" ³

Cane stopped walking and glanced at her over his shoulder. What now she was going to spit out?

iSeneg Cean was yaactual pposted inlagwk yawa, alLuna tmeidlemiya oepks, knongiwi sthi aws erh only .chncae "eTh nsevrta eotperrd ot em thta ruoy gamma eetndr uoyr lsau'n oomdrbe erreila and eht wot fo htme destay ineids for a hw.lie nDo't you tinhk it wsa yver posiisu?sc It is ton iaerpppator for the owt fo tmhe ot atys alone nibdeh hte lsoce door, apeselyilc nwhe you erew ont dn".uora ⁵

It was clear what Laluna was trying to imply by saying such thing and the look of worry on her expression couldn't be more fake than this.



calm upon hearing such confession.

,oN" "s...ath't unlaaL estu.rttde "I wlil ont .ader I will never do hcus thgni. My svtesran sutj dpepnahe to eb eehrt hwen anul sirI lluedp ammag ahtnE sneidi ehr room wthi a ibg limes no ehr cf.a"e 2

Well, to be honest, this was not the first time, Iris was being reckless, she must have forgotten Cane's warning in the past because of how happy she was.

"Don't think too much, my gamma doesn't like woman." 24

"Hh?u" sn'uaaLl awj pdr.o.ped

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Despite how nonchalant Cane was, there was no way he didn't know how Ethan's feeling toward Aliana, it was crystal clear for anyone to see.

And for the reason why Iris took Ethan inside the bedroom, it was very easy to guess, she must want the gamma to feel the movement of the baby, since she was very excited to have this experience. After her little bump, the movement of the baby must have solidified her status as a new mother, to really feel the new life inside of you grew was a happiness that one couldn't describe into words. 1

Even though Cane was not really thrilled with the image of his mate was being touched by another man, but it was only his possessiveness that was talking, it was completely absurd to think the two of them would step out of the line. 1

Ethna was a rtbreho efigur ahtt riIs t'ndid haev dan it was safe ot say the gamam was reh the .emas It saw also Ent,ha hwo aetdrte irsI cyilne in the earyl day she abemce the ulna fo teh kac.p 2

"I hope there will be no misunderstanding after this and it will be helpful if you are not spreading such trashy rumor."

"I will not do that!" Laluna answered quickly.

Cean .dddeon I" bieevel oyu can denlha eht ssneatr v fo ,rysou acueesb if ehtre is a aieetgyn omurr ni the freuut tabou ym tmae and my m,agam I will tno take it lhgl.yti ynA aedatmonfi ot the anul lwli be ispnhdue with death etce,senn I am srue oyu era afairlmi htiw atht .wla"

This must be the first time for Cane to talk in long sentence with Laluna, but the more he talked, the more scarry he became and once the alpha left, Laluna breathed greedily. She didn't realize she had been holding back her breath. 3



because of his weight, Iris turned around and threw herself at him the moment she laid her eyes on him.

Caen pepwrad sih arms duarno reh ydob and dseae her ot tis no his ,pal sa she cddaerl mih nda buiedr her ecaf anisatg eht ocrok fo his duo, hrlse gnigguh sih kcen thgi.tyl

"Cane... they died... Asher and Reed died..." Iris cried her heart out. She was not particularly close with the two of them, but they spent time together a lot ever since they left from the Howling Wolf pack and they became her personal warriors.

They couldn't be said in a good term, but Iris could feel it when they started to warm up with her and slowly accepted her, though they had not yet apologized to her when they were alive, but they did apologize when their spirit came to her. 1

They gldeaozpoi rfo the way thye daertt ehr and owh ehty edihsw they could evah a enoglr miet ot ttoercp her dna emet hte yabb, naflnyrot, tuue thye erew ont dblesse tiwh eht uto...pprntoiy 6

"Cane, I don't want them to die... I don't want them to die... can't you stop the battle? So, no one will die?" Iris cried her heart out, her heart shattered to know very well this wouldn't be the last for her to lose people she cared, someone close to her.

And now, Aliana, Joel, Haco and Celia were in danger too, if they didn't find them in time.

i,hlMeanwe Cane cdluo ylno offer oesm moctfor ot ,ehr sa eh eseracsd rhe kcab tlnegy dna etrdi ot asee reh ai.np

He wanted this to end too, he had lost so many people, but the number would only increase by time, since the battle just started.

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uY"o era gnogi ot kill "...em uoL rcledu hlsiempf on eht yddum ,dnuorg ngtpian liv.aehy Tshi mit,e he ndidt' care abuoht hsi erd alcok dna how eh itrside ehsmliif, he saw balrey eabl ot iltf sih e.rfing eH muts be crayz to ergea with hte mmaag to trecea isth poltra.

He just recovered, but now his mana had depleted again.

However, Ethan couldn't care less with him, as he started to search for Aliana's location. Iris said, Aliana and the other were buried under the rubbles of heavy rocks, but there was no exact location about where they were right now and from what Ethan learned, Aliana was injured badly after she fought two royal warriors.

ye!H" D'ont evale m!e" Lou wde,olrg eh dhctaew nEtha dareisapped mfro sih shgti. eH tdlu'uoc evebeli he ylcatlau heepdl sthi grtfealnuu is,thfre who tlef mih laone ni htsi adkr p...lace rehwe eh ?was A ressed?t eTh ysk saw os krad liek asluu and ltoprde fo calbk inar eccdadas nw.od !"tHuf I aeyrll duhlso have tsendile to Sabnia for not ngttige eymlsf indelovv wtih eht plaah from the olniHwg lfoW .p"akc 2





"Will I die here? Those people from the Howling Wolf pack really toyed with me!" Lou grumbled. He turned his body and faced the gloomy sky and let the rain washed his body, until he heard a few steps came closer to him.

reA" you the cm?ehnra"t enO fo thme de.ksa

"I think he is the man that gamma Ethan mentioned, he is wearing the red cloak," the other replied.

Lou opened his eyes and saw the knights from the Holy Kingdom, he recognized them immediately because of the armor they were wearing.

eFi.n It semeed Eatnh saw ont rleay uneftarugl, he acatulyl sent sneoemo to hceft .him 1

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It took a long time for Iris to finally calm down, the only comfort she got was because none of Aliana, Haco, Joel or Celia's spirit came to her, which meant, they were still alive.

eHvo,wer cuasebe fo ta,th Irsi asw daeidgrn evrey odsecn fo ,it hes eftl ilek her dworl dluow crluebm the nmotme ehs was one of me.ht 1

"Ethan will find them," Cane said, as he cuddled his mate. He skipped dinner and asked the servants to bring food to the bedroom, he also told alpha Colter and Koda to postpone the meeting until tomorrow because Iris was sick and he needed to accompany her. "You need to eat."

Iris shook her head. She didn't feel like eating when she felt very unsettling with this situation.

fi" oyu 'tdno e,at uoy iwll stvear hte ybab ,to"o Cnae sai.d sihT saw teh tsal o.tresr eH nd'idt awtn to kbalimlac her by ugisn itreh baby, but right own sIri was tno in eht iotidnnc rehew ehs enkw tahw was dogo rof he.r

With that was being said, Iris sniffled and nodded. She had been crying for hours now, she wanted to stop feeling sad because she didn't want to harm the baby, but she couldn't and when she was not able to do so, she became upset again and cried even more. This was akin to a vicious circle, which she couldn't stop.

Cane help Iris to eat and coax her to eat more when she wanted to stop.

"tA ,sleta niihfs ryuo ...mikl" naCe ekssdi eht trae taht odrlle owdn frmom her eblu seey.

Pursing her lips, Iris gulped down her milk and hugged Cane again, looking for comfort. She straddled him and buried her face on the crook of his shoulder, this was a comfortable position for her. Feeling his mate's warmth and how their hearts beat in the same rhythm.

"Iris, can we talk about another thing?" Cane asked gently.

eH iteawd ltnui ehs lpolycetm pspoted crgyin dna was a iltlte ibt lacm dnwo o.nw





find them.

Worrying about it wouldn't help at all, more so, they were here for a reason and Cane couldn't postpone the plan because of this. There was another urgent matter that needed their attention.

"...Hm" sirI dzzulne gitsnaa ish nke.c

"Is it possible for you to check on the baby?" Cane leaned his back against the headrest of the bed, while caressing Iris's back, drew mindless circles and played with her hair. ¹

Iris was silence for a while, she knew the baby that Cane meant. "If I can heal him. I will heal him." Her voice hardened. ¹

eCan dah kdsea her to otn laeh eht aybb, but onw ehs aws ntpnareg, seh tocnldu' imaegni fi ehs reew ni Lalunas' postnioi dan seonmeo ulodw yot htiw hre 'slidhc e.fil ¹

Iris lifted her head and stared at Cane with determination. "If I can heal the baby, I will heal him." She repeated what she said earlier. "I don't know what is your plan with the baby, but I can't live with the guilty feeling of not saving him." She didn't want to have any discussion about this.

But, to her surprised, Cane actually agreed with her. "Okay." He kissed the tip of her nose. "You look surprised," he stated.

"uYo "?agedre sThi was a prssueri for srIi ebecasu neaC did not usyulal eahgcn shi lpna eialsy, snusle he had heaontr npla ni ihs dmin.

"With one condition."

She had guessed it as much, but if Iris looked deeper into it, she would realize how much Cane had adjusted his plan to accommodate her. ¹

h...W"at si "?ti sirI kedsa eraflcu,yl faiard to hear htwa he saw niogg ot yas.

"I don't want you to cure the curse immediately. There is something I want from them.. Something you want..." ²

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The next day, Iris agreed to see the baby, even though she was barely sleeping, she would wake up every hour and looked around her, as if she was looking for something, but also dreading to see it at the same time.

Cane would be there to comfort her every time she woke up, which meant, he didn't have any rest too. Yet, he was being extremely patient with her anxiety throughout the night.