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The sun set and this was the second day of Jasmine had gone missing and there were so many warriors that rummaged the whole forest and mountain, but they couldn't find the little girl.

Some of them thought that she was a lost cause and some of them thought the wild animal must have eaten her without any trace on the third day of their search, but on the fourth day, they found the coat that Willow said she had left for Jasmine because the cave was cold.

Right now, Willow was sitting in the dungeon. She better prayed for Jasmine's safety, because if the little girl met her demised, then she would follow her to the afterlife in the worse way possible. A slow death was the only thing that waited for

her.

"She must be around here... Althea said, she looked so haggard, the fact that she was still able to stand and shift into her beast was a miracle, this must be her only sheer power, because she wanted to find her daughter so badly.

She still had a little hope inside of her.. a little, but that was enough... She wouldn't give up on her.

"I will take you back, Althea. You don't look good," Killian said, but Althea shook her head. "Althea" he called her name, but she had shifted into her beast and scoured the mountain again.

Probably because of the tension of losing Jasmine or probably. Althea was too tired to keep hating Killian, because right now, she didn't seem to be so hostile toward him. They could talk amicably, though the topic was only related to Jasmine, but Killian was glad enough with this progress.

Because of this accident, the alpha forgot about the fact that Alex was on his way to his pack with so many warriors with him.

He only remembered this matter when one of his warriors sent him a letter. This letter supposed to be the letter from prince Dane, a reply for his own letter almost a week ago.

“He supposed be here by now, right?” Killian talked to no one in particular, as he opened the envelop. “Did you hear any news from the harbor: People from mainland entered?”

“No, alpha. The harbor is like usual, there are a few people from the mainland, but our men said they didn’t think those people were warriors. More so, only around twenty people from mainland that came to our land”

Killian furrowed his brows. He then opened the envelop and the letter inside made his eyes opened so wide

The letter didn’t

It come from prince Dane, but it came from Alex himself!

Abigail sneaked out and went to the dungeon to bring warm food for Willow. Her heart ached so bad to see her daughter in this condition, but she still hated her for what she had done.

Yes, it was a conflicting feeling that Abigail was not able to sort it out quickly, but she was trying to make herself feeling

better.

“Mother.. mother... I am sorry, I am sorry. I didn’t mean it. You know that I will not do such horrible thing. I was fiot thinking straight at that time, please please tell father to tell Killian. I don’t want to spend my time here.” Willow cried the moment she saw Abigail. She looked at her mother with tears streamed down her face. “I am sorry.”

Abigail knch down and pushed the warm food that she brought with her. “Eat this. You need to eat something”

“No I don’t want to eat. I want to get out of here..” Willow cried again, she didn’t want to be with her destined mate because he was a very poor man who travelled everywhere, who was satisfied with only having a sky above his head and the ground as the place to sleep.

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Willow couldn't live like that, but the irony was, she had the ground, but no stars and night sky, only dirty ceiling and bars for her right now.

"It's not the that you should ask for apology

"Althea wanted to kill me, mother. How could you be so callous?"

Abigail narrowed her eyes, she felt her hatred toward Willow grew even more the more time she spent with her, but even so, she was still trying to keep it down

"You deserved to be killed for what you have done, Willow. If you still did not understand the situation right now, I must have spoiled you rotten to the point, you lost all of your empathy"

"Mother!" Willow cried.

"There are so many things that I have done for you. I always put you first before Althea, but I think it's enough. I have done so much for you and now, I will do what is right by Althea"

After saying that. Abigail stood up and then left, she ignored Willow's cry for help and forgiveness. She ignored her cries and pleas

Abigail quickened her pace and once she was out in the open area, she breathed in the fresh air of the cold night, she closed her eyes and then let her tears fall down her cheeks.

She felt like she was mourning the death of Willow again.

After that, she went to the pack house and found Althea was being escorted inside, because apparently, she had forced herself to the point she fell unconscious. It was only a matter of time, because people could see how distraught and haggard she was when she didn't want to listen to them to take some rest.

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narrowed when she watched how Sean tried to clean Althea's body.

"I will do it" Abigail said, she snatched the towel from Sean and then glared at the old lady.
"She is my daughter"

I will do it!

Abigail didn't see Killian, probably the alpha didn't know that Althea had fainted again, but Brian was inside the room, he looked at her with a frown,

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"Yes" Brian didn't want to be. "Yes I am very disappontest on you"

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Tears streamed down Willow's cheeks even more when she heard that, she lowered her head, she was embarrassed of herself right now and she realized, there was no amount of apology that was enough for her to say if something happened to Jasmine.

I am sorry. I am truly **sorry**

This time. Willow didn't try to apologize, she simply lowered her head in defeat. She stared at her father's feet and realized **what**

a wonderful life **that** she would have if she didn't follow her impulsiveness to run away from this pack with a destined mate that she didn't want.

Even though Althea was Killian's destined mate, she knew that he would **stand** by her side and choose her.

By this time, she would be the luna of the pack and gave birth to his firstborn. She would give him the family that he always

wanted.

Only if she didn't let *her* impulsiveness took over her conscience and left Jasmine in the mountain, she might have a chance to fix the relationship between her and Althea, she would be an aunt for her daughter and she would end up so miserable in this part of the pack. Inside this filthy dungeon....

Only if...

There were so many possibilities that ran amok in her mind, but then she remembered the important thing here.

"What about Jasmine?" she asked in defeated tone, because somehow she knew that they had not found the little girl yet, if they had, they would have given her the verdict about what would be her punishment and she would accept it.

No. She has not been found."

Willow knew it. She nodded. "I hope they found her soon." She couldn't live with this guilty feeling to think that she had killed her own niece because of her impulsiveness. "She hugged me tightly when I took her to the mountain. There was a moment where I wanted to turn around and take her back, but I am an idiot. I let my jealousy ruined her life

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Willow.

Brian didn't know why he said this, but it seemed, he only wanted to make it a little bit better for

"Yes. I gave her my coat... Willow cried in silent

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Alex stared at prince Danc. Elder Sander and another thirty people, who had conspired to stage a coup again

Meanwhile, Northern and Greyson stood by his side, the two of them looked so pleased with Alex's decision they were surprised with how cunning the king was.

They knew that Alex had a lot of tricks up his sleeves, but they didn't think that even them, was being tricked

They thought Alex **would** really go to chase after Althea and abandoned his kingdom, they had voiced out that the king didn't want to listen.

All of the preparation and the fifty **ships were** ready to sail in order to get the queen back. Fifty ships. Which is percent of the warriors **would** come with them, leaving the kingdom in vulnerable state and it was the perfect anyone to stage a coup.

However, after an hour they sailed. Alex ordered for them to return to the capital city. This sudden order shocked them, not only the royal beta and the royal gamma.

As it turned out, it was Alex's strategy to lure their enemy to make their first mistake, because once they arrived. palace, they could see who was the traitors that would stab Alex's back the moment he turned around

With the eighty percent of the warriors in their disposal and the surprise attack, as they didn't think the king would this quick, **they** caught all of the people, **who** tried to manipulate the palace and spread the nasty rumor.

To top it off, they found prince Dane was sitting in the throne, holding what looked like a morning court. The audience

that man.

Of course, they were punished severely and the punishment for traitor was death sentence. There no exception.

It took only half a day for them to take down all of the traitors and swept clean the entire court from **those**

rats.

“Hang them all in the public area. Their execution will be tomorrow.”

That was all that Alex said. He used his enemy’s tactic to go against them and in the end, he came out as the winner.

But, did he give up on Althea? Of course, not,

“We will **go** a week from now,” Alex said. There were a lot of things that he had **to** ‘clean up’ first before he took his mat his daughter **back**. He didn’t want anyone to talk nasty thing about Jasmine and the public punishment was enough as i example how scary the king could be.

Yes, respect had to be earned, but fear could be a tool to keep his subject in check and his enemy to think thrice before 1

made a move on him

“Are you still going to get her?” Greyson asked.

The throne room was quiet after all of them were being dragged away to the dungeon, waiting for their **final** moment bef they met their demised tomorrow.

Alex tilted his head and **gave** Greyson a look **as** if he was saying, what kind of question is that? Is that even a question.

If Althea was being kidnapped by his enemy and not that sickhead ex mate of hers, he would have gone and rescued her without thinking twice, but it was Killian. That man was obsessed with her and he had witnessed it countless time the way h looked at her and the longing and also regret in his eyes.

Yes, he knew it would be scary for Althea and she might think he wouldn’t come to save her, but he needed a little bit more time to arrange **his** affair here first, so when Althea and Jasmine returned, everything would be perfect for them and no one

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would dare to throw such insult and tarnish their name easily.

Therefore, though it was late, which Alex was ready to drop to his knees to ask for Althea’s forgiveness, he would definitely

come for her.

“What? I will be in charge for all the mess that you left behind?” Northern asked, he gave Greyson a look to tell him that his question was **so** silly.

The royal beta was happy enough that the king didn't let himself to be blinded by his love for Althea and still had his best interest for the kingdom, with these whole ordeals, he knew that Alex was capable of handling and balancing his matter, whether it was his personal life or the problem at the kingdom and his **court**.

“Mess?” Alex raised his brows at the royal beta. “I literally handed you the traitor in a silver plate. I have not even talked about how the two of you kept complaining without any pause to think twice about my plan.”

Greyson raised his hand. “In my defense, you didn't tell us anything about your plan. You literally tricked and

us, you know.”

Northern nodded, agreed with Greyson's statement. He felt like a fool now. “You should have told us.

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“Where the fun of it?” Alex tilted his head. “More so, it will be more believable this way, right? Your raving made it more

real

They were at lost for word, too speechless to defend themselves apparently.

“I will prepare everything,” Greyson said, he wanted to leave the throne room as soon as possible, before Alex changed his mind and tried to settle score with him, by complaining to him all night.

“I will check our men, Northern said. “I have a lot of things to do.”

And with that, the **two** of them rushed out of Alex's sight before the king could say anything and this brought smiled to his lips, though it didn't really touch his eyes, because he missed Althea and Jasmine's presence.

He wished he could go sooner than this, but he hoped, he wouldn't be too late.

Althea. He whispered her name, as he leaned **against** his throne and stared at the moonlight.

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Althea woke up to find Abigail was sleeping next to her bed. Her body slung on the edge of the bed with her head lulled to the side and she used her arm as a pillow, she was sitting on the floor, while holding her hand.

From the look of it, she had been sleeping in this position for a while and needless to say, this position was very

uncomfortable.

Althea looked around her and the very first emotion that hit her was this hollow in her chest, the sadness that she couldn't describe into word, where she felt like her world had collapsed around her feet, the fact that she had lost Jasmine couldn't be

described into word.

How she would live her life after this? How she could continue with her life?

Althea felt like there was no point for her to live anymore. Even if they gave the most severed punishment for Willow, there was no point for that, she lost her daughter, her daughter had gone.

There was part of her that tried to tell her that her daughter was still out there, waiting for her to be rescued, but the logical part of her told her there was no hope. It had been days and Jasmine was only a year and half year old, how could she fend herself for that long?

More so, she knew what people thought. Wild animal must have mauled her to the point they couldn't even find any trace of her anymore

Althea had seen herself the effort that they exerted to find her baby, but still, there was no sign whatsoever.

She was desperate. She wanted to crawl out of her body and scream this pain away. She didn't want to be in this pain anymore, she only wanted her baby. She didn't want anything else.

A cry tore her throat, which woke Abigail up and the moment she saw her daughter was having a mental breakdown, she immediately got up and cradled her in her arms.

"Sssh... it's okay, baby. It's okay. Everything is going to be okay. You can cry. You can cry... but I promised everything will be okay"

Althea screamed on the top of her lungs, she wanted to rip her heart and throw it away, because it was so painful, she wanted to crawl out of her skin, so she didn't need to feel this pain and her scream was the only thing that one could hear in this morning, echoed throughout the hallway, tore every wall.

Brian was there, behind the closed door, staring at it as if he could see what Althea was going through. He stood there, he couldn't do anything for her daughter or for her granddaughter.

Killian, who heard the sound of her scream, immediately rushed toward her bedroom, but he didn't have the courage to open the door. He stood there beside Brian. He balled his fists tightly until his knuckles turned white and his claws stabbed his palm, but he couldn't feel the pain

There was no pain that was more painful than this.

He failed again and this time, he failed miserably and now, he could only stand there, watching the woman that he loved falling apart.

Abigail was inside to give

who just lost their child

give comfort for Althea, but there was no amount of comfort that could shoot the pain of a mother,

They had tried so hard to find Jasmine, but they still couldn't find her anywhere. She vanished from the surface of this realm and now, there was this big hollow in their chests.

Althea's cry tore everyone's heart, who heard that.

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She cried for long but when she was done, it was eerily quiet. One couldn't decide whether this quietness was better

than her scream

For the next four days. Althea shut herself down. She didn't eat, she didn't sleep, she refused to drink. Abigail tried every method possible, but she didn't budge to the point on the fifth day, her mind was shutting down, she didn't notice her surroundings anymore,

she didn't show any emotions and only stared at the ceiling, she would mumble a song that she used to sing for Jasmine.

Her condition became even more worse than ever on the sixth day

Kilian felt like he was watching her slow death. Every second of Althea was an inch closer to her demise and this was the hardest thing that Killian had to watch in his entire life.

And everything was his fault...

Only if he didn't bring Althea back Only if he didn't take Willow with them. Only if he let her go. she might be happy with Jasmine with the life that she chose.

But right now, he lost her slowly and he had to watch how her mind and soul died before her body followed

However, Killian's problem was not only that because a few days later he received another information about dozen of ships from mainland kingdom had docked at the harbor and king Alex was finally here.

"What are you going to do now Armond asked, the beta knew about the failed plan and how prince Dane had been executed a few days ago which meant, if king Alex was here, it was not a good sign at all for them. The king could kill them all for literally kidnapping the queen and they had no mean to fight these royal warriors, especially when they had no back up, since prince Dune had failed with his coup

The letter that Killian received a few days ago came from Alex. In the letter, it said that Alex was going to get his queen and his daughter back. Killian had to hand them over or else, he would bring havoc to his pack

"What are you going to do now?" Armond asked again when Killian didn't give him an answer.

"Open the gates and let them in Killian finally said

"You will welcome them

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The you think this is a trap" Greyson tilted his head when he saw the gates were opened widely to welcome them.

They came here with so many royal warriors, you could see the entourage from the other pack. This was enough to tell their opponent that they wouldn't stand against

However, Garysou expected some form and challenge, where Killian tried his pathetic attempt to fight back, but there was any

Ch happened, instead their gates were opened so wide and at the other end, Killian was standing with his beta and

"Mould we investigate first? Greyum asked Alex again, at the king had stepped into the pack house, he couldn't care less about the All he could think of was Althara and Jasmine, if they opened the gate to welcome there, it was fine, it would **make** things easier for him to get them back.

ou would make it hard for Alex to kill Killian.

"What do you mean Jenine had gone missing for weeks?" His eyes darkened a few shades when he approached Killian and the latter didn't waste a second for a small hat, but went straight to the point about what happened in his pack

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to Jamie. "I will appreciate."

that he had, even now, his warriors were still looking

Kumanda's the leader to listen his words, because Alex had punched him on the face, which made the situation

He, Killian, could do anything, he stood up and accepted the punch

"Tagg to kill you" Alex wanted to rule him right there and then, but there was a lot of things that he had to handle, side from asking himself in Killian's blood, he could kill him any time he wanted. "Where is Althea

le couldn't imagine what Abra had to go through all of those days. His whole body was shaking with rage and he wanted to kill any living being who had let her down, which meant, including himself

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Allians shed the way to Althea's room. There was no word that exchanged, the atmosphere was so heavy and could cut

leximately opened the door when they arrived at Althea's bedroom. The bedroom was not big but it was simple and

the bed, he could see Althea was sleeping the closed her eyes and Alex's heart broke to see how pale and sick she was gallery for side the whole time and she was shocked to see the king was here, she looked around and found th, she looked at him, as if asking what was going on

however, when the king entered the room, she immediately stood up and then gave her spot for him

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“11 i me. Jone.” Alex said, his heart beat so hard when he heard her voice called his name, the way she looked at him and how trans (5) down her eyes, he knew that he could get her back.

“My baby is got my baby is gone missing. Alex what should I do?” Althea started crying, which was good, because she let her bonded op emotions to rome out

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pal started crying valently behind the door too as she watched everything unfolded. She rather had Althea was crying like thus and showed her emotion than for her to keep everything inside and let herself drowned in misery.

“My baby died, my baby died. Alex. I lost her. I am a bad mother Althea cried so hard, Alex picked her body up and craded bo

He didn't say much, he only told her that he started to look for their baby and then let Althea cried in his arms.

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many word that was exchanged, but it was enough for them to know that they were there for each other.

You need to eat okay?” Alex ined to coax her to eat, but she didn't want

Meanwhile Abigail sighed in relief as the wiped her tears and wanted to walk away, but then she realized she was not alone.. Killian was there, she didn't know how long he had been standing behind her and watched what happened inside the bedroom with Althea and the king

Al-alpha Abigail stuttered, but Kilian simply left without saying anything

On the other hand, inside the room. Alex finally managed to persuade Althea to eat, she ate three full spoons of porridge before she vomited it

“Oh, no Abigail immediately rushed into the room and tried to help. I will clean her up, please leave for a while

"There is no need for that," Alex said.

Alex didn't seem to bother with that, since this was not the first time Althea vomited on him, but Abigail was freaking out, she tried to call someone to help the king to clean himself.

"No need to call anyone, Alex said again when he saw Abigail was trying to help cleaning up the mess. "I got this."

"Please, leave, Alex said, he was trying to be nice with Abigail just because she was Althea's mother, but if he could, he wanted to push her away from the room and slammed the door on her face.

He didn't do any of that, but simply told her to leave

At first, Abigail was hesitated, she insisted that she would stay to clean up the mess, but Alex finally had enough, his expression hardened and his voice was no longer pleasant

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That was a command from a king, which left Abigail dumbstruck, she couldn't retort and then sheepishly left the room, but what she witnessed after that baffled her.

True to his words, Alex cleaned up the mess, he was very patient with Althea and when he was about to take off her clothes after he found a new and clean dress, Abigail closed the door and then walked away

The king was so good with her daughter, he treated her well. He didn't mind to clean up Althea's vomit, which most men would find it very disgusting

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Abigail was so happy for her, if this situation was not this horrible. The king was the right man for her daughter and she was

too blind to see that.

In the end, she went to see Brian and cry for hours in his arms, she didn't know what she was crying for, but her heart was so hurt, she couldn't even utter a word.

"I am sorry-

That was the only thing that she kept repeating. She didn't know what to say. She didn't know what she was sorry for because there were so many. She could see how wrong she was and it was too late.

She lost her mate, Brian rejected the mate bond between them, she lost her first daughter and she was on the process of losing her second daughter too.

She couldn't stand to watch her died slowly.

"Everything will be alright, Brian said, that was his pray too.

But, even after three days, they still couldn't find any clue and all hope had gone, though with Alex was here, Althea's condition improved, even if it was not significantly, you could see that she was not a 'dead' person anymore.

She talked and conversed with Alex.

Killian stayed out from it. Not even once, he came closer to Althea's bedroom after that night when he watched Alex and Althea together.

The alpha focused on an impossible task to find the missing baby that by this time had gone for over a month.

Althea didn't want to see anyone, Alex would be by her side, but she recovered. The king to give her the strength to go through th

was there in every step

the way

And three days later, they found new clue.

"We found there were at least three people inside the mountain, deep in the mountain, but we didn't know if they found Jasmine or not, or it was just a coincidence, Greyson said.

This was not really a clue though, but Alex insisted to look for this matter and ordered his warriors to find those people, who. had entered the mountain, apparently, the three people were still in the mountain, as they try to find shortcuts to reach their destination through the mountain

"Is that true?" Althea opened her eyes. "I want to go too."

Alex though she was sleeping, but apparently, she had been listening to the royal g**a's report.

Althea insisted to go to find those people, but Alex persuaded her to stay. "There are a lot of royal warriors that looked for them, we will find about it shortly"

And just like what Alex said, the next day they received another information.

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"There is a baby with them!" Greyson shouted even before he opened the door to Althea's bedroom

Alex was eating with Althea. She didn't eat much, but she would eat better if Alex ate with her, thus he would make time to eat together with her three times a day. He put so much effort to nurse her back to her health, not only physically, but also mentally

She looked a lot better now with Alex's presence.

They **had** not talked much about what happened between them because most of the time, they spent in comfortable silence, just to be in the presence of each other.

"Jasmine.." Althea dropped her spoon, she was about to get off the bed and rush to meet those people.

Alex glared at his royal gamma because he simply barged into the room and dropped the information without any scrupulous

"Have you confirmed the baby is Jasmine?" Alex asked sharply.

He had pura lot of effort to bring Althea out of her shell, but if Greyson just told them this news and let their hope high, he was afraid, Althea would be more crushed than this.

"Hm.. about that.." Greyson immediately realized his error and looked mortified to make Althea's hope so high.

The woman **literally** was about to dash out of the room now if it was not for Alex, who stopped her.

"Check on that first."

"Our man has been escorting them to the pack. They will be here in four hours if it's not five.."

Because they were so deep in the mountain, even if they shifted into their beasts, it still took them **that** long to reach the pack.

"I want to see them, let's meet halfway," Althea couldn't help, but suggested. She struggled against Alex's grip, she hated it when he made a point of how strong he could be.

"You **will** not go anywhere, sweetheart, until you finished your meal," Alex said calmly, though he threw a dagger look at his gamma for being inconsiderate jerk, but when his gaze fell on his **mate**, his eyes softened.

Greyson wanted **to** claw a hole or run away from the king's wrath. He was too excited, okay, but he knew he was being an idiot **for** not checking on it first.

Finish your meal and we will go after that."

Althea wanted to argue, but Alex showed it to her that there was no room for discussion, thus all she could do begrudgingly eating her **meal** and they went to meet **those** people half way.

the shifted into her beast again and this was rather refreshing to be outside of the pack house and was not trapped inside

ier bedroom

his was **also** the first time for Althea to meet **with** her father, mother and.. Killian again.

he shifted back into her human form and her father gave her a hug, they were waiting here to see those people.

Everything will be alright, sweetie," Brian said.

bigail came to her

and she look a little bit hesitated "Can I give you a hug?" she asked carefully, prepared herself for the

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However, it was Alhes, who made the move first, she went to hug her mother and breathed deeply. She was so tired, she didn't have the energy to hair anyone else right now, thus it was easier to just accept it.

Probably, because **Althea** also knew that her mother had been there, taking care of her at the lowest point of her life, where she didn't even recognize herself

It was not much, it wouldn't immediately make her forgiven for what she had done to her in her entire life, but it was a step. At the very least, she showed an effort and Althea was already so tired of holding a grudge

She wanted her daughter, there was nothing else matter

Even when Althea saw Killian, she felt nothing toward him, there was no sadness, hatred, fear, or anything. There was nothing. He felt like a stranger that she just met today, a stranger with a lot of bad memories, but she was numb toward him.

The alpha looked disheveled, he must **have** lost so many weight, dark circles under his eyes.

Althea looked away from him and released her body. She looked at Alex and hugged him, as they waited patiently until those royal warriors arrived here, as they escorted the people with the baby.

It took then twenty minutes until they showed up and the moment they were here, Althea knew immediately. She could smell her scent, her scent hit her so hard.

"Jasmine!" Althea was the first person, who rushed ahead and grabbed her daughter from one of the beast's back, as the baby was sitting there.

Jasmine looked fine, she cried when Althea hugged her so hard, she thought she almost crushed her baby, but the little one kept calling her.

*Momma momma why didn't you

come!"

"I am sorry, baby. I am sorry" Althea hugged her tightly, she didn't want to let her go.

Meanwhile, the other three beasts finally shifted into their human form and were relief that they finally found the baby's family.

*We found her deep in the forest, she was almost mauled by a wild animal, therefore, we took her in, but she couldn't **say** where she lived, or what park she came from.

One of them started to explain what happened and they apologized because they didn't try to go to look for her family sooner, since they were in rush to get to their destination.

However, one of them looked at Killian with a curios expression Are **you** alpha Killian?"

Killian looked at her. "Yes I am"

The man looked hesitated, but finally he blurted it out. "Can I meet with Willow for a while?"

Killian narrowed his eyes because of this weird request."

"Who are **you**?"

The man once again, looked hesitated, but then he replied. "I was her destined mate.

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Althea was standing at the harbor, waiting for Alex to come and join her when Killian approached her, Jasmine was happy. she was playing with her hair.

Althea couldn't be grateful enough because those past weeks when she had gone missing, those people had taken a good care of her and she didn't look like she was traumatized, though she missed her mother, she loved to be in the nature, thus. with those people was being very patient with the little one, she was less scared.

"Althea Killian called her.

"Killian, Althea replied with the same manner. She didn't avoid him anymore, because there was no point for that, she would be gone from this part of this pack, she would live her life in the mainland kingdom.

This probably the last time she saw him again, or maybe not, because Jasmine was still his daughter.

"I am sorry for everything. Killian looked at Jasmine, the baby pursed her lips, seemingly she hated him too. "I know that I have said it a few times, but I really meant what I said."

"I will not forgive you, neither I will forget, Althea said calmly. After all the pain and fear that she had to go through when she lost her baby, there was nothing else that could make her scared, especially not Killian. "But, if you wanted to come and see Jasmine, I will not stand on the way?"

Killian appreciated that a lot.

I don't want to see him, Jasmine said, she buried her face against her mother's bosom. She clutched onto her mother dress tightly and was adamant not to see Killian, "I don't want to see him, he is bad!"

Killian's heart lurched, he felt like someone just stabbed him with a dull knife and he didn't know to alleviate the pain, even more when Jasmine still remembered what he said to her before

"He is a liar?" Jasmine was upset. "He said dada doesn't love me! Dada loves me, momma loves me! He is a liar!"

Jasmine was annoyed, she lifted her head and looked at Killian with tears in her eyes, but you could see the little one was pi**ed, she pursed her lips before she buried her face again against Althea's chest.

"I want my dada, momma... let's go to dada..."

Meanwhile, Althea seemed to understand what was going on and she looked at Killian with indiscernible expression.

"You really ruined everything, Killian," Althea said and after that, she turned around and left him there, standing alone. while watching his daughter was very excited to see Alex.

The man picked her up and she giggled, her expression was pure of happiness, as she called him over and over again and the king gave her a kiss on her cheek.

Killian watched another man played father to his mate and daughter, but he couldn't do anything. Watching everything unfolded before his eyes was the most excruciating pain that he had to endure, but he couldn't turn around and not to see, because this might be the last time he would see the two of them

Brian and Abigail would come to visit Althea every now and then and they were welcomed to come, while Willow was banished from the pack.

With the fact that her destined mate was the one, who had saved Jasmine, they agreed to let her go. This was a mercy for her hud she was not allowed to step foot in the pack

Althea didn't say much about it, but when Willow wanted to speak to her for the last time, she refused to give her the opportunity.

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She wanted to apologize and explain herself. That will only give her some relief and free her from guilty conscience for what she had done to me, but why would I need to give her such satisfaction? I am fine with the way it is

That was what Althea said, which in the end. Willow didn't get what she wished for, but she got a chance to talk with her

mother and father

Killian, didn't give a chance for Willow to talk to him too, since he didn't think there was a need for a closure for the two of them. It was already very obvious there was nothing between them to talk about.

"Dada, do you love me?"

"So much" Alex kissed her cheeks and Jasmine hugged her father

Janine looked at Killian, who was staring at them and then stuck out her tongue to mock Killian, which he found it was hilarious, but sad at the same time, since he realized how much his daughter despised him now.

Killian could only take that and watched them leave.

The ship sailed and the sun set, everything was gloomy, even though the sky was bright in red color, but Killian felt his heart was empty. He didn't know what to do with his life right now.

He knew that he had to let Althea go the moment he realized what kind of monster he was in the last conversation he had with her before Jasmine went missing and the way his own daughter couldn't even stand him was... devastating.

Brian approached him and asked whether he was alright.

"No" Killian replied. "I don't think I will be alright after I lost what's important in my life."

He only wanted a family and now, he didn't have any

Althea felt this sickness again, she felt like she wanted to vomit.

"I don't want to travel by the sea again," Althea grumbled, as she curled herself on the bed, while Jasmine was laying down on her back. The little one was a little bit clingy now, she would be anxious whenever she didn't see her mother, but Althea could understand why she was like that.

She felt the same after all.

"You don't need to travel by the sea again," Alex reassured her, he caressed her hair and chuckled when Jasmine gave her head to be patted too. She crawled to his lap and rest her head there, which made the king was busy to pat the two important girls in his life.

"Momma.." Jasmine called her, she patted her cheek so Althea could open her eyes to see her.

Right now, they were only lazing around in their room, there was nothing much they could do when you were surrounded by water.

I want baby sister and baby brother, Jasmine said randomly. "I want baby, momma."

Alex chuckled when he heard that. "How many babies do you want, sweetie?"

Althea gave him a look because of his question, but Alex dutifully ignored it and waited for Jasmine's answer.

"I want a lot of babies!" Jasmine replied.

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Althea scrunched her nose, but there was this tinged of blush on her cheek, she grumbled and hid her face under the blanket.

Alex had told her about what happened in the mainland kingdom and how everything was perfect for them.

"Dada, can you give me the baby?" Jasmine asked Alex now because her mother was hiding.

"Sure, but you need to sleep in your own room, if you wanted a baby, because we need to have a serious discussion about

that

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Jasmine turned seventeen today, which meant, she had come to age, where she would finally meet with her mate. She was very excited about it.

Ever since she was little, she always thought about this day, especially when she saw the relationship between her father and mother.

Despite knowing that she was not really the king's child, king Alex loved her the same. Her father would treat her the same way he treated Aiden, her younger brother.

"You look gorgeous, sis!" Aiden squealed as he approached Jasmine and hugged her.

He was ten years old now, but he wouldn't turn down a hug or two. Though whenever he was having an attitude, he would look like their father, most of the time, he had the personality of their mother. He was soft spoken young boy, but he could be very mischievous if he wanted to.

"What are you doing here, Aiden?" Jasmine raised her brows. "Don't tell me you s**ed your class again."

Aiden grinned when he heard that and then pouted his lips. "Why I still have a class when today is the celebration of your birthday? Today is a party day. I don't need to be in class."

Jasmine shook her head. He always had an answer for everything. "If you wanted to be a good king, you should learn more."

The young boy sighed deeply, which made him look like an old man. "You are the firstborn, why should I be the king?" He complained, he had been complaining the same thing for the past year when he realized the responsibility and the task he had to do when he was sitting on the throne.

It had been made very clear from day one that Jasmine wouldn't take any responsibility for the crown, since she was not the royal blood. Her mother agreed with that and Jasmine was actually very relief too. She didn't like the battle in court and had to deal with those vicious people.

Therefore, when the queen fell pregnant five years ago, every soul in this kingdom were very excited, especially when they learned that it was a baby boy. Their expectation was too high, it was scary.

Because of that too, Jasmine felt bad for her brother, the pressure must be insane for him, even though he was still little.

"Go back to your class, okay?" If people knew that Aiden s**ed his class, again, they would talk about it and there would be another fight in court, their demand would become crazier.

Their father handled most of it, but he couldn't shield Aiden forever. Jasmine knew that much about the dynamic within the palace.

"No." Aiden crossed his arms in front of his chest.

"The party is still in the evening, there are still four hours left before it."

"No. I will not go back there."

Jasmine bent her body and kissed his cheek. "I will save you one more piece of my cake, okay?"

Hearing that, Aiden contemplated for a while and raised two fingers. "I want two."

"Deal. Jasmine giggled. Her brother was adorable. She then watched how Aiden dragged himself back to the study room. He was not happy, but what else he could do

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After that, Jasmine went about her day to prepare her party tonight. Her mother helped and her father came this early morning to wish her a happy birthday.

There would be a lot of people, who would come from all the kingdoms in this continent, also... her real father. He arrived in this continent a week ago and his birthday presents had been sitting on her boudoir.

Her relationship with him was good. He promised his pack to her, since she was his only child, after her mother, he had never been with anyone else, but Jasmine declined.

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The relationship between Killian and Althea was amicable to say the least, since her king father wouldn't let the two of them alone and her mother didn't have any interest to even have a small conversation with him.

They only got along well only for Jasmine's sake, even so, the time when they were in the same space was very rare, for example was her birthday.

"You look so beautiful, princess," Renee said after she was done with her hair. "I hope you got what you wished for." Jasmine blushed. Renee knew what she wished for. To find her mate. She was very romantic at heart.

"Are you done here, lovely?" Althea entered her daughter's bedroom and Renee bowed her head in respect for the queen. "You can leave, Renee, I will take over from here."

"Yes, my queen."

Renee left the two of them alone.

"You looked so beautiful, my love," Althea said, they looked at each other through the reflection on the mirror.

"Thank you, mother." Althea kissed her hand on her shoulder.

"I can't believe that you have turned seventeen," Althea said, she kissed her hair and there was tear in her eyes.

"Oh, don't cry," Jasmine said, she stood up and hugged her mother.

"I know that you wished to meet with your mate in your party, but I hope I will have more time with you." Time flew so fast and in a blink of an eye, Jasmine was a young grown up woman, she was so beautiful, but Althea still wanted her for herself.

"Oh, mother, I will not go anywhere. I will still be here with you.

They hugged it and cried a little bit, but then Althea reminded her not to ruin her make up and both of them went out of the room.

Jasmine was excited, somehow, she couldn't explain it, but she could feel it in her heart that she would find her soulmate tonight, but little did she know, it was not in the way that she imagined it would be.

And one more thing; tonight, it would change the trajectory of her life completely. Her life wouldn't be the same anymore after tonight party.

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"You look so beautiful, my daughter," Killian said. he stared at Jasmine with adoration in his eyes.

"Thank you, father," Jasmine replied, smiling at her father beautifully. She could see how her father had aged, he looked even older than his age.

And there, she caught him glancing toward her mother again. She knew what happened between them, but her mother was very vogue about what she had to endure in his hand.

However, that was enough for Jasmine to understand why her mother wanted nothing to do with Killian, if it was not for her.

She respected her decision.

“Can I have a dance with you, beautiful?” Killian asked, his focus was on Jasmine again. He was smiling, look genuinely happy for her.

“Of course,” Jasmine giggled.

It was a beautiful night, where Jasmine became the center of attention and people complimented her beauty. Aiden was happy to be there too and reminded her of the extra cake that he would receive.

As the future king, he had to go through strict education and watched what he ate, but today was a special occasion, right? So, extra sugar wouldn't be a problem.

Needless to say, Jasmine doted on her brother so much. Sometime, even more than her parent.

However, there was only one thing that kept bothering her mind right now, it was the fact that she had not yet found her mate. She always imagined this magical moment when she found him and how it felt to finally find your other half.

But, it seemed, she had to wait a little bit longer...

It was until alpha Lorent from Redwood pack of the north kingdom entered the room. He was late and he didn't come alone. He came with his chosen luna. Their ceremony would be held in a week from now.

That was when Jasmine realized that he was her destined mate and she was not the only one, who realized that.

Alpha Lorent was stunned, he was petrified when their eyes met. For a brief moment, they stayed like that, as if the world that revolved around them had stopped and time was no longer ticking.

Jasmine gulped down with difficulty when she realized what happened.

However, the smile that bloomed in her lips when she realized, she had found her mate died very quick the moment a woman stepped beside alpha Lorent and looped her arms around his. She followed his line of sight and it seemed, it was not the two of them that realized what was going on.

That beautiful woman started tearing up and it snapped the alpha out of his reverie, which drew unnecessary attention toward them.

“What happened? Why she is crying?”

“What happened with her?”

“Is that Valerie? Alpha Lorent’s chosen mate?”

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“Are you okay, dear?”

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People started talking, but none of them knew what was going on, since there was no word that was exchanged between alpha Lorent and Jasmine. They only stared at each other for a couple of second and thing escalated out of their control when they still tried to comprehend what was going on.

“Who is that woman, who dared enough to make a fuss in this occasion?” Killian growled. He was having his dance with his daughter, but was interrupted with this commotion, which made him mad. “I will go and check what’s going on.”

“No, please.” Jasmine snapped back to reality and then caught her father’s arm, she didn’t want him to leave her there.

Meanwhile, king Alex and queen Althea approached the commotion and people dispersed to make a path for the two of them, this made alpha Lorent panic a little bit, because the two figures came approaching him, while he was still consoling

his mate.

“Valerie, please don’t cry,” alpha Lorent said desperately.

“What’s going on here?” king Alex asked, his expression turned ashen. If this woman only came here to make a commotion, they should leave. This was not the place for them to pull such stunt.

“King Alex.” Alpha Lorent gave the two of them respect, but he could see princess Jasmine came approaching from behind. She looked so beautiful and her scent... her scent was heavenly, it made him weak in the knees.

“Let’s find a room to have a discussion,” Jasmine said, she looked calm and composed, despite the fact that Valèrie was glaring at her through her tears.

Alpha Killian followed behind her daughter. His eyes narrowed, he watched how everything was unfolded and hoped this was not what he was thinking.

Alex and Althea were confused, but they did what Jasmine asked them to do and find a room for their privacy, where they could talk about what was going on here.

“I want to go too,” Aiden said, he followed them, but Jasmine stopped him.

“I will stay with him,” Althea volunteered, she would hear what happened later. “The party is still in full swing, it will not look good if we left them.”

Althea didn’t want to stay in the same room with Killian and because he was a guest, he couldn’t stay behind too. But, Alex was there with their daughter, so she didn’t feel too worry about what was going on.

“Okay, thank you, Mom.” Jasmine kissed her mother, they exchanged a meaningful look.

Althea was curious why Jasmine took care this matter on her own when she didn’t have to, but from the look in her eyes, she knew this was something important.

“I want to be with Jasmine!” Aiden protested, but Althea had ushered him away.

Killian was the last person, who entered the room. He leaned his back against the door and watched everything unfolded. Storm in his face when he saw how that woman was crying and how uneasy the other alpha was. He was a young alpha, he must have chosen that woman to be his since he thought he wouldn’t find his mate

He knew that much because he was in his place before.