

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

81 El secreto de la magia de luz When Cassian arrived in the city of Farell, the first thing he did was go to the tavern where the information guild was hiding.

They tended to be very stealthy and very few people knew how to find them.

Cassian walked to the bar and ordered a glass of milk, which was the way they asked to speak to the leader of the information guild.

The bartender stared at him and said.

\_If you want a glass of milk go upstairs, I only serve alcohol here.

Cassian did what the innkeeper told him, he went up the stairs and when he reached the second floor he saw that there was like a second tavern, there were even more people there than downstairs which was almost empty.

Two men approached him and asked him.

\_What do you want? \_A glass of milk please.

\_Follow us.

The two men led him to a room containing a desk, several shelves of books, a comfortable sofa, and a large map of all the known kingdoms hanging on the wall.

\_Wait a moment, we will now bring what you asked for.

Cassian stood still looking around at everything.

After waiting for a while without anyone coming, he started to get impatient and started pacing around the room.

As he did so, the map he had hung on the wall caught his attention, and then he heard the sound of the door opening.

He turned around and a tall, thin man with long, black hair, dark skin and red eyes walked towards him until he stood beside him and said.

\_Isn't it beautiful? \_Are you the leader of the information guild? \_I think so, Barto called me all the information you can find about King Venobich's first wife.

\_What you ask for will not be easy to get.

\_I will pay well for it, how long will it take you to give me what I ask for? \_Hum..., that depends.

\_About what? \_ How much do you want to know about her? \_ I want to know who he really was and where he came from? \_I could have that before the end of the day, but you'll have to give me an advance so I can mobilize my men.

Cassian knew that the information he was asking for was expensive as information guilds usually used magic scrolls to get the information they asked for, which was extremely expensive.

He gave him a bag with several gold coins and said.

\_I hope this is enough.

Barto weighed the bag from one hand to the other and said.

\_It will do to start.

Barto walked to the door and said.

\_You can stay here waiting or you can go to the tavern and order a drink, it's on the house.

Cassian was hungry since he had used a scroll to get there, that left him exhausted, he needed to eat so he followed Barto who went to the bar and said to the innkeeper.

\_Pour our client a nice drink, it's on me.

After Barto left Cassian ordered something to eat and looked for an empty table to sit at, but the place was packed, all the tables were occupied, in one corner there was a girl who was alone, Cassian approached her and asked.

\_ May I sit down? The young woman looked at him and asked.

\_ Who are you? \_A client.

\_ And does the client have a name? Cassian knew his name was uncommon so he decided not to give his full name.

\_My name is Cas.

\_ Cas? \_And.

\_A short name.

\_Yes, many ask me, what is your name? \_Maya.

\_Your name is also pretty.

Maya told him.

\_You speak well, sit down.

Cassian sat down and stared at Maya for a moment.

She was a beautiful young woman, with dark skin, straight black hair, which she wore short to her shoulders, and beautiful red eyes like two jewels.

She noticed his gaze and said to him.

\_ How much do you see me? \_Nothing.

Cassian looked away.

Maya pulled out a book and started reading, Cassian ate in silence trying not to disturb her, after a while she closed the book, put it aside and asked him.

\_ Aren't you leaving? \_what? \_You've finished eating, go away.

\_I can't leave, I'm waiting for...

Cassian closed his mouth, leaving what he was saying unfinished.

\_It's more than obvious what you're waiting for, but my brother will take a while.

\_ Your brother? \_Yes, Barto is my brother, isn't it obvious? Cassian stared at Maya and it was true, she did look a lot like Barto.

\_I hadn't actually noticed.

\_Well, now that you're done you can go.

Cassian looked around for an empty table, but the entire place was packed, there was not a single empty table.

\_All tables are occupied.

\_Okay, you can stay.

\_Can I ask you a question? Maya extended her hand and said.

\_You can do whatever you want, but I will only be responsible for the ones you pay for.

It's definitely his sister Cassian thought.

He only had the money he would use to get the information Barto would give him so he said.

\_Then I won't do any.

Maya took her book again and continued reading, that book looked old, on the cover there were some strange symbols from some language that Cassian didn't understand and with curiosity he asked.

\_ What language is that book in? \_A gold coin for telling you.

What? \_You are in the information guild, here you pay for everything.

As Cassian's curiosity was greater, he took out a gold coin and placed it on the table.

Maya took it and said.

\_It's elvish.

\_ Do elves exist? \_That question will cost you another coin.

Cassian took out another coin, Maya answered.

\_Yes, although very few know about them, they are hidden in their kingdom, since they possess an incredible amount of magic that goes beyond the four elements that we usually see.

\_ What does that mean? \_Another currency if you must know.

After placing another coin on the table Maya continued speaking.

\_Mages usually use wind, air, fire or earth magic, but there are more magics.

\_I already know that, there is also the healing one and the one that magicians use to create magical instruments.

\_There is also the magic of light.

Cassian had heard of light magic before, the magic that April possessed, he asked.

\_ Magic of light? \_You have asked another question, another coin.

\_ Are you going to ask me for a coin for every question I ask? \_And.

Cassian took out three more coins and placed them on the table.

\_Three more questions, What is the magic of light? \_A magic that cleanses and purifies, that restores everything to its original form, elven magic.

\_Elven magic? \_Yes, that's why no one talks about it, only elves can inherit that magic, although not all of them.

\_ Who inherits it? \_Only elves of noble blood, elven royalty.

\_ Can a human inherit that magic? \_You've already asked the three questions, another coin if you want me to answer that.

Cassian put the rest of his remaining money on the table and said.

\_Answer all my questions.

Maya weighed the bag from one hand to the other, Cassian thought that this must be a custom between the brothers, Maya put the other coins she had taken from him in the bag and said.

\_I'll answer a few of your questions.

\_ Can a human inherit that magic? \_No, I've said it before, it's elven magic.

\_ What if he's only half elf? \_If your bloodline is noble I guess so, it could be possible.

Cassian had gone there expecting to find some information about April's mother, but he had found something unexpected.

He wanted to run to tell his brother what he had discovered, but decided to wait for the information that Barto would give him before leaving.

Cassian stared at the book next to Maya and asked.

\_ Can you read that language? \_Yes, my father taught me to speak and read several languages, which is necessary for this job.

\_ What is that book about? \_It's history.

\_ Elven history? \_Yes, and it is very interesting.

\_I want you to read that book for me.

\_No, he paid not enough.

Cassian had run out of money, the only thing he had left was a ring with his family's engraving on it, something he would use to pay for the information Barto would give him, so in the end he had to stay with the desire to know what that book said.

82 Come back soon prince Cassian continued to ask Maya a few more questions while he waited for Barto, she answered some of the questions he asked, but others she told him he had to pay more to have answered.

Barto returned to the tavern before nightfall as he had promised, seeing him with his sister he approached him and said.

\_I see that our client has been very well accompanied.

Maya held up the bag of money she had won from Cassian and said.

\_I have made sure that our client does not get bored.

Barto stroked his sister's head as if she were a little girl and said to her.

\_That's my girl, well done.

\_I'm not a girl anymore Barto, when will you understand? \_You will always be a girl to me, I am your older brother.

Cassian didn't want to interrupt the brothers' conversation, however, he was in a bit of a hurry, he cleared his throat to get Barto's attention and said to him.

\_You were able to find what I asked for.

\_Yes, let's go to my office to give you the information you asked for, since I don't think you want to share it with everyone here.

Cassian stood up quickly and said to him.

\_Of course not.

Barto and Cassian went to his office.

Barto sat behind the desk, handed him a paper and said.

\_This is all I have found.

On that piece of paper there was only one name: Sophia.

\_ What is this? \_The name of King Venobich's first wife.

\_There's nothing about her.

\_That's right, my men couldn't find any information on who he was or where he came from.

\_That can't be possible.

\_There is nothing about her other than that she was King Venobich's first wife and that she died giving birth to her daughter, it is as if her whole life had been reduced to that.

\_Thanks for the information.

Cassian was already out of money so he took off his ring and said to her.

\_Accept this as payment.

\_No need, the information is not complete, you do not have to pay more, besides I think my sister has already taken everything you had.

Cassian was grateful that he didn't have to take off his ring, as it was a gift his father had given him.

\_Thanks for the information.

\_I'm sorry I couldn't provide more information, but it seems someone took care to cover their tracks very well.

Although Cassian had not obtained the information he had come to look for, he had found another that was undoubtedly equally valuable, the secret hidden behind light magic.

Cassian said goodbye to Barto, as he left he went to the table where Maya was sitting and said to her.

\_I'll come back another day so you can read that book to me.

\_Make sure you bring enough money next time, I assure you it won't be cheap.

\_Can I ask you one last question without you asking me for more money? You've already taken everything from me.

\_I liked you so yeah, ask.

\_ Where did you get that book? \_This book was my father's, an elf gave it to my father a long time ago and taught him the elven language, my father used to mention it a lot, I think he said his name was Ethan.

\_Thank you for answering my question without asking for my clothes.

\_If you don't bring enough money next time I might do it, happy journey Prince Cassian.

Cassian couldn't control his look of astonishment.

He asked her.

\_ Did you know who he was? Maya smiled and said.

\_This is the information guild, we know many things.

\_Goodbye Maya.

\_Come back soon Cas.

Cassian returned to the temple, when he arrived it was already past midnight, so he had to wait until the next day to talk to his brother and tell him everything he had found out.

\*\*\* April dreamed about her mother again, both were resting under the shade of a large tree, her mother was combing her hair, her caresses were like those of a feather, they made April feel safe.

\_I always wanted to be able to take care of you like this, comb your hair and spend time together, but that couldn't be, my life ended too soon.

\_I always thought I was alone, that there was no one who loved me.

\_ I was always there, but your magic was sealed and you couldn't see me no matter how hard you tried.

\_Mom, how can I control my magic? \_That won't be easy, your magic has always been contained and that makes it more difficult to control it, but don't worry, I'll help you with that, I'll teach you the secrets of your magic, of your legacy.

\_Thanks, mom.

\_But remember that your magic must remain a secret, I don't know what your father would do if he found out that you possess such magic.

\_ Has Dad always been a bad man? \_No, but darkness took over him, erasing everything good and pure that was in him.

\_ The darkness? \_Yes, just as you are the bearer of light, there is darkness that was born from the hatred and resentment of men.

April's mother put her hands on her shoulders and said.

\_You must be strong my little one, because one day you will have to fight that darkness.

After that April woke up, Alessandro was caressing her cheek and asked her.

\_ All good? \_Yeah.

\_ Have you had a nightmare? \_No, I was dreaming about my mother, but lately I don't understand what she says.

April saw that the sun had already risen and said to him.

\_It looks like it's a beautiful day today.

\_Yes, although it might rain during the afternoon.

\_ Really? Alessandro possessed wind magic, he could sense from the winds when it would rain.

\_Yes, so don't stray too far today.

\_I won't do it.

83 It is best to tell the truth When he got up, the first thing Cassian did was go look for his brother.

When he opened the door to his room, he found Alessandro there.

Apparently, he had also gone to look for him.

\_ Were you going somewhere? \_I was going to look for you.

\_ Have you been able to find out anything? \_You better come in.

Alessandro entered the room, Cassian closed the door and said to him.

\_The information guild couldn't find any information about April's mother, it was as if she hadn't existed before she married King Venobich.

\_That can't be.

\_While I was waiting for them to give me the information about April's mother, I met a girl, she had a strange book.

\_ Have you found \_Don't be silly Lessan, it's not that, what I mean is that she told me about the magic of light, the magic that April possesses.

\_Really? \_And you won't believe what he told me.

\_ That? \_That only elves possess light magic.

\_ Do elves exist? \_Apparently so, but they live hidden in their kingdom and that's why nobody knows about them, but as I was saying, it is a very rare magic even among elves, only those of noble blood, the elven royalty, possess it.

\_But April is human.

\_I don't think so.

\_ Are you saying my wife is an elf? \_Yes, although not completely, I think she's only half elf, I think April's mother was an elf, that's why no one knows anything about her other than her name, Sophia, and that she was King Venobich's first wife.

\_That's crazy.

\_I'm not sure if that's true, but otherwise how could you explain that she continues to communicate with April after she dies through dreams? No magician has ever been able to do something like that.

\_So April not only has royal blood from King Venobich, but also from her mother who was an elf princess.

\_I think so, I'm not really sure, I'll go back to the guild and ask for information from the elves.

\_Why didn't you do it now that you were there.

\_ There they charge you for every question you ask! I was left without money, if I had asked another question I would have ended up losing my clothes.

\_I guess that's a good reason.

\_I really don't understand why King Venobich gave his daughter to you, he must have known about her lineage.

\_I think he sent her here to die, by sending her he didn't want to seal peace, but war, he wanted her to be the reason for starting a war again.

\_But things didn't go the way he wanted.

\_No, because he didn't expect me to end up falling in love with her.

\_ And what do you plan to do? Will you tell him about his lineage? \_Don't know...

\_She talks to her mother, she could ask her, know the true story behind all this.

\_Maybe you're right, but what good would it do to know his lineage, besides we're not even sure of anything, we don't know if elves really exist, maybe it's just a story.

\_What are you afraid of, brother? \_Nothing.

\_Well, it's not what it seems.

\_Find out a little more about the elves, then I'll think about what to do.

\_If that is your decision I will respect it, but keep in mind that lying does not lead to anything good.

\_I know that Cas, I'm not saying I won't tell him, just that I will do it when we have something more than simple assumptions, nothing more.

Outside in the hallway the voices of two children were heard, Cassian asked.

\_ Are there children in this place? \_Yes, they are two orphans that April found on the street and brought here.

\_And what do you plan to do with them? \_For now, keep them.

Cassian put a hand on his brother's shoulder and said.

\_Well, you wanted a child, you already have two.

\_I don't think that's a good idea, if I take them to the palace as my adopted children, the nobles will make a big scandal and they won't stop until I have a blood child, you know that they still haven't given up on having another wife.

\_ You're not going to do that, are you? \_Of course not.

Alessandro touched the marriage mark on his hand and said.

\_If I didn't consider that idea before, I'm not considering it now.

I just want to protect those children.

I'll find someone to take care of them.

\_You could send them to the academy.

\_No, I promised April that I would find them a family and that's what I plan to do, I will keep my promise.

Alessandro walked to the door and said.

\_Come on, I'll introduce you to them.

Upon leaving the room, Alessandro approached Abril and the children, they were touching his hair and asking him.

\_ Is this really your hair color? \_Yeah.

\_It's red like an apple.

April had always found the color of her hair unpleasant, it was red like the color of blood, when the children told her it was red like an apple, she realized that she had always thought wrongly.

Alessandro, seeing that those children were touching his wife so casually, said to them.

\_Stop touching my wife.

The children, hearing the stern tone of Alessandro's voice, felt afraid and hid behind Abril and she told him.

\_Lessan, stop, you're scaring the children Alessandro kissed Abril and said.

\_I don't like another man touching you.

\_ They are not men, they are still children.

The children felt hurt by April's response, Cassian laughed and said.

\_Aby I think you've hurt his pride.

April stroked the children's heads and said to them.

"That wasn't my intention, kids." Cassian approached them and said.

\_Hello kids, I'm Cassian, what are your names? \_Otis and Joe.

Otis replied a little shyly.

Cassian smiled at them and said.

\_Nice to meet you guys, my brother is a little grumpy, but he's a good person so don't hate him.

84 Good Nobles Seeing those children Cassian understood why April had taken them in, those children were so thin they looked almost skin and bones.

They must have suffered hunger and hardship while they were on the streets.

April was a person with a big heart, she was kind, sweet and cared about others, even when those people wanted to hurt her, he knew it perfectly well since he had wanted to hurt her when he met her, but she still took care of him.

That reminded Cassian a bit of his mother, a good woman who always cared about others before herself.

That morning everyone had breakfast together, the children seemed shy at first, but April made them feel comfortable, when they finished eating Otis told her.

\_Thank you very much for everything you are doing for us, it seems not all nobles are so bad, not all of them want to hurt us.

Alessandro was interested in that and asked him.

\_ What do you mean by that, Otis? \_On the streets they say that the nobles were taking the children and that they do nothing good with them, that is why we hid, but we had to go out every day to look for food, but every time we saw a noble we hid, for us nobles are terrifying, although she was different, she did not look like a noble, she is good.

Otis said as he looked at April.

Joe who had been eating silently spoke.

\_Miss Abril is an angel, that's why we came with her.

April stroked Joe's head, he was certainly a lovely boy, she wondered how anyone could hurt a child, they were all goodness and innocence, to hurt them you had to be a monster.

Alessandro had also heard strange rumors, that was one of the reasons why he had stayed in the temple, he did not want to alert the nobles of his presence, he did not want to give them time to hide whatever they were doing in that place.

\_ Otis, do you know where they took the children they kidnapped? Otis nodded.

\_At Baron Terren's mansion, I met a child who managed to escape from there, he said that what they did to children in that place was horrible.

\_ And what did they do to them? \_I don't know, he never wanted to tell me, he got really upset every time he remembered that.

\_ Where is your friend Otis now? Otis remained silent, he didn't want to give away his friend.

Alessandro told him.

\_Otis, we have come to catch the bad guys and give them their punishment, but we can't do it if we don't know what their evil deeds are, could you take me to your friend? \_But Onil made me promise not to tell anyone where he is hiding.

\_I understand that you want to keep your promise, but I need to know what's going on, otherwise I won't be able to do anything.

Otis was not very convinced about betraying his friend, he put a hand on his shoulder reassuringly and said.

\_ Otis, do you want your friends to stop hiding? Otis nodded vigorously, she caressed his cheek and said.

\_So help us put an end to the bad guys so that the other children don't have to suffer or hide for fear of being caught.

Otis had lived in hiding, afraid that some noble would find them and take his brother away, that they would do horrible things to him.

April was a good person, the kindness she showed him was undoubtedly real, it was not fake, he told her.

\_Okay, I'll take you to where Onil is hiding if you promise that nothing bad will happen to him.

\_I promise you, nothing bad will happen to your friend.

Alessandro replied.

\_Then I'll take you to Onil.

There was still a lot of food on the table, Otis asked.

\_ Could you take some food to Onil? With a smile Abril said.

\_Of course, you can bring him whatever you want.

Alessandro asked them to arrange a basket of food for Otis' friend.

Afterwards he called his guards to accompany them to the village, Otis thought it could be dangerous so he asked Joe to stay, he was reluctant to separate from his brother, but April convinced him to stay.

Cassian couldn't go with them as he wanted to return to the information guild, so he said goodbye to them.

Before Alessandro left with Otis and the guards to the village, April gave Alessandro a kiss and told him.

\_Take care of yourself.

\_I'll be fine, don't worry, I'll see you later.

When they arrived at the town, Otis guided Alessandro and the guards to Onil's hideout.

He was hiding in a cave near the town.

When Onil saw the guards, he wanted to run away, but Alessandro stopped him.

\_ Where do you think you're going? \_Let me go.

The little boy struggled, trying to free himself from his captor.

Otis stepped out from behind the guards and said to Alessandro.

\_Let it go.

\_! Otis!, Did you sell me? \_It's not like that, they just want to help us.

Otis raised the basket he was carrying high and gave her \_We have brought you a gift.

Onil stopped struggling and said to Alessandro who was holding him by the shirt.

\_Let me go.

\_You're not going to try to escape? \_No.

Alessandro put it on the ground, Onil approached Otis and took a look at the basket and when he saw that it was full of food his mouth watered, he took the basket and whispered to Otis.

\_ What are you doing with these men? They are nobles, you know what they do to us.

\_They are different, they want to help us, I already told you, they want to finish off the bad nobles.

\_And you trust them? \_Yes, they are good people.

\_They didn't buy you with food, did they? Otis scratched his head and said.

\_They gave me delicious food, but that's not why I say they are good, I don't know how to explain it, but I assure you that they will not harm us.

Onil took an apple out of the basket, took a bite and said.

\_I hope you don't regret trusting them.

\_I don't believe it.

85 Darkness After satisfying his stomach, Onil asked.

\_ What have you come for? Alessandro spoke.

\_We need you to tell us about the noble who kidnapped you.

\_I don't like to talk about that.

Onil replied with some fear in his voice.

\_ Do I need to know where they take those children and what they do with them? Otherwise I won't be able to help them.

\_ Are you really going to save them? \_I will finish off the culprit of all this, I will make sure that they don't hurt anyone else again.

Onil hesitated for a moment, then began to speak.

\_Baron Terren's guards take all the children they find to the dungeons of Baron Terren's mansion.

\_ And what did they do with them? \_They experimented on them, I don't know what exactly they did to them, but every day I heard the children's screams, they screamed in pain, it was horrible.

\_And how did you escape? \_When they were taking me to the room where they did the experiments, I kicked the guard in his lower parts, then ran desperately until I reached a crack big enough to fit through.

\_ Could you take me to that place? \_I don't want to go back to that place, I'm scared, if they catch me again...

\_I'll go with you, I won't let anything bad happen to you.

Onil looked at Otis and he told him encouragingly.

\_I'm sure everything will turn out well.

Onil sighed heavily and said.

\_Okay, I'll take you there.

Alessandro sent Otis back to the temple and they headed to Baron Terren's mansion.

Onil led them through a small forest behind the mansion, then led them to some doors that led to the basement.

They followed the little boy who walked ahead of them.

In the basement there was a passage behind some wine barrels.

\_It's this way, this passage leads to the dungeons, the passage is wide but the exit is not, it's narrow and I doubt they can get through.

\_Don't worry, we'll take care of that.

As they entered the passage everything went completely dark, they could only hear the child's voice saying.

\_Walk straight, the exit is at the end of this passage.

At the end of the passage they saw a light coming out of a small crack, Onil told them in a low voice.

\_ It's here, if they leave they will be in the dungeons.

\_Thanks little one.

Alessandro told him while patting him on the head.

Onil looked at the crack and said.

\_ You won't be able to get through there.

\_Don't worry about it little one, I'll make the door bigger, back off a little.

Onil backed away from the wall, Alessandro used his wind magic to knock down the wall making a lot of noise, the guards ran to see what was happening, seeing that the wall was already destroyed several men who had sneaked into the dungeons drew their swords, but Alessandro used his magic to take away their air and leave them without breathing, defeating them with great ease.

The guards left the passage and dragged them to one of the empty cells, leaving them locked up.

When Alessandro saw that there was no danger, he asked Onil to leave the passage and told him.

\_Show me where they do the experiments.

Onil was afraid, being in that place again terrified him, but he wanted all that to end, for no other child to be taken to that place, so he gathered his courage and guided Alessandro.

to the room where they took the children and from which they never left again.

When they reached the door of that room, they heard the screams of pain of a child.

Onil stood still, terror paralyzed him.

Alessandro told him to step back, and he knocked down the door.

Inside was Baron Terren, he had a strange shape, he was half human and half monster.

He was devouring a child.

Alessandro had seen many horrors during the war, but this turned his insides.

Baron Terren just devoured that child, wiped the blood from his mouth and said.

\_ Who are you? How dare you interrupt my meal? Alessandro unsheathed his sword and replied.

\_ Is this what you've been doing to the kids? Devouring them.

\_ Yes, they are tastier, their meat is more tender.

\_ I'll tear you to pieces, you damn bastard.

Alessandro lunged trying to attack him, he dodged it, he had great speed and used his claws to hurt his back.

Baron Terren tasted Alessandro's blood and at that moment he knew who he was.

I don't like adults, but His Majesty's blood is delicious, it will be a pleasure to devour him and I will surely receive a good reward from King Venobich, I will get rid of his enemy, although I think he doesn't even consider him his enemy, but rather an annoying stone that stands in his way to get what he wants.

\_ What does King Venobich have to do with what you've been doing? \_ He gave me this magnificent power, in exchange I only had to do a few experiments for him.

\_ What did you do to those children? \_ Apart from devouring them, you say, not much.

Baron Terren took a black stone from his pocket and showed it to Alessandro.

\_I just used this to give them darkness, but it didn't work, everyone died so I started experimenting on myself.

He swallowed the stone, a black shadow enveloped him, Alessandro felt a chill run through his entire body.

He gripped his sword tightly and used his magic to create armor to cover his body, Baron Terren approached him and said.

\_That won't do you any good, there's nothing that can stop the darkness.

The closer Alessandro got, the more he felt that darkness permeate him, bringing out something dark and sinister inside him.

Alessandro used the wind to throw him away, but barely had he made him retreat a little, Baron Terren laughed and said.

\_ Seriously? Is this all the great king Alessandro Veriatte can do? How disappointing.

As more time passed, Alessandro saw how Baron Terren's human form began to distort and turn into darkness, the entire room was sinking into that darkness as thick as ink, except for a small part where there was an oil lamp, the darkness seemed to stay away from that light.

Fire thought Alessandro, I need fire to defeat him.

Alessandro tried to reach the lamp, but Baron Terren stood in his way and said to him.

\_ Where do you think you're going? Baron Terren was standing near the lamp, Alessandro used his wind magic to move her, turn her around and spill the oil on the ground creating a barrier of

fire between them, Baron Terren stepped back from the fire, Alessandro used his wind to fan the flames and corner Baron Terren in a corner.

\_Stop, put out that fire.

As the fire advanced, that darkness disappeared until it was all cornered in a single point, the place where Baron Terren was.

Alessandro made the flames of fire go towards him, making him burn and said to him.

\_Now you know what I'm capable of.

The flames covered it completely and did not stop burning until nothing was left but ashes.

When Alessandro saw that there was nothing left of him, he used his magic to put out the fire.

Alessandro approached the handful of ashes that were Baron Terren and after making sure he was completely dead, he said.

This is what you deserved, you fucking pig.

86 Someone to fight for After finishing off Baron Terren, Alessandro left the room.

Onil was curled up in a corner.

Alessandro put a hand on his back and said.

\_Calm down, it's all over now.

\_That bad nobleman.

\_Now he's just a handful of ashes, he will never hurt another child again.

Onil was relieved to learn that the man who had been tormenting so many children was dead.

Alessandro helped him to his feet and asked him.

\_Are you OK? \_Yes, I'm fine now.

Alessandro saw that Onil's legs were still shaking, he must have been very scared, so he took him in his arms and said to him.

\_Let's free the other children.

Alessandro went to the dungeons where the other children were imprisoned, Alessandro's guards had already finished off all of Baron Terren's guards and were opening the cells where the children were.

Onil recognized one of the children, it was Zia, an orphan who lived on the streets just like him.

Onil asked Alessandro to put him down and ran to where the girl was, gave her a warm hug and said.

\_Zia, I'm so glad you're okay.

\_Onil, you came back for us, you saved us.

\_Onil shook his head.

\_It wasn't me, it was them.

\_Of course not.

Alessandro said.

\_You guided us here, that's why we were able to save them, you're the hero.

Onil felt proud of himself for what he had done, to be called a hero.

As he left the mansion Alessandro saw that there were about twenty children in total, he asked one of his guards.

\_ Why are there so many orphans in this village? \_A few years ago there was an epidemic, many of the parents of these children died, others were brought from nearby villages, since they were orphans no one missed them.

Alessandro hated to see that in his kingdom not everything was going as well as he believed.

\_Take these children to the temple, then I'll see what to do with them, I don't want them to return to the streets.

\_Yes, your majesty.

Alessandro returned to that room that Baron Terren used for his experiments and took all the books that were there, also some of those strange stones that the Baron Terren had swallowed it.

Since he didn't know what those stones were or what they did, Alessandro tried not to touch them, he put them in a glass jar, since he had been so busy looking for everything that could help him find out what exactly Baron Terren was doing there that he was late.

When he arrived at the temple, April ran towards him, she was worried about him, she had stayed in front of the temple waiting for Alessandro to return, asking God with all her might that he be okay and return safely.

\_ Why did you take so long? I thought something bad had happened to you.

\_I told you it would be okay.

April felt something wet on Alessandro's back, when she saw his hand she realized it was blood, April's face paled and she said to him.

\_ Are you hurt? Alessandro had forgotten that he was hurt.

\_It's just a superficial wound, don't worry, I'm fine.

\_ Don't worry, you're bleeding, don't ask me that.

April dragged Alessandro into the temple, April took him to the room, closed the door behind her and made Alessandro sit on the bed, she took off his shirt that had been torn and bloody as if he had been attacked by a beast, she took out one of her handkerchiefs, moistened it with water and cleaned the blood that was on his body.

\_There's a lot of blood.

\_It's not a deep wound.

\_ Why haven't they treated you? The guards tried to do it, but he was busy.

\_No matter how busy you have been, your health should always come first.

After cleaning all the blood, April saw Alessandro's wounds, they weren't as superficial as he said.

April wanted to heal him immediately, she didn't want to wait for her magic to take effect.

But to do so she had to take off her earrings since they limited her magic, allowing only small sparks to come out.

April took off one of her earrings, placed her hand on his back and a warm light enveloped Alessandro, the wounds on his back healed instantly.

\_April, what have you done? April hugged him from behind and said.

\_Don't do that again, if you're hurt, let me heal you, or do you want to die? What will I do if you leave me too? I don't want to be alone again.

Alessandro had downplayed his wounds, since he had suffered worse wounds on the battlefield and had still fought.

But for Abril he was her only family, the only thing she had, even if it was a small wound she was terrified that she would lose him because of it.

Alessandro turned around, put his arms around her and said.

\_I'm sorry, this will happen again.

April clung to his neck and said.

\_I don't want to lose you Lessan, promise me that you will take better care of yourself.

\_I promise you Aby, this won't happen again.

Alessandro noticed that Abril had taken off one of her earrings, he could feel her magic filling him, like a potion that recharged his strength, he separated her for a moment, took the earring that was on the bed, put it on and while he was doing so he said to her.

\_Don't you ever do this again, it's dangerous, you still don't know how to control your magic.

\_Then don't get hurt again, so I don't have to do this again.

\_I guess this goes for both of you.

\_Yeah.

April hugged Alessandro again and said to him.

\_You are all I have Lessan, I don't know what I would do if I lost you.

Alessandro kissed her, caressed her cheek sweetly and responded.

\_You won't lose me, I'll always be with you, you won't be able to get rid of me.

April kissed him back and responded.

\_I wasn't going to do it, I want to be tied to you for the rest of my life, because for me you are my life Lessan.

That night Alessandro could feel the anxiety and fear that Abril felt, he hugged her all night and caressed her hair until she calmed down and fell asleep.

April dreamed about her mother, she told her with her face full of concern.

\_You must not use your magic April, it is very dangerous for you to do so, you still do not know how to control it properly.

\_I know mom, but Alessandro was hurt, I couldn't leave him like that.

\_You still shouldn't use your magic.

\_I know you are very worried about my mom, but what good is it that I have a magic with which I can heal my beloved's wounds if I can't use it, mom, I love him, if something were to happen to him I couldn't bear it.

Sophia hugged her daughter and said.

\_I know how you feel my girl, I went through the same thing a long time ago, I showed my power to save the man I loved, but that only brought me pain, sometimes you can't save everyone.

\_Maybe you're right, mom, maybe they hurt me and harm me because of my magic, but if I can help the man I love, I know that thanks to my power he is fine, it's a risk I'm willing to take.

\_My girl.

Sophia stroked her daughter's hair and said, \_Don't apologize for that, you just do what your heart tells you, you are so good and kind, so pure, that I am afraid of your future, I am afraid that you will get hurt.

\_Wounds are painful, but sometimes they are necessary, they remind us that we are alive, that I am alive.

April's mother kissed her on the forehead and said.

\_My little girl has grown up, she speaks with wisdom, you have become quite a woman.

After Sophia said that, April woke up.

She was in bed surrounded by the arms of Alessandro, her beloved, she was lying on his chest and could hear his heartbeat.

What she had told her mother was true.

She didn't care about getting hurt as long as she could protect what she loved, because for the first time in her life, she had someone to fight for.

87 The information guild Cassian had gone to look for Maya at the information guild, but she wasn't there.

Barto had told him that his sister had left very early and he didn't know what time she would return.

He had been waiting for her all day, wondering when she would arrive, when a very handsome boy with blue eyes approached him, sat at his table and asked him.

\_ Why are you looking for Maya? \_I need something from her.

\_ The fact that? \_I don't have to tell you.

\_I understand, you're another one of those idiots who go after her, let me tell you one thing, you're wasting your time, Maya would never notice someone like you.

Cassian understood at that moment what was happening, he must be in love with Maya and was jealous that he had gone to look for her.

\_That's not why I came to look for Maya, I just want her to give me information, nothing more.

\_You can ask for information from anyone here, it doesn't have to be Maya.

\_Hey, I choose who to ask for information.

\_Who are you trying to fool, you're behind Maya.

Maya suddenly appeared and said.

\_So there's a prince behind me, That sounds fun, but I don't want to be a princess, I'm a free spirit.

\_I didn't come for that.

\_ Then why have you come? \_ Can we talk alone? Maya looked at Leo and said.

\_What are you waiting for to leave? \_ I won't leave you alone with this guy, he must have bad intentions.

\_ Like the ones you have? \_ What? Not me.

\_I'm not stupid Leo, you can go, I don't like being harassed.

\_Okay, I'll go.

Leo looked as if he wanted to kill Cassian and said to him.

\_I'll be watching you, little prince.

When Leo left Cassian asked.

\_Does everyone here know who I am? \_Not all, Darren is asleep.

Maya pointed to a man sleeping two tables away.

\_I guess there's a reason they're the information guild.

\_That's how it is.

Maya sat in front of Cassian and asked him.

\_Now yes, what have you come for? \_I want more information about elves.

\_ Will that cost you a lot? \_ I know, this time I'm prepared.

Cassian replied as he placed a bag on the table, it was smaller than the one she had given him the first time he had been there, she told him.

\_It seems to me that you are less prepared this time.

\_Open the bag.

Maya weighed it, then opened the bag, inside there was no gold but diamonds, she said to him,

\_Nice stones.

\_It will be enough for you to read me a story.

Maya smiled and said.

\_I guess so, although next time bring gold, I like it better.

\_I'll keep that in mind.

Maya put the money in her bag, Cassian waited for her to take out the book, however, she didn't, so he asked her.

\_ Why haven't you released your book yet? \_ Do you want me to read it now? \_Of course.

\_I'm sorry, but I can't.

\_Why not? Have I already paid you? \_I know, but that doesn't mean I'm going to read the book now.

\_I want you to read it now, I'm in a bit of a hurry.

\_Well, your rush will have to wait another day, I didn't bring my book because I had already left and I didn't want to lose it.

\_ And why don't you go look for him? \_Because I'm tired, I've been out all day, I just got home  
\_But...

\_If you want me to read you that story you will have to wait, although I warn you that I will not return what you have given me, if you do not want to wait until tomorrow it will be your problem, I do not intend to return the payment.

Cassian sighed heavily and said.

\_I guess I have no other options.

\_You're right, you're not.

\_ Do you know any inn nearby? Maya reached out her hand, Cassian took a coin out of his bag and said to her.

\_ Are we starting already? \_That's how the information guild works, you should know that by now.

\_I had a slight hope that this time it would be different.

\_You're an idiot or maybe naive, I'm not sure.

\_You will tell me where there is an inn or a place to stay.

\_Two streets down you will find an inn, Cassian stood up, he was tired of sitting since he had waited for Maya all day sitting in an uncomfortable chair waiting, as he stood up he was glad to be able to stretch his legs.

Cassian said goodbye and told her.

\_I'll see you tomorrow, don't forget to bring your book.

\_Don't worry, I'll bring it tomorrow without fail.

After Cassian left Leo approached Maya and asked her.

\_ What has the prince come for? \_He paid me very well to read a story.

\_A story? \_Yes that's how it is.

\_ What story will you tell him? \_That doesn't matter to you.

Maya replied as she stood up.

\_Maya.

Maya walked past Leo and said.

\_I know you care about me Leo, but we're just friends, don't cross the line.

The next day Cassian woke up very early, he went to the tavern, but it was still closed, in the end he had to return to the inn where he was staying.

When he entered his room he was very surprised to see Maya, she asked him.

\_Where have you gone so early? \_I went to the tavern.

\_They are still sleeping, the tavern opens after noon.

\_So late.

\_They close late, they also have the right to rest, although sometimes when Wallas can't sleep he opens early.

\_ Do you know everyone by name? \_ In the guild we are all like a big family, it is natural that we know everyone's name, but well, I am not here to talk about myself, but to read you a story, that is why you have paid.

\_I also want you to tell me everything you know about elves.

\_ Sure, but that won't be cheap.

Cassian pulled out another bag of money and replied.

\_I think I can pay whatever you ask this time.

\_Okay, then I'll tell you whatever you want, but after eating something, it's very early, I haven't had breakfast yet.

Cassian hadn't had breakfast yet so he didn't complain, instead he ordered breakfast to his room.

Shortly after they were brought a tray full of fruit, cheese, fresh bread, honey and butter, the two sat down to have breakfast by the window, from where they were they could see part of the city, since it was so early everything was silent, the city still seemed to be asleep.

After satisfying her stomach, Maya asked him.

\_ What is it that you want to know about elves exactly? \_Everything you know about them.

\_I know quite a few things, be a little more specific.

\_ Where is your kingdom? \_I don't know that, no human knows, the elves aren't allowed to tell, they keep everything that has to do with finding their kingdom a secret, although more than one lets something slip when they're drunk, but not enough to know where it is.

\_ What things? \_Some have mentioned that to reach their kingdom they must wait for the door to open and that only elves can find said doors, for a human it is impossible.

\_Do you know any elves? \_Yes, they have been visiting the information union for some years now.

\_ So that? \_What do you think they do it for? \_For information.

\_That's how it is.

\_ What are they asking for information about? \_They don't usually make it very clear what exactly they're looking for, but I once heard one mention that they're looking for a princess.

\_ A princess? \_Yes, but they only talk to my brother or my father about the information they want, they usually ask for a lot of discretion, that's why I'm not very well informed about that.

\_You haven't asked your brother.

\_Even if he does, he won't tell me.

In the guild we have a rule, we don't reveal the information we find about others, those are their secrets, for example, I won't tell anyone what information you asked me for, not even my brother.

\_Are there many elves looking for that princess? \_I don't know, they just send one or two elves to the guild to ask my brother to go see them at a meeting point they have, I've told you before, they handle everything with great discretion, even in the information guild what is known about them is very little.

\_You seem to know a lot about them.

\_I know a lot about them because I know how to speak and write their language.

Maya pulled out the book she had been reading the day she met Cassian and said to him.

\_ In this book they talk a lot about them, although almost everything goes back to the beginning, to how everything was before they went into hiding.

\_ And what was it like? \_According to the book everything was chaos, humans coveted the power of the elves, there were wars and darkness, that's why the elves decided they could not live with us and used magic to hide their kingdom.

The more Cassian listened, the more curious he became, wondering what secret was hidden behind all of this

88 The war against darkness Maya opened the book to the first page, Cassian was attentive to what she was going to say, however, she did not speak, instead she got up from her chair.

\_ Where are you going? \_I want to show you something.

Maya pulled a chair next to Cassian, pushed aside what was on the table and showed him the first page of the book, her slender fingers moved smoothly across the page showing a map of all the kingdoms, it was similar to the map they had hanging in Barto's office, but there was something different about this one, there was one more kingdom.

\_This was supposed to be the world before the elves turned away from the humans and hid their kingdom.

The elven kingdom was much larger than any of the other kingdoms, Cassian asked.

\_That's a kingdom too big, how can they hide it? \_I have no idea, elves don't talk much about their secrets.

Maya's fingers continued to move across the map until they reached a part where there was only darkness, said darkness was located in the kingdom of Laios.

That caught Cassian's attention and he asked.

\_ What does that darkness mean? \_According to this book, that darkness was born from humans, it was greed, evil and hatred in its purest form, back then they mentioned that darkness a lot, they said it was the weapon that humans used to attack the elves.

\_ Why did they attack them? \_Because of the magic that the elves possessed, it is seen that their magic compared to that of humans is purer since we are beings born from human evil, but the elves are born from light and therefore their magic is light.

\_What you say doesn't clarify my doubts, it only makes them more.

\_You paid me to read the book to you, not to clarify your doubts, and I couldn't do that either.

I felt the same way when I read this book for the first time and that hasn't changed much now.

There are many things in this book that are not meaningful.

Apparently understanding what that book said was more complicated than Cassian had thought, so he asked for what he needed at that moment.

\_ Does this book mention anything about the union between an elf and a human? \_If there is anything about that.

\_What does it say? Maya flipped through the pages until she reached the part where it talked about what the prince was asking her.

\_According to this book, the union between an elf and a human was forbidden, it was considered an aversion, if that union were to happen and a baby was born, the elves would take those children to the kingdom of the elves, removing them from the human world since they were

undefined creatures, creatures that did not belong to the Light, but neither to the darkness, therefore, their power was greater than that of a normal elf and that of a human.

\_ Why didn't you tell me that the last time I asked you? \_You asked me if it was possible for a half-elf human to inherit light magic and I answered that perhaps, elves have other types of magic, light magic is the purest of all and only the royal family possesses it, they are extremely proud and arrogant, I doubt they would agree to mix their precious blood with that of a human.

\_ How do you know that? \_It's in the book, elven royalty is worse than human, no offense, they are creatures made of light, but that doesn't mean they are good, they consider humans to be inferior to them, some of the elves who walked among humans were even called saints or gods, they always present themselves as glorious beings.

\_ Really? \_According to this book, yes.

And why do you ask so many questions about a half-breed between a human and an elf? Do you even know one? That was something Cassian couldn't answer, it was a secret they had to keep very well, he replied.

\_No, I was just asking out of curiosity, until recently I didn't even know elves existed.

\_That's true, although in reality elves have been mentioned in ancient books, they were not called that; those who performed miracles were considered saints.

Is there anything else you want to know about them? \_What else does that book say? \_Not much actually, just mentions the war they fought and...

\_Wait, a war? \_Yes, against the smokes, the humans were using the darkness to attack them, for a moment in history they were about to lose, but the high lords, the elves who were bearers of the light united their powers and defeated the darkness, after the war they left, they hid their kingdom.

\_ You don't say anything else about that war? \_No, everything about that war is just mentioned, there are not many details about it.

\_ What else does that book say? \_Mention a little about their cultures and nothing more about their customs.

\_I thought there would be more.

\_ And what did you expect to find? \_Don't know.

In the end Cassian was only left with more questions, more intrigued than before, Maya closed the book and put it away in her bag, Cassian asked one last question.

\_ Where can I find an elf? You mentioned that they usually come for information.

\_Yes, but I don't know where to find them, as I already told you, they only talk to my brother or my father.

\_I would like to talk to your brother.

\_Hey, my brother won't tell you anything about them and you could get me into trouble if they find out I was talking to you about them.

\_ Could you try to find out with your brother where I can find the elves who come to ask the guild for information? Maya hesitated for a moment before answering what Cassian told her.

\_Please, this is something very important to me.

Cassian looked at her with pleading eyes, in the end Maya ended up agreeing to help him.

\_Okay, although I don't promise anything.

89 The light that conquers the darkness The next day when April woke up it was already noon, she saw Alessandro sitting at the table next to the window staring at the stones he had in a glass jar, she sat on the bed and asked him.

- \_Lessan, how are you? Alessandro put aside what he was doing, approached the bed, gave Abril a kiss on the forehead and said to her.

\_I'm perfectly fine and that's thanks to you, how are you? \_I'm fine.

\_ Are you hungry? \_Yes, I'll go ask for food to be brought to us.

Alessandro got up and headed for the door, before he left Abril remembered the children and said to him.

\_The children...

\_Don't worry about them, I've already asked them to be taken care of.

\_Thank you.

After Alessandro left, April got up.

After washing and changing her clothes, she was curious about that jar with those stones that Alessandro had been staring at so intently.

As she took that bottle in her hands she felt as if something was pushing her and she dropped the bottle to the ground.

A dark smoke began to emerge from those stones.

Instinctively, April stepped back, terrified, not knowing what it was.

Alessandro entered and saw the same darkness that had surrounded Baron Terren, he ran to where Abril was to protect her.

\_ Are you OK? \_I just wanted to see what was in that jar, but I felt something strange and dropped it, that black smoke started coming out, I'm sorry.

\_Step back, that's dangerous.

They both headed to the door, that smoke headed towards them, then April heard a voice speaking in her head and telling her to use her magic to erase that darkness.

As the darkness approached them, Alessandro shuddered.

That darkness conveyed something extremely twisted and malevolent.

Alessandro then felt April hug him and said.

\_Close your eyes.

\_ That? \_Now.

Alessandro did what Abril asked him to do, he didn't know exactly why but he trusted her.

A blinding light came out of Abril's body and that darkness was erased.

\_You can now April your eyes.

Abril told him, when Alessandro opened his eyes he saw that the darkness had completely disappeared.

\_ What happened? April didn't really know what had happened either, she just said before passing out.

\_I think I made it disappear.

Alessandro caught her before she hit the ground, but he heard something fall, a clink as it hit the ground, it was the earrings that limited Abril's magic, she had taken them both off, Alessandro carried her to the bed, gently laid her down and very quickly put the earrings back on, sealing again the magic that had begun to escape.

He caressed April's face and called her name several times.

\_April.

But she did not wake up for the rest of the afternoon, as night fell someone knocked on the bedroom door, when Alessandro opened it he saw his brother.

Cassian, seeing Alessandro's worried face, asked him.

\_ Did something happen? \_It's April...n \_ What happened to April? The hallway was not the best place to talk about what had happened, Alessandro told his brother.

\_You better come in.

Entering Cassian saw April lying on the bed, he approached her, seeing her pale face, Cassian asked.

\_ What happened? \_Yesterday I brought some strange stones, April dropped them and darkness came out, April released her magic to fight it, Cassian remembered that Maya had told him about the darkness and told him.

\_You won't believe it, but I was told about that today.

\_ What did they tell you about that? \_I was told that darkness was a weapon that humans used in ancient times to defeat the elves, although I don't really know what that means.

Alessandro took one of the stones that had previously guarded the darkness and showed it to Cassian.

\_Yesterday I discovered that Baron Terren used street children to experiment on them, he did horrible things to them, he used one of these stones to increase his power, a terrifying and chilling power, do you think it's the same thing? \_I don't know, maybe it's the same thing.

\_ What is King Venobich up to with all this? \_ King Venobich? \_Apparently he was the one who gave such power to Baron Terren.

\_Lessan, in the book that they taught me about elven history, all the kingdoms appear, including the kingdom of the elves.

On that map, darkness appeared.

The place where it all apparently began was in the kingdom of Laios, where King Venobich is.

\_ Do you think he found that weapon? \_I think so, although perhaps he doesn't know very well how to use it and that's why he's experimenting with it.

Alessandro ruffled his hair, King Venobich was already incredibly strong with just his magic, having darkness as a weapon would be even worse, it seemed that dark times awaited them.

\_This time the war will be worse than the last, King Venobich does not seem willing to lose this time.

Cassian had always wondered why King Venobich was so intent on conquering Cosset's kingdom, there were more kingdoms and more prosperous than Cosset, however, he had never attacked other kingdoms, his war had always been with Cosset.

\_Lessan there is something I have been wondering for a while, why does King Venobich only attack us? What exactly does he want from our kingdom? You're not the only one who's wondered this, Cassian, but I really don't know, I don't know what King Venobich wants from our kingdom, I only know one thing, he will never get it, I will not let him take my kingdom from me.

90 Dark times are coming When April opened her eyes Alessandro rushed to her side and said to Cassian.

\_Brother, then we will continue our conversation.

Alessandro took April's hand and asked her.

\_ Are you OK? April felt tired, but otherwise she was fine, she tried to get up, but Alessandro didn't let her.

\_Don't get up, your magic got out of control again when you took off your earrings, why did you do it? \_I heard my mother's voice talking to me, she told me to do it.

\_That was dangerous, don't do it again, Were you afraid that you wouldn't wake up this time?  
\_I'm sorry, I didn't mean to worry you.

Alessandro caressed Abril's face and said to her.

\_You are so reckless, every time I leave you alone I am afraid to see what you have done when I return.

\_I'm sorry, but I only took the bottle out of curiosity, I never imagined there was something so dangerous inside.

\_Don't apologize for that, I shouldn't have left it here in the first place.

\_ What was in that jar? That darkness that came out of those stones was chilling.

\_I don't know exactly what it is, but don't worry about it now, you need to rest so you can recover.

April's stomach growled with hunger, she told him.

\_I haven't eaten anything all day, I need food.

Alessandro laughed and said to him.

\_I suppose you never lose your appetite, I'll ask them to bring you something to eat.

Alessandro headed for the door, before leaving he said.

\_Don't get out of bed, I'll be right back.

\_I won't move from here so come back soon.

\_I'll be with you right away.

Alessandro found one of the priests and asked for something light to eat for his wife, including some fruit.

When he got back to the room, April had fallen asleep again, he moved her shoulder slightly, waking her up.

-I fell asleep? \_It seems so.

\_I'm sorry, it's just that when I use my magic I tend to get exhausted, I always get very sleepy.

\_That's because you don't control it yet, you release too much magic at once, that's why you end up exhausted, you just need to rest to replenish your magic power.

\_ Have I delayed your trip again? \_Of course not, I still have some things to do in this place so don't worry, rest as much as you need.

Shortly after they brought Abril's dinner, pumpkin puree and a handful of grapes, Alessandro helped her sit on the bed and put the tray on her legs, Abril was going to take the spoon but Alessandro didn't allow it, he took the spoon and said to her.

\_Let me do it.

\_I can eat alone.

\_I still want to do it, let me do it.

Alessandro gave her the food, when he went to get the grapes Abril asked him.

\_ Have you eaten yet? \_I'm not hungry.

April took one of the grapes and put it in Alessandro's mouth and said to him.

\_You should eat too or you could get sick.

\_I'll keep that in mind.

\_Eating well is very important, don't skip meals unless you don't have to eat.

Alessandro kissed her and said.

\_Okay, I won't.

She kissed him back and said.

\_I'm glad you're okay, that nothing bad happened to you, when you stood between me and that darkness, I was very afraid of losing you, I don't know what I would do if something happened to you.

Alessandro stroked her reddish hair and said to her.

\_That's not going to happen.

\_You came back injured yesterday.

\_But it wasn't serious.

\_That's not something that can be controlled.

\_I know I was reckless yesterday, that I shouldn't have attacked without a plan, but I couldn't let them kill and destroy the citizens of my kingdom, I promised to take care of my people, I couldn't just turn around and leave.

April hugged him, wrapping her arms around his neck.

No matter how afraid she was of losing him, she knew she couldn't ask him to abandon his people.

She could only be by his side and heal his wounds after every battle.

\_Then I guess I'll have to stay by your side to heal your wounds.

\_You talk as if I always get hurt.

\_Almost always.

Alessandro returned the hug and said.

\_That's not true.

They both stayed hugging each other for a while, then Alessandro told her that it was better for her to rest so she could recover sooner.

Abril felt very tired, she listened to what he told her, placed her head on the pillow and quickly fell asleep.

When Alessandro realized that April had fallen asleep, he went to look for Cassian, he still had many questions to ask him about what he had mentioned before April woke up.

Alessandro knocked on Cassian's room door, he quickly opened the door.

\_ How is April going? \_It's okay, just tired from using so much magic at once.

\_I'm glad you're okay.

\_ May I come in? \_Yes, there are still many things I must tell you.

Cassian told him everything Maya had told him about elves and half-bloods, something that only made Alessandro even more worried.

\_I'll try to find one of the elves, maybe that will help us know a little more about the truth of April's offspring.

\_Try to be discreet and don't mention April at any time, we must keep her magic a secret.

\_I will do so.

\_And try to find out more about the darkness.

\_And.

\_Since April is feeling better, we will leave tomorrow for the city of Noreth.

\_What are you going to do in Noreth? \_There's something I want to check, we'll be at the Marchioness Haller's mansion.

\_This time I might stay a few more days, I'll catch up with you later.

\_We will wait for you.

Alessandro returned to Abril, she was fast asleep, he got into bed and stayed a while looking at her beautiful face before falling asleep.

That night April dreamed about her mother again.

Whenever she dreamed about her mother she saw her with a sweet smile on her lips, however, that day she had a frown and a worried expression on her face.

\_ What's wrong, mom? \_My girl, today you have had to fight a very dangerous enemy that should not exist, dark times are coming, you must learn to use your magic and break the remaining seals.

\_How can I break the missing seals? \_When you learn to control the magic you already possess at this moment, the next seal will be broken.

\_What do I do to control my magic? \_I will teach you what I can, however, it will all depend on you, your magic not only heals wounds, your magic cleanses, purifies and restores everything to its original form, never forget that.

\_ What does that mean, mother? \_You'll find out very soon.

April's mother said before she woke up.

She had woken up before Alessandro, he was still sleeping deeply, while she watched him sleep April wondered what her mother had meant, most of the time she couldn't understand her, she just hoped that she was wrong about dark times coming, for the first time Once she was happy and she wished with all her heart that that would never change.