

# **Forgotten Wife : Let the Traitors Kneel Down Novel**

124 The keys of Hades Sophia sighed heavily, she had thought about talking secretly with Ethan and leaving April's body, however, everything had gotten out of control.

\_This is not the time to fight among ourselves, if Vritra is not stopped soon, darkness will rise again over this world.

\_You said you knew what King Venobich was up to, tell us what you know? \_That's right, Vritra is part of an ancient lineage, darkness runs through his veins.

Ethan couldn't help but ask.

\_ Why did you marry someone like that? \_Vritra was not evil when I met him, at that time the darkness that was in him had not awakened, I tried to help him, but when I got pregnant I had to stop, I used all my power to hide that of my little one, since she was in my womb I had to suppress her power to prevent Vritra from realizing that she was the bearer of the light.

I planned to help Vritra when April was born, but when she was born my power was exhausted and Vritra had already been consumed by the darkness, in the end I died without being able to save him.

\_ Do you know how he plans to awaken the darkness? Or if he already has? Alessandro asked, returning to the original topic.

Dantriel answered his question.

\_If the darkness had already awakened I assure you that you would know.

\_That's right, Vritra has not yet been able to awaken the Darkness and that is because he needs the keys to the gates of Hades.

\_ The keys to Hades? \_Darkness was locked away in Hades, or so the elven history books say.

\_ If we get those keys, wouldn't that stop the darkness from awakening? \_Yes, but nobody knows where they are.

To open the doors of Hades, two keys are needed.

According to ancient books, those keys were hidden in two different places by the elves.

Maya was very excited by what they were saying and suddenly she remembered a story that her father had told her when she was just a little girl, in that story he mentioned the keys to the gates of Hades, she said.

\_Maybe I know where one of them is.

Everyone focused their gaze on Maya, she said.

\_Although it may be nothing.

Alessandro told him.

\_Speaks.

Maya answered a little nervously as everyone looked at her expectantly.

\_When I was a child my father told me a story that mentioned the keys to Hades, well actually he only mentioned one.

\_Did the story mention where that key was? \_I think so, but I don't remember that story very well, but I can go home and ask my father.

Cassian told him.

\_You'd be doing us a favor if you did that.

After finalizing what they would do, Alessandro looked Sophia directly in the eyes and said.

\_If that was all you had to say, leave my wife's body.

Ethan objected.

\_No, don't do it Sophia, don't go yet.

Alessandro stood between them and with a murderous look said.

\_Even though she is April's mother, that body does not belong to her, find out this, she is already dead, so do not touch my wife's body again or I will tear your hands off.

Sophia understood Alessandro's attitude perfectly, so she apologized.

\_I'm sorry, I didn't mean to cause trouble.

Sophia looked at Ethan and said.

\_I just came to say goodbye.

I thank you for everything you've done for me and I free you from all ties, Ethan, go home and be happy.

Ethan was going to take her hand, but Sophia pulled it away.

\_This is not my body, I can't let you touch it.

Sophia looked at Alessandro and said.

\_Actually, she wouldn't want another man to touch her either, since for April you are the only man who can touch her.

After saying that Sophia looked at Dantriel and said.

\_Dantriel.

\_Yes princess.

\_I know you don't owe me loyalty, but I want to ask you one last favor, keep my daughter's existence a secret.

\_For now I will do it, but you know that your father will find out about this sooner or later.

\_I know, but I would prefer it to be late rather than early, wait until she knows how to defend herself, until the last seal is broken, I ask no more of you.

Dantriel nodded and responded while giving a small bow, bending his waist slightly.

\_I will do so, your majesty.

Sophia stood in front of Alessandro and said to him.

\_You better take care of my little girl, if you make her suffer I'll come back and make you regret it.

\_I don't plan on making her suffer, I love her and all I want is to make her happy, she won't have to come back, I assure you.

\_I hope so.

Sophia gave Ethan one last smile and before fainting into Alessandro's arms she said to him.

\_Goodbye Ethan.

Alessandro headed towards the door with his wife in his arms, before crossing the door Ethan told him.

\_I'll be able to talk to her someday.

\_I don't think you have any business with my wife, so no, Sir Ethan, she is not the person you are looking for, don't use her as your substitute.

After Alessandro left, Cassian thought it was best for them to leave as well, so he took Maya's hand and excused himself.

\_We'd better go too, I don't think this is the best time to talk.

Ethan was still affected by losing Sophia, he just wanted to be alone so he didn't hold them back; Dantriel just responded.

\_That's right, I think it's best if we leave it for tomorrow, there are still some questions I want to ask you.

When Maya and Cassian left and they were alone, Dantriel said to him.

\_I'm sorry Ethan.

\_ Why are you apologizing? \_For not helping you look for her back then.

125 A wonderful experience When April woke up the first thing she saw was Alessandro's worried face, she put her hand on his face, caressing his cheeks and asked him.

\_ What's wrong Lessan? \_ Are you back to being you? \_Have I been someone else? \_Your mother used your body, don't you remember? \_No, I don't really remember anything.

\_ Why did you do it? Why didn't you tell me? \_She seemed worried, anxious, I just wanted to help her, did I do something wrong? Alessandro hadn't told April about the elves so she had no idea what she had done by letting her mother take control of her body.

He placed his forehead against hers and said.

\_You haven't done anything wrong.

\_ And why do I feel like I've done something wrong? Alessandro realized that he could no longer continue hiding the existence of the elves from her and that he had to tell her everything even if she didn't like the idea one bit.

\_You haven't done anything wrong, I've been the one who's been doing things wrong to you, I apologize for that.

\_ Doing things wrong? I don't understand what you're trying to tell me.

\_There's something I discovered a while ago and I didn't have the courage to tell you.

Seeing Alessandro's serious face, April felt anxious.

\_ What's wrong Lessan? \_ What do you know about your mother? When Alessandro asked that question April realized that she didn't know anything about her mother, in the palace they never mentioned her name even once, as when she asked questions the maids got annoyed, she stopped asking about her, she didn't really know anything about her, she looked at him and answered his question with total sincerity.

\_I don't know much about my mother, in the palace no one ever mentioned her before and every time I asked about her I ended up being punished so I stopped asking about her, now that I think about it I don't even know my mother's name, when she appeared in my dreams I knew it was her, but I had never seen a portrait of her, but I still knew she was my mother.

\_I see, then I'll tell you who she was.

April waited in silence for Alessandro to speak, she couldn't hide the emotion she felt, for the first time someone would talk to her about her mother.

\_Your mother was called Sophia and she was a princess of the elf kingdom.

April remembered reading a book that mentioned elves, but it said they were extinct creatures that weren't even known to have existed.

\_ An elf princess? Do they even exist? \_Yes, although it was only a few months ago that I found out about it, April your power is very special, more than you can imagine, the power of light is a power that comes from the elves, which only elven royalty possesses, you inherited that power from your mother.

April was so shocked that she didn't know what to say, Alessandro continued.

\_Cassian met two elves, they are in the palace, your mother went to see one of them, that's why she borrowed your body.

\_ Are they friends of my mother? Can I see them? \_You better not, you should stay away from them Aby, for them a child born between an elf and a human is considered taboo, they might try to take you away.

Alessandro caressed her cheek and said.

\_I don't want to lose you Aby, that's why I've tried to hide you from them, but now they know of your existence, now the only thing I can do is protect you, you should never get close to them, they are dangerous.

\_If they are dangerous, why did my mother go to see them? I don't think she tried to put me in danger.

\_I don't know Aby, I don't know why she went to see them.

Alessandro hugged her and said.

\_But I don't want you to see them, I couldn't bear it if they took you away from me.

April had many questions, but seeing Alessandro so anxious and worried, she didn't want to ask any more questions.

She had to wait to meet her mother in her dreams and ask her to clarify all her doubts.

\*\*\* As they returned to the main palace Cassian asked Maya.

\_ Are you going to leave? \_Yes, although I will be back soon.

\_I wish I could accompany you...

Maya knew what was coming next.

\_But you can't, right? \_Things between my brother and the elves are very tense, I can't leave.

Cassian looked worried, she told him.

\_ Don't worry, I always make my trips alone, I'm used to it, plus I'll travel faster if I go alone, unlike you I can use more magic scrolls, at most it will take me three days to go and come back.

\_ When will you leave? \_I'll leave early tomorrow.

\_ Will you really be okay on your own? \_Yes, I assure you.

Maya stretched her arms and said.

\_In the end I wasn't able to ask the elves the questions I wanted to ask, I guess I'll have to ask them another time.

\_ What did you want to ask them? \_It doesn't matter anymore.

Cassian was curious, he wanted to know what questions Maya wanted to ask the elves, however, she didn't seem willing to talk so he decided to change the subject.

\_Even though you've come from so far away, you've only been locked up in the palace.

You want me to show you the city before you leave.

In fact, Maya had visited the capital of the kingdom on many occasions due to her work, in reality she should know it better than the prince who lived locked up in his palace, but she did not tell her, she smiled and answered.

\_I would love that.

Cassian took Maya's hand and said to her.

\_Follow me.

They both sneaked out of the palace, Maya couldn't help but ask.

\_ Why did we sneak out of the palace? \_I don't want to take guards with me, if they had seen us they would surely want to accompany us and I don't want that.

\_ So you want to be alone with me? Don't you think your room would have been a better place? Cassian responded very nervously and with his face dyed red.

\_That's not true.

\_I guess I was the only one who enjoyed yesterday, you seemed so passionate that I thought you enjoyed it too, but I guess that's not the case, that must have been unpleasant for you.

Cassian stopped, turned to look at her and with a serious face, said.

\_That's not true, I really enjoyed it, I had never done something like that before, but for me it was wonderful.

Actually, Maya had just been joking, she didn't imagine that he would respond with such sincerity, she stole a kiss from him and said.

\_It was for me too.

\_I thought you said that for you he was just one of the bunch.

\_It wasn't, for me it was also something memorable, that's why I've become greedy and want to repeat it.

Several people had turned to look at them, Cassian had been aware that they had already arrived in the city by that point, he was deeply embarrassed and said to them.

\_We better stop talking about that, everyone is watching us.

Maya clung to his arm and said.

\_Then we will talk about them tonight, remember that you still owe me an answer.

So much had happened that morning that Cassian had completely forgotten what he had talked about that morning, Maya dragged him when she saw that he wasn't moving and said to him.

\_Let's hurry up or it will get dark and all I'll see will be the entrance to the city.

\_Sorry I got distracted for a moment.

With a smile Maya asked.

\_ Where do you plan to take me? Cassian hadn't thought about where he would take her first since he had decided everything impulsively, Maya seemed to notice so she suggested going to the shopping district where all the shops were.

Before Cassian had always hated passing by that place since a lot of people were crowding around and everyone was looking at him with pity when they saw that he had to drag his leg to be able to walk and above all because just walking down that street was extremely painful due to his injury, but that was no longer the case, he was able to walk normally again and that walk that he considered hell for a long time, I now consider extremely pleasant.

They both walked for a while through the crowded streets until Maya said she was hungry and that he should take her to a good restaurant.

Cassian didn't know many places to eat.

At that moment, the only thing that came to his mind was the cafeteria where Laila had taken him on one occasion.

Suddenly, he remembered that Laila had made him promise that he would have a date with her when he returned.

Maya, seeing Cassian thoughtful, asked him.

\_ Is something wrong? \_I just remembered that I promised to do something when I returned.

\_So our date ends here.

\_No, you said you were hungry, come on, there's a cafe nearby that sells some delicious sweets.

Maya loved sweet things, when she heard that she could eat delicious sweets her mouth watered and she said.

\_What are you waiting for, take me to that cafe immediately, I don't plan on leaving this city without trying those delicious sweets you mentioned.

126 Puppets of darkness Ethan stood by the window, Dantriel knew him very well and knew that when he stayed silent for so long it was because he was up to something.

\_ What are you thinking about Ethan? \_In Sophia.

\_I hope you're not thinking of doing anything crazy, she wouldn't want that.

\_I've been looking for her for over 20 years, do you really think I'm just going to sit back and do nothing, waiting for her to disappear? \_That's what she wants.

\_ And what about what I want? \_You can't impose your will on others, she gave her life for her daughter's, do you think she would be happy if you destroyed her daughter's life just to bring her back? Ethan didn't answer, he just stared at him in silence.

\_Ethan, she came here to say goodbye to you, because she knew that you would not rest until you found her and that sooner or later you would find her daughter, her soul is clinging to her daughter not because she wants to live, but because she wants to protect her, so she removes from your mind any idea of bringing Sophia back.

\_I love her.

\_If you truly love her, fulfill her last wish and take care of her daughter.

Ethan sighed, not wanting to continue talking about that topic.

\_ What do you plan to do, Dantriel? When you have obtained the information you want, will you return to our kingdom? \_It is my duty to report what is happening here, so I will return as soon as I can.

\_ Do you really think you'll participate in this war? \_I've told you before, Ethan, this is a war that concerns us all, the darkness will not stop in the human kingdom, it will continue to expand and in the end it will consume everything, including the kingdom of the elves, that is why we must participate in this war.

\_You have offered yourself as an ally, but do you think the king will accept this alliance with the humans? \_If we want to have a chance of winning this war, alliance with the humans is necessary.

\_Humans are not to be trusted.

\_I know, but we have no choice.

\_ I want to go to the kingdom of Laios? \_ That? \_I want to see the damn bastard who dared to deceive Sophia, I want to kill him with my own hands.

\_And you will, but this is not the time to act impulsively, Ethan I want you to come back with me and inform the queen of what happened.

\_ Because? \_Because from the beginning this was your mission, not mine.

\_Okay, I'll come back with you, but I assure you that I will kill that damn dog.

\_I will help you make it so.

\*\*\* Upon entering the store they looked for an empty table to sit down, a waitress approached them, for some strange reason it seemed to Maya that the woman was staring intensely at Cassian, as if she held some grudge against him.

\_ What does the lady want? \_Cassian said the sweets here are delicious, what do you recommend? \_Apple pie is our specialty, would you like to try it? \_Then an apple pie and something to drink please.

\_I'll bring it right away.

Dina left without taking Cassian's order, Maya told her.

\_I think the waitress doesn't like you.

\_It seems so.

Dina came back shortly after with Maya's order and completely ignored Cassian.

He had to call her several times to take her order and in the end she didn't even bring her what she had ordered, Maya laughed and said.

\_I think he really hates you.

\_I don't remember doing anything to make him treat me that way.

\_Maybe she was in love with you and when she saw that you brought me she wanted to take it out on you.

When Maya said that Cassian remembered that that girl was Laila's friend, when they had visited the cafe she had said that they were on a date, Dina must have thought that he was cheating on Laila with another woman and that was why she was being so aggressive with him.

"I should fix this misunderstanding" Cassian thought, since between him and Laila there was only a friendship, but for some reason he didn't want Maya to misunderstand him either, so in the end he decided to leave things as they were and talk to Laila later.

While they were eating Maya seemed very happy, Cassian had been staring at her for too long, she asked him.

\_I know I'm pretty, but why are you looking at me so much today? \_I'm sorry, did I make you feel uncomfortable? \_It doesn't bother me, I'm just curious to know what you're thinking when you look at me so intently.

\_I wasn't really thinking about anything in particular.

Maya locked her gaze with his and with a half smile said.

\_You're so unromantic, you should have said it's because you don't want me to go.

Cassian reached out his hand and with a clean handkerchief wiped her cheek since it had several crumbs on it and answered.

\_Maybe so.

\*\*\* Alessandro stayed the rest of the day with Abril, he didn't want to leave her alone at any time.

When night came Alessandro fell asleep first, Abril couldn't sleep, she freed herself from his embrace very slowly so as not to wake him up, she got out of bed carefully and went to the balcony, that day There was no moon, the garden was completely silent and dark.

As she looked closely at the garden, April saw the figure of a man in the garden, staring at her.

She felt a shiver run down her spine.

She got scared and decided to go back inside her room.

April could still feel as if she was being watched, she went back to bed and took refuge in Alessandro's arms wondering who that man could be.

That night it took her a long time to fall asleep, when she finally managed to enter the world of dreams, there she could see her mother, she was in front of a lake watching the water that seemed agitated.

\_Mother.

Sophia turned around when she heard April calling her and said while pointing to the lake.

\_The waters are rough, this is not good.

April came a little closer and asked him.

\_Mother, what do you mean by that? \_Your father has already started to move.

Sophia touched April's forehead, she felt as if she had been pulled, suddenly she found herself in her father's palace, in the throne room, the last place she had seen her father for the last time.

Vritra was sitting on his throne showing a bored expression on his face as he watched a brutal scene, there were endless corpses scattered on the floor, seeing all that blood April froze, she couldn't move, she closed her eyes tightly wishing to wake up, for that scene her mother was showing her to disappear, however, that didn't happen, when she opened her eyes again she saw the same brutal scene she had seen just a few minutes before.

\_I don't want to be here, mother.

\_I know, but you have to be here a little longer, look carefully.

April forced herself to look, among the corpses she saw dark shadows entering the corpses, all the wounds closed and the corpses stood up, the darkness had entered them, using them as puppets.

\_ Why are you showing me this, mother? \_You see all these men.

April gave them a quick look and although she didn't know any of them, but when she saw their clothes she realized who they were, they were the strategists and generals of the kingdom of Laios.

127 El despertar de un gran poder April had only read a few books about military hierarchy, but she knew enough to realize one thing, all those men were the ones leading the armies of the kingdom of Laios and if those people were being controlled by darkness, it meant that the entire kingdom was controlled by evil beings, she was horrified to realize what could happen to all the citizens being under the control of monsters.

Sophia touched her forehead again, when April opened her eyes again she found herself in a beautiful garden with white flowers, that brutal scene she had seen a moment ago seemed to have been a simple illusion.

\_April, I wanted to show you what Vritra is doing because you must be prepared, the war will start at any moment, you have to release your power my little one.

\_But I don't know how to do it.

\_I will help you, but in reality everything depends on you, each of the seals that are in you are linked to your emotions, you just have to wish with all your heart and with all your being that your magic is released.

\_ What if he didn't make it? \_ I assure you that you will achieve it, close your eyes.

April obeyed her mother and closed her eyes, she continued talking, April felt as if those words could reach deep inside her.

\_Think about what you want to protect, the people you want to help and protect from darkness, that will help you break the first seal.

April thought about all the people who had been good and kind to her, about Otis and Joe, about Alessandro.

Suddenly a memory came to her, the memory of Alessandro being attacked by the darkness and just at that moment when she felt that she could lose him, her magic that was still dormant seemed to awaken and another seal was broken, a bright light enveloped April's body, which only lasted a few seconds, she quickly returned to normal.

Ethan who was standing by the window looking at the main palace felt a surge of power coming from the palace, he hurried out of the house, Dantriel had also felt that surge of power like Ethan did and asked him.

\_ What the hell was that? \_I would recognize that magic anywhere, it is the magic of light, although I had never felt it with such intensity.

\_ Do you think it's Princess Sophia's magic? \_No, her magic is slightly different, this magic is from someone else, I think it's from her daughter.

\_Of the mestizo? \_That's how it is.

\_ I know we promised to keep the existence of Princess Sophia's daughter a secret, but do you think it's the right thing to do? \_For now yes, but when all this is over, we will talk about this topic again.

The next day when Abril woke up she felt completely exhausted, as if she hadn't rested all night, but since she didn't want Alessandro to worry about her she forced herself to get out of bed and pretend that she was fine.

She felt a little dizzy, she went out to the balcony to get some fresh air, but when she remembered the man she had seen the night before watching her from the shadows, she felt a shiver run through her body.

When Alessandro woke up he saw Abril on the balcony, she shivered, he took a shawl went out to the balcony and put the shawl on her shoulders.

\_Mornings are usually cooler as summer is almost over, so wrap up a little more before going out onto the balcony.

I don't want you to get sick.

\_Yes, I will keep that in mind.

Alessandro hugged her from behind, rested his chin on her shoulder and said...

\_It's a beautiful day, the sky is clear.

The birds flew through the skies; April stared at them for a moment and wished with all her might that the peace they were enjoying would last forever.

\_Yes, it looks like it's going to be a nice day.

\_ Do you have plans for today? \_Yes, I want to continue learning more about the affairs of the kingdom.

\_You seem very determined about that.

\_That's because I am, I told you before, I want to be your support stone, not just someone who serves as decoration, that's why I want to do my best to be useful.

How many times will I have to tell you that you already are.

\_No matter how many times you say it, I will always want to hear it one more time.

Alessandro hugged her a little tighter and said.

\_Then I will tell you every day, you are wonderful Aby, my beautiful ray of light.

April turned around and hugged him from the front with all her strength.

She was a little anxious about what her mother had shown her in her dreams.

She wondered whether or not she should tell Alessandro what she had seen.

He felt that something was happening to April, as if something was bothering her, so he asked her.

\_ Is something wrong Aby? You seem worried.

April was silent for a few minutes, then decided that the best thing to do was to tell him what she had seen in her dreams.

After she finished telling him everything she had seen in her dreams, she saw how Alessandro's expression hardened.

\_So that damn bastard looks like he's finally made the first move.

128 Lovers When Cassian woke up, the first thing he saw was Maya sleeping next to him, after returning from the city, the two had dinner in his room and after a few glasses of wine everything got out of hand, their mouths came together, the fire lit between the two and the clothes began to get in the way, the two ended up in bed tangled in a tangle of impure caresses.

For Cassian his first time had been wonderful, but the second was even more so, just remembering everything they had done his body trembled, he had to force himself to think of something else so as not to end up attacking Maya while she slept.

When he had calmed his desire, he caressed her cheek.

She woke up and opened her beautiful red eyes that were like two rubies.

She clung closer to him, buried her head in his chest and said to him.

\_Good morning.

Cassian felt his breathing stop, he took a deep breath and responded a little embarrassed as he felt her naked body pressed against him.

\_Good morning Maya.

\_Tell me it's not dawn yet.

She told him with her eyes still closed, refusing to believe that it was already daylight.

The first rays of sunlight filtered through the windows, Cassian answered.

\_It's already dawn.

\_I told you not to tell me, I'm still sleepy, I don't want to get up.

She complained as she rested her chin on his chest.

\_You don't have to do it, we can stay in bed a little longer.

Maya sat up and said to him.

\_I wish, but I have to go, the faster I go the faster I'll come back.

Cassian felt down at having to part with Maya, but in reality they weren't even in a relationship, he didn't even really know what they had exactly.

\_ What is our relationship? Maya stared at him, seemingly puzzled by the question he had just asked, Cassian realized he had said out loud what he was thinking; seeing her strange reaction he hurried to say.

\_Well, I don't know what to call what we have, that's why I'm asking.

\_Hum...That depends on you, what do you want us to be? \_I don't know, that's why I asked.

\_I already suggested it before, but you still haven't given me an answer.

\_ What about being lovers? \_That's right, I think that would be a good term to describe what we have now, don't you think? \_I guess you're right, that would be a good term.

\_So I am your lover, well until you find a wife of course, when that day comes, our relationship will end, I don't want to be the one cursed for being with a married man.

Cassian still thought that marrying Maya wouldn't be a bad idea so he told her.

\_You don't want to be my wife.

With a serious look on her face Maya replied.

\_No, I don't want to be your wife.

\_ Do you really not plan on ever getting married? \_That's right, I can't get married, so don't suggest it again.

\_ What do you mean by that? \_Nothing that matters much really.

Maya stood up, she picked up her clothes from the floor and while she was changing Cassian stood up and changed quickly to accompany her to the palace doors and say goodbye.

After finishing changing, Maya told him.

\_I'll see you when I get back.

\_I will accompany you to the palace doors.

\_It's not necessary.

\_I still want to do it.

\_But I don't want you to do that, so we'll say goodbye here.

Maya kissed him on the cheek and said.

\_See you soon, little prince.

Cassian had noticed that Maya was very sensitive about the subject of marriage, at first he thought it was just because she really didn't want to get married, because of her free spirit, but he no longer believed that was it, he wondered what the real reason was why she so flatly refused to get married.

After breakfast, April went to the library to continue her studies.

She spent the whole morning immersed in books, but she didn't look well.

Gabriel asked her.

\_Your Majesty, are you okay? \_Yes, I'm just a little dizzy.

Gabriel opened the window to let in the cool breeze from the garden and said to her.

\_ Do you want me to call the doctor? \_It's not necessary, I'm fine and please don't tell Alessandro, I don't want to worry him.

\_As your majesty commands.

April continued reading the book she had in her hands.

Although she felt terrible, breaking the second seal had not left her as exhausted as the first, however, she did not feel good at all.

The princess had told him that she was fine, however, Gabriel was still worried because she did not look well at all, he did not She wanted to disobey his order by going to tell the king that she was feeling ill, but she could not ignore her condition either.

He went out for a moment and asked one of the servants to bring some tea that would relieve fatigue and be good for dizziness.

As she did not want to say that it was for April, she lied saying that she was not feeling well at all.

Gabriel received the tea and served it himself.

\_Your Majesty, please take a moment to have some tea.

While drinking tea, April looked out the window to feel the fresh air and said to him.

\_Thank you very much for the tea, it did me good.

\_I'm glad that's the case, if you need anything don't hesitate to ask.

\_For now, just don't tell Alessandro that I'm not feeling very well, I don't want to worry him, if he finds out that I'm not feeling very well, he'll surely exaggerate everything.

\_I will do whatever you order, your majesty, but if it doesn't improve, I will have to inform the king.

\_I know, but it won't be necessary, tomorrow I'll be as good as new, I just feel a slight discomfort, it's nothing serious.

\_I hope so and your majesty recovers soon.

Alessandro was going through some papers when he heard a knock on his office door.

When he raised his head he saw Cassian leaning through the door and asking.

\_Hi Lessan, can I come in? \_Of course Cas, come in.

Cassian, seeing the mountain of papers on Alessandro's desk, said to him.

\_I'm sorry to interrupt you when you're so busy.

\_Don't worry about it, I'll finish it somehow, but tell me, what have you come for? \_I just wanted to tell you that Maya already left this morning.

\_You must be sad because he's gone.

\_Of course not.

\_In two weeks there will be a ball to give you the title of duke, are you ready? \_Yeah.

\_ Have you been to see the elves? \_Not yet, I was thinking of going after seeing you.

Alessandro stood up, looked out the window and while he looked at the garden, he said.

\_This morning April told me that her mother showed her King Venobich, apparently he has already started to move, all the generals and officers are dead, he has replaced them all by puppets of darkness, they only have human appearance, but they are monsters.

\_ Will you tell the elves? \_Yes, I want to know if they plan to give us part of their army when the war starts.

\_ Do you want to go now? \_Yeah.

Cassian was a little worried about how harsh Alessandro had been with Ethan the day before and asked him.

\_ Will you be okay? \_ What are you talking about? \_I mean, you'll be able to put aside your anger, I don't want you to draw your sword when we get there.

\_The truth is that I would love to do it, I would like to kill that damn elf for having touched April's body, but I won't do it, I will control myself for the good of my kingdom since this is not the best time to let myself be carried away by my feelings.

129 A beauty that shines One of the maids went to look for April, the designer had arrived with several dresses for the appointment ceremony and the ball that would be held in two weeks; April went to the room where the designer was, after entering she introduced herself.

\_Good afternoon, Your Majesty, my name is Rumia Floret, it is an honor for me to meet you.

\_Hello, Madame Rumia.

There was a variety of dresses in different colors and styles in the room, Rumia pointed at them and said.

\_These are some of my designs, I hope you like them.

Those dresses were beautiful, she had never worn any dress like them, she felt overwhelmed and told him.

\_They are all very beautiful, I don't know which one to choose.

\_Why don't you try them on, it will be easier to choose which one you like best.

April tried on several dresses, all of which looked amazing on her.

Rumia couldn't stop praising her about how beautiful she looked.

\_Your majesty is beautiful, all the dresses look great on you, I really should make a new one, but we don't have enough time.

\_We can use any of these, your dresses are beautiful.

\_Not your majesty, your beauty is what makes my dresses shine, I am sure that everyone will be left with their mouths open when they see you, you will captivate everyone's hearts.

\_ Do you really believe it? \_Of course, they will fall at your feet.

\_Well, I don't really care what other people think, I just want Alessandro to think I look beautiful.

\_I assure you that the king will fall in love with you even more.

April looked at herself in the mirror, she was wearing a white dress with lace, the skirt was voluminous and seemed to shine, with that dress she asked.

- Should I choose this one? \_That looks wonderful on you, it makes your beautiful hair stand out.

Hearing that, April doubted whether or not she should use it, she knew that the color of her hair was considered a taboo in the kingdom since it reminded them of her father who had done so much harm to them, it reminded them of the monster that had killed and destroyed their kingdom.

\_Then maybe I shouldn't use it.

April grabbed one of her curls and wrapped it around her finger.

\_I know that nobody likes the color of my hair.

Rumia knew very well that everyone in the kingdom spoke ill of the princess of the enemy kingdom who had married the king, saying that she was just like her father, a red-haired witch.

But she thought that all of those were lies, the beautiful princess in front of her did not seem to be that kind of person, on the contrary, she seemed to be someone sweet, kind and considerate, since she did not want to bother others.

\_It is true that many may be uncomfortable with the color of His Majesty's hair.

Rumia answered with complete sincerity.

April put a sad expression on her face.

\_But that is because they have never met her majesty, when they meet her I am sure that all those prejudices will disappear, that they will feel very lucky to be able to see the most beautiful flower in the kingdom; your hair is beautiful your majesty, never be ashamed of it, you should always show it with pride.

Those words gave April confidence, in the end she decided to choose that dress and stopped thinking about others, after all only one person's opinion mattered to her and he had already accepted her, he loved her just the way she was, he only cared about what Alessandro would say when he saw her dressed in that beautiful dress.

\*\*\*\*\* Alessandro went to see the elves with Cassian, when they arrived the tension between Ethan and Alessandro was palpable, it was like a storm was about to break out at any moment.

Cassian spoke to try to lighten the tension between them.

\_We have come because we would like to know if we can count on your armies when war breaks out.

Ethan was silent, it was Dantriel who answered.

\_We cannot offer an army, but a few warriors.

\_ Are you kidding! \_Of course not, but our armies are there to protect our kingdom, so we can only offer a few warriors.

\_I thought you said that this war concerned us all, but your actions and words do not match.

\_My warriors are strong and powerful, I dare say that many are as strong as your brother.

\_ How do you know about Cassian's strength? \_I've researched them too, I don't like to approach anyone without knowing their strength.

\_Then I'd like to test them, I don't like trusting my back to a useless person.

Ethan made a mocking face and said.

\_That's what we should say, you humans have always believed yourselves to be invincible, eternal, but you are nothing more than fools playing at being powerful, you are the useless ones.

Alessandro brought his hand to the hilt of the sword he wore on his weapons belt and said.

\_Why don't we check it out right now and see who the useless one is.

Cassian stepped between them and said.

\_This is not the time to fight each other, we must be united.

Alessandro turned around and before leaving he said to him.

\_Call your warriors, I want to meet them and see their skills.

\_I don't like being given orders, but I will agree to your request, I will ask them to come, although you will have to prepare a more comfortable and spacious place, I cannot ask them to sleep on the floor.

Alessandro didn't want them to leave that small cabin, since he didn't want them to meet Abril again, but he couldn't do that, they were his allies and they had to show courtesy.

\_Of course, I will ask that a suitable place be prepared for them today.

\_Thank you so much.

Alessandro left, Cassian followed him, when they had moved away he said to him.

\_I thought you said you would control yourself.

\_And I did, I didn't kill him.

130 I want to know more about my mother Alessandro returned to his office, he continued working until it started to get dark, he went directly to the dining room, he hoped to see April, however she was not there, only Cassian was.

\_ Where is April? Why hasn't she arrived yet? \_He said he was sleepy and went to bed early.

\_ Without dinner? \_It seems so.

Alessandro was worried, April never skipped a meal.

\_I'm sorry Cas, but I can't go with you either, I want to go see how Abril is.

\_Don't worry, I'm not even hungry, I'll go rest too.

\_Good night, brother, I'll see you tomorrow.

Alessandro went to his room, and when he entered he found the lights off, the only light was the moonlight that filtered through the windows.

In the middle of the bed he could see April, she seemed to be sleeping.

He approached her and when he saw her sleeping face, he wondered if she was okay.

He stayed with her for a while, then changed his clothes and got into bed, putting his arms around her, enjoying the warmth of her body.

He kissed her on the forehead and wished that tomorrow would come so he could confirm that she was fine, that nothing was wrong with her.

That night Alessandro could hardly sleep, although Abril seemed to be fine, he felt that something was not right.

When April opened her eyes, the first thing she saw was his worried, haggard face; he caressed her cheek and asked her.

\_ How are you? April tensed up upon hearing Alessandro's question.

She wondered if Gabriel had told her that he wasn't feeling well, but since she wasn't sure of anything, she decided to lie.

\_I'm doing great.

\_ Are you sure? \_Yes, I have no doubt.

\_You didn't have dinner yesterday, I was worried about you, I thought you weren't feeling well.

\_Don't worry, I feel fine, I was just a little tired, I had a busy day yesterday.

\_It's really just that.

\_Yes, that's all, so change that worried face.

\_Cassian's naming ceremony is coming up soon, I want us to dance together on that day.

\_But I'm not very good at it yet.

\_But you will, I'm absolutely sure of it.

From that day on, April started to get much busier, I received classes on how to manage the palace and a few classes on the etiquette to follow at dances.

But since she was still tired from breaking the second seal, she went to sleep early, and when Alessandro arrived in the room she was already sleeping.

April had gone out for a walk in the garden, several days had passed since she had broken the second seal, but her body still felt heavy, she went out for a walk in the garden before the sun completely set to clear her mind, she stopped in front of some camellias, from them she could smell a sweet aroma that made her relax.

\_Sophia.

A voice said behind her.

That voice was familiar to her, although she didn't understand why he had said her mother's name, she turned around.

He was a man with messy blond hair, April asked him.

\_ Who are you? \_I'm Ethan, we've already met once.

April remembered that he had called her Sophia back then too, at that moment she realized who that man was.

\_You are my mother's friend.

\_That's right, I'd like to talk to your mother for a moment, could you have her come? April shook her head.

\_Things don't work like that, I can't make my mother appear whenever I want, on the contrary, she only appears in my dreams when she needs to tell me something.

\_I see.

April could see the disappointment on Ethan's face, she told him to cheer him up a little.

\_But if she appears in my dreams I'll tell her that you want to talk to her.

Ethan doubted that Sophia would ever see him again, she had already said goodbye to him, however, he couldn't accept that goodbye, he wanted to see her again and tell her how much he loved her.

\_ I will be eternally grateful if you do that.

April stared at him, finally asking him.

\_ Did you know my mother well? \_That's right, we've been friends since we were kids.

Abrial didn't know much about her mother, she told him.

\_I don't know anything about my mother, could you tell me what she was like and if she had family, if I have more family in the elven kingdom.

\_I see you already know what we are.

\_Alessandro told me this a few days ago and since then I can't stop thinking about what she was like before she married my father.

Ethan frowned when she mentioned his father, apparently hating him too.

But he answered her question with some sadness.

\_Your mother is a sweet, tender, compassionate, happy and brave woman, she is a wonderful woman.

April noticed that when Ethan talked about his mother, his eyes shone with great emotion, she recognized that emotion, it was love, she asked him.

\_ Did you love my mother? \_Yes, and I still do because for me she is and always will be the only one in my life.

131 Laughing like good friends Ethan approached April and caressed her hair, she looked exactly like Sophia, except for her hair, Sophia's was blonde and straight, April's was reddish and curly, that's why when he had seen her in that town with blonde hair he had confused them.

\_ You really are his daughter.

\_Sorry.

\_You are her spitting image, if your hair was blonde, I would say you are her.

\_It actually makes me happy to know that I look like my mother and not my father, well, although I inherited my hair color from him.

When April mentioned her father the soft and sweet expression disappeared from Ethan's face, it changed to one full of hatred and resentment; April backed away from Ethan, there was something about him that scared her.

Cassian had gone out for a walk in the garden when in the distance he saw April who was with Ethan, he hurried to where they were, worried that she might do something to him.

When he arrived where they were, They saw that April was backing away, she looked a little scared.

\_Stay away from her.

Ethan took a few steps back, raised his hands high and said.

\_I didn't do anything to him, we were just talking.

Cassian stood between them, covering April with his body, and said to her.

\_You are not allowed to be here.

\_ Don't I have permission? Am I a prisoner? Ethan laughed sarcastically and said.

\_Don't forget that I'm an ally, you have no rights over me, I'll go wherever I want.

\_ This is not your house, you can't do whatever you want.

Ethan started to walk away and said to her.

\_ You should treat your allies better, lest they become enemies.

When Ethan had gotten far enough away Cassian asked April.

\_ How are you? Did he do something to you? April shook her head and answered.

\_We were just talking.

\_ About what? \_About my mother, they were friends so I asked her what she was like, I didn't know her, I was curious.

\_But a moment ago you seemed scared.

\_I mentioned my father, his expression changed completely, he scared me a little, but he wasn't rude, so you shouldn't be rude to him either.

\_I don't like it, I can't be nice to someone I don't like.

\_ Why don't you like him? He seemed very nice to me.

\_Because of the obsession she has with you, it's weird.

\_Actually, I understand him perfectly.

He told me that he loves my mother, that even if she is dead, she will be the only one for him.

I look a lot like my mother.

I think that when he sees me, he misses her.

\_Still, you shouldn't get too close to him and above all don't mention to Alessandro that you talked to him, my brother is very jealous, he'll be furious if he finds out that the two of you were talking alone.

\_Okay, I won't tell him anything.

April realized that since they had returned from the trip they barely saw each other during meals since everyone seemed to be very busy, so she told him.

\_It's been a long time since we went for a walk, do you want to go for a walk with me? \_Of course.

As they walked April asked.

\_ Maya hasn't returned yet? \_No, and to be honest, I'm already worried.

He said he'd be back in three days, but it's been a week and he still hasn't returned.

\_Maybe he had some problem, I'm sure he'll be back soon.

\_I hope so.

April had seen that Maya and Cassian were very close, and above all she had heard the servants talk about them, they said that they were more than friends since they slept together, she could not hide her curiosity any longer and asked him.

\_ Are you in love with Maya? The question surprised Cassian greatly, he couldn't help but let it show on his face.

\_ Why do you ask that? \_It's just that the servants have been talking a lot about you, they say that she will most likely become your wife.

Cassian felt a little uncomfortable talking about that topic with April since she had been his first love and he still had feelings for her, but she looked at him with expectant eyes, so he just answered without giving many details.

\_That won't happen.

\_ Why not? \_She said she can't get married, she didn't tell me the reason.

\_ Does that mean you asked for it? He didn't answer.

But it wasn't necessary.

Cassian was like an open book, all his answers appeared on his face.

April laughed and said.

\_Your face says that you did ask him, although it seems that he rejected you.

\_That's right, I've been rejected, so let's not talk about it, I feel like you're stabbing my heart with a dagger when someone else says that.

\_Okay, I won't talk anymore about how they rejected you.

\_You say you will do it, but you keep repeating it.

\_ Sorry, I'm a little slow with some things sometimes.

\_ A little? Sometimes too much.

They both laughed softly, the way people do when they're just happy to be together.

April told him.

\_It's been a long time since we spent time together.

\_It's true, I think we've hardly seen each other since we got back.

\_That's right, Alessandro told me that you will leave the palace after the appointment ceremony, you are my first friend, I will miss you.

\_I will miss you too.

\_This place will be very lonely when you're gone.

Cassian, seeing the sad expression on April's face, said to her.

\_Come on, there's a place I want to show you.

April followed him to a small garden that was hidden behind some bushes, although it was hidden, it looked very well kept, Cassian told her.

\_This is one of my favorite places, I used to come here to think when I was little or when I felt lonely.

\_ When did you feel alone? \_Yes, I know it seems like I'm contradicting myself, but it's true, my mother showed me this place once when we were playing hide and seek with Alessandro, I remember that we both hid for hours here while we laughed.

Imagining how long it would take Lessan to find us is one of my best memories, that's why when I come here, strange as it may seem, I don't feel alone.

Sometimes I feel like I can still hear my mother's laughter.

April had no memories with her mother, in fact she didn't have a single good memory of when she had been a child, she told him.

\_I would have liked to have some memories like that, I think if I had, I wouldn't have felt so alone.

\_But now you are not anymore, you have my brother and even if he is far away, you have people who love you.

\_I know.

132 You are the only woman I have ever been with When the sun had completely set Cassian told him.

\_I think we'd better get back, if Alessandro goes to the dining room first he'll start wondering where you are.

\_ Can I come here when I need to think or feel lonely? \_Of course, you can come whenever you want.

April and Cassian were heading to the palace when one of the servants rushed over.

\_Prince Cassian.

\_ What's wrong? Why do you look so agitated? \_He told me to let him know when Miss Maya returned.

\_ Is she here? \_Yes, he just arrived a moment ago.

\_ Is she okay? \_Yes, it seemed fine.

Cassian was relieved to know that Maya was okay, he had been very worried since she had taken longer than she had said.

April put her hand on his shoulder and said.

\_ See, you had nothing to worry about, she's fine.

\_Yes, you were right.

\_You must be anxious to see her.

\_That's not true.

\_I think it is, so why don't you go see it.

\_I'll walk you to the dining room.

\_You don't have to, I already know the way.

\_Accompany her.

Cassian ordered the servant, then he said goodbye to April and went to find Maya.

She was in her room, he entered without knocking and saw her without clothes.

Cassian stared at her, she covered herself with a robe and said.

\_You should knock on the door before entering, although it's not that I mind you seeing me without clothes.

\_You took a long time, you said you would be back in three days.

Maya took a few steps forward, shortening the distance between them, and said to him.

\_ Did you miss me that much? \_I was worried, I thought something had happened to you.

\_Sorry, I had some things to do before I got back.

\_ What things? \_Things.

\_You're not going to tell me.

\_I have a life too, you know, I can't tell you everything, although it's really nothing important, I just ran some errands for my father.

\_About the story of the keys of hades, were you able to find out where the first key is? \_Well, actually the story doesn't make much sense, I'll tell you later, now I want to take a bath, will you allow me? \_Yes of course.

Maya walked to the bathroom and said.

\_You can wait until I finish bathing or if you want you can accompany me, I wouldn't mind if you accompanied me.

Cassian was tempted to accompany her, but he refused, not wanting to be carried away by his passions.

\_I'll wait for you here.

\_It might take a while.

Are you sure you don't want to come with me? \_I'm in no hurry, I'll wait for you here.

\_I'll leave the door open in case you want to come.

Cassian stood waiting for Maya to come out of the bathroom, although it wasn't that long, the short time he waited seemed like an eternity, when she came out her hair was wet, as she walked towards him, he thought she looked incredibly sexy, he swallowed hard; he knew that this was not the time to let himself be carried away by his passions, by his desires that drove him to want to touch her.

Maya could see desire in Cassian's eyes, it was as if she was looking at a succulent dessert, she moved a little closer, in reality she wanted it too, she wanted to feel his hands running over her body, his wet lips against hers.

She wanted to feel the warmth of his body and lose her mind while he made her his.

He reached out his hand towards her; Maya's hair was loose and he took a lock and put it behind her ear in a terribly tender caress.

Her moist lips seemed appetizing to him, he wanted to taste them.

\_I have to know.\_ He said.

\_I need to know if I can kiss you and everything will be okay.

Maya was speechless; she nodded and he ran his hands through her wet hair and said.

\_You have wet hair, you could get sick if you don't dry it properly.

\_I don't get sick that easily, but you want to do it for me.

\_Yeah.

Cassian took a towel from Maya's hand and began to dry her hair.

When he finished, he lifted a handful of strands and kissed them.

\_Your hair is beautiful.

\_Just my hair.

\_No, everything about you is beautiful.

\_Oh yeah.

\_Yeah.

Cassian stopped talking when she stood on her tiptoes and stole a kiss from him, he stared at her for a moment and then leaned over her, snatching her lips, which he thought were sweeter than honey itself.

After several kisses, they both lay down on the bed, which neither of them remembered how they had gotten there.

They were entwined, his hands running through her hair.

His mouth was warm on hers, then hot, and the softness was gone, replaced by fierce intensity.

It was like a wonderful fall, Maya beneath him, her body molding into the bed, and he caressed everything he'd always wanted to caress: her hair, the arch of her back, her shoulders.

Maya slid her hands under his shirt and began to remove it, both of them were enjoying the caresses the other was giving them, in a few minutes the clothes disappeared completely, their naked bodies intertwined and became one, the moans resonated in the room, obscene sounds were heard from the friction of their bodies with each thrust.

After several rounds the two were exhausted and sweaty, Maya rested on his chest while he caressed her back, \_It seems you missed me quite a bit.

Maya said while laughing.

\_You think so? \_Yes, that's what I thought, although to be honest I loved it, don't tell me you've been practicing with someone else in my absence.

\_Of course not, you're the only woman I've ever been with.

Cassian replied as his cheeks turned red in embarrassment.

133 The story of a great love While tenderly stroking his back Cassian asked.

\_Do you know where the keys to Hades are? Maya was silent for a moment, then answered.

\_I told you it was just a story that mentioned where one of the keys to Hades was, I don't know if it's true or not.

\_ Can you tell me the story? Maya got out of bed, showing her nakedness without any shame.

She went to a table where she had her travel bag, from there she took out an old leather-bound book.

She went back to the bed and said to him.

My father gave me the book where I got the story from.

\_ And what does your father say? Is the story real or fictional? My father always says that every story has some truth in it.

Maya opened the book and searched through its pages, Cassian could see her uncovered breasts, which led him to have impure thoughts, he covered her with the sheet, and she asked, surprised.

\_ What are you doing? "If you don't cover yourself, I won't be able to concentrate on what you're saying." Maya smiled mischievously and asked him.

\_ Do I cloud your mind? \_Of course, I'm not made of stone, my eyes wander unintentionally.

\_ So you don't want to see me? \_ I didn't say that! Maya laughed seeing him so nervous and said to him.

\_I was just making fun of you, I'll cover myself now.

After covering herself, Maya continued searching through the pages of that book, she did so very carefully to avoid tearing them since the pages looked very worn.

Cassian glanced at the book, it was in a strange language, it looked like simple scribbles.

\_What language is this book written in? Maya avoided the question, finding the story she began to read it: \_Once upon a time, there was a king who deeply loved his wife, she was everything to him, but one day she fell ill, her life was slowly fading away, he, seeing how her life was fading away day by day, did everything he could to save her, he looked for the best magicians and sorcerers, but none could cure his beloved's illness.

\_ Is it a love story? Cassian asked because the story seemed similar to the stories that April read in her free time.

\_You just keep quiet and listen until the end.

\_I'm sorry to interrupt you, continue.

\_When she died, he fell into the deepest despair, he could not live in a world in which his beloved did not exist, so he looked for a way to revive her, after much searching he found a book that related how to bring the dead back to life, to achieve this he would need one of the keys of Hades, he spent several years looking for it, until he was finally able to achieve it, he found one of the keys and then went to the gates of Hades, there he used one of the keys and entered Hades, he searched f

or the soul of his beloved and when he was finally able to find her he realized that he could not take her back to the world of the living, she no longer had a body to return to, her body had been consumed a long time ago.

If he couldn't take her back, he preferred to stay in Hades with her, but that wasn't possible either, a human couldn't stay in the world of the dead, he was expelled and returned to the world

of the living, upon returning to the world of the living, with a broken heart he traveled aimlessly, until he reached the kingdom of the fairies.

\_ Do fairies exist? \_Let me finish! \_I'm sorry, continue.

\_There he found a fairy who looked like his wife who had died, he wanted to take her with him, but fairies were strictly forbidden to leave their kingdom, but he did not want to leave without her, so he made a deal with the king of the fairies, he would give him the key to Hades that he possessed if he let him take that fairy with him, the king of the fairies accepted the deal, he gave him the key and left the land of the fairies with that fairy.

Maya closed the book and said to him.

\_ And so the story ends.

\_ The key is in the fairy kingdom? \_According to the story, yes.

\_ So fairies exist? \_I think so, although I've never seen one.

\_ And how do we get to the fairy kingdom? \_I had thought about asking the elves, they come from an ancient lineage, if anyone knows where to find them it will be them.

\_You're right, we'll ask them tomorrow.

Maya put the book aside, settled into Cassian's chest, and said.

I hope we can find the key.

I'm sure it will be.

\*\*\* Alessandro had gone to his office after dinner as he had a lot of work to do.

Someone knocked on his office door, it was Gabriel asking if he could come in.

\_Forward.

\_Your majesty, there is something I would like to inform you of.

\_ What's happening? Alessandro asked without looking up from the papers in front of him.

\_It's about his wife.

Alessandro immediately looked up.

\_ What's wrong with my wife? \_She asked me not to tell you, but I think you should know.

\_This is Gabriel, stop beating around the bush, what's going on with April? \_She has been feeling unwell for several days, she has been feeling dizzy, nauseous and has a headache.

Alessandro stood up very upset.

\_ Is she sick? Why didn't you tell me before? \_She forbade me to tell her, she said it was nothing, but it's been a week now and the symptoms don't seem to have subsided.

\_Send for a doctor immediately, have him come to my chambers.

Alessandro headed for the door, just before crossing the threshold of the door Gabriel said.

\_Your Majesty, I'm not sure about this, but my wife had the same symptoms not long ago.

\_ What illness did your wife have? My wife was not sick, she was pregnant, perhaps the queen is too.

Alessandro froze, Abril's mother had told him that it was best that they did not have children for the moment and in reality he also believed that that was the best since a war would soon break out, he held on the threshold of the door, he began to feel dizzy.

\_ Pregnant? \_I think it's the most possible.

Alessandro told him.

\_Tell the doctor to come early tomorrow.

\_As your majesty commands.

Alessandro went straight to his room leaving his work behind, Abril was already lying in bed, she was sleeping soundly.

He approached her and caressed her cheek.

\_Aby wake up.

April felt her eyelids heavy, since she had opened the second seal she felt tired and dizzy all the time, she forced herself to open her eyes and asked.

\_ What's wrong Lessan? \_ Why didn't you tell me that you weren't feeling well? April woke up, sat up in bed and seeing Alessandro, so worried, caressed her cheek and answered.

\_I didn't want to make you worry.

\_Gabriel told me that you've been feeling dizzy and nauseous, is that true? \_Yes, but I'll feel better soon, I just need to rest.

Alessandro brushed a strand of hair from Abril's face and said.

\_Gabriel thinks that maybe you are pregnant since his wife had the same symptoms when she got pregnant.

April hadn't wanted to tell Alessandro that she had broken a second seal since he had many other things to deal with, if he had found out he would have surely left everything to be with her.

\_I don't think that's it Lessan, I've actually broken another of the seals that keeps my magic sealed.

\_ What? When was that? \_A week ago, I'm sorry, I didn't want to worry you so I didn't tell you anything.

\_April, I'm your husband, I'm here for you, you have to tell me these kinds of things, you shouldn't carry everything alone.

\_I'm sorry, I'll tell you next time.

Call the doctor, he will check you tomorrow.

\_I'll be fine in a few days.

\_Even so, I'll feel more at ease if he checks you, I'll also tell Sirius to check you, to make sure everything is okay with your magic.

\_OK.

Alessandro hugged her, sighing in relief and disappointment at the same time.

\_I'm glad to know that you're not sick, I was very scared when Gabriel told me.

\_ Would you have hated me being pregnant? Alessandro moved away a little to look directly at Abril's face and said to her.

\_Of course not, I just felt a little scared because the war was going to start soon and because your mother said that it was best to avoid having children for the moment.

He stroked her hair and responded.

\_But if I'm honest, imagining that you might be pregnant made me happy.

\_ What if I'm not? \_It doesn't matter, because one day you will be and our family will grow, so don't worry about it.