

Forgotten Wife : Let the Traitors Kneel

Down Novel

91 A home for children When Alessandro woke up and saw Abril looking at him, he put his arms around her, gave her a kiss on the cheek and said.

_Good morning, Aby, what are you doing up so early? You should be resting.

_I woke up a moment ago.

_ Have you slept well? Have you rested? _Yes, I feel fine now, I no longer feel as tired as before when using my magic.

_That's good.

_I guess so, my mother said that I must learn to control my magic in order to break the next seal.

_ When did your mother say that? _I dreamed about her tonight, she also told me that dark times were coming.

_ That? _He also told me that he would teach me what he could, but that everything would depend on me, that my magic not only healed wounds, but that my magic also cleanses, purifies and restores everything to its original state.

original form: that I will never forget it, sometimes I don't understand what my mother says, she says strange things.

_I think your mother just wants to help you and it seems that she knows more things than we imagine.

_I'm afraid that this will end, that our relationship will end either because of my father or because of something else.

_I know, sometimes I get scared too, but if we're in this together, we'll overcome anything.

_I'm going to try hard to learn how to use my magic and not be a burden to you but a help.

_You are not a burden to me and you are already my help, you have saved me several times, if I am here it is because of you, when you found me wounded in the forest, you took care of me, even when I did not deserve it because I had been bad to you, you saved me.

_I couldn't let you die, you are my husband.

_Believe me, anyone else in your place would have let me die, but not you, your heart is so good and kind, there is no evil or resentment in it, that is one of the things I love most about you.

April felt happy to hear those words from Alessandro's mouth, to know that she was not a burden to him, she hugged him and said.

_I know that at this moment I can do very little, but I will try hard and do my best without ever putting on a bad face, This time I won't complain about taking my magic classes, I'll do it without arguing.

Alessandro stroked her hair and said.

_You can do whatever you want, you shouldn't force yourself to do anything you don't want because I will always be there for you my sweet Aby.

Alessandro thought for a moment about whether or not to tell Abril about what he had discovered about her magic, about her roots, but in the end he decided that it was not yet the time, that he would wait a little longer before telling her.

_ Are you hungry? _Yes, we could have breakfast with the children, I couldn't see them all day yesterday.

_That seems fine to me.

April wanted to get up, but Alessandro didn't let her, he held her in his arms and said to her.

_Let's stay a little longer like this, I want to be by your side a little longer.

_ Don't you have work to do? _My work can wait a little longer, there's no hurry.

After a while April and Alessandro got up and went to see the children, they greeted April with great emotion, Joe asked her.

_ Why didn't you come to see us yesterday? We missed you.

_I'm sorry, I wasn't feeling very well.

Joe was scared, he was afraid that the same thing that happened to his parents would happen to April and he asked with teary eyes.

_ Are you going to die too? Are you going to leave us alone? April realized that she had been reckless, for those children who had lost their parents due to an illness, hearing that she was not feeling well must have been alarming, she caressed his cheek and said...

_Of course not Joe, I will live for a long time, I was just tired, after sleeping well I feel like new.

_ Are you serious? You're not lying? _I'm not lying, I'm fine, I won't leave you alone, I promise.

Alessandro told them.

_ Are you hungry? _Yeah.

_The two children answered at the same time very excited.

They went to the dining room, Cassian joined them and asked April.

_ Are you feeling better now? _Yes, and how have you been? We haven't spent much time together lately.

_I'm fine, my leg has stopped giving me problems, and that's why I'm helping Lessan with his work, I want to be of help to him now that I'm back to my old self.

Alessandro said.

_You've always been of help to me, Cassian.

_Yes, but, but it wasn't the same as now, I feel that I am more useful now than before.

_Do you have something to do today? We could go out with the children for a walk around the town.

_I'm sorry, but I have something to do, I'll leave after breakfast.

_ Another mission? _Yes, this time I might be away for a few days.

_I guess it will be next time.

Alessandro told him.

_If you want, you can come with me, I think the children will want to see their friends before leaving the town.

Otis asked.

_ Are we going to leave here? _Yes, we are just passing through, we will leave this afternoon or maybe tomorrow, I haven't decided yet.

_My friends, are you okay? _Yes, they are fine, I have made sure that it is so, this time they will not suffer any more hardships.

After breakfast Alessandro asked for a carriage to be prepared, they met Cassian at the entrance, he was carrying a bag slung over his shoulder and told them.

_I'll see you in a few days, don't get into trouble while I'm gone.

_The same goes for you.

Alessandro replied.

_Be very careful.

_Don't worry, I'll have it.

Cassian climbed onto one of the horses that had been saddled for him, rode a little and then used a teleportation scroll to disappear.

Otis and Joe were very surprised, Alessandro had to explain to them that Cassian had used magic to disappear, that he had not been swallowed by the earth as they thought.

Shortly after they got into the carriage and headed to the town, the carriage took them to a small mansion that was nearby of the town, Otis recognized it immediately, that mansion belonged to Baron Terren, although it was said that it was always empty, he used it very rarely, since his main mansion was much larger, although it was a little further away from the town, when Otis got out he asked.

_ What are we doing in this house? _This will be the new home of all the children who were kidnapped in Baron Terren's mansion.

_Really? _Yes, this place will serve as a home for all those children who do not have a home to live in, so they will never be alone again, they will have a home and a family, they will never suffer hunger or cold again, here they will be provided with everything they need.

Otis began to cry, he couldn't help the tears from escaping his eyes, he was happy to know that the other children would have a roof under which to take shelter from the rain and the cold, that they would stop living on the streets rummaging through the garbage to be able to eat.

April put a hand on his shoulder and asked.

_ What's wrong Otis? _It's nothing, I'm just happy that my friends have a place to live, Joe and I have only been living on the streets for a short time, however, we know that it's not easy, you go

hungry every day and sometimes you are mistreated because, for everyone, your life has no value, you're nothing more than a street rat.

_That will never happen to any child again, I will make sure that it does, I will not let any other child go through what you had to go through when your parents died, I want to correct that.

_What you have done is incredible, thank you for giving a home to all those children.

_As king, it is my obligation to take care of my kingdom, just as you do.

_ They? _Yes, you picked up Otis and Joe first, took them with you and have been taking care of them, that's something to admire in a queen.

That was the first time Abril heard Alessandro call her his queen, she looked at him and said.

_I am not a queen.

_Of course, you are my wife and although you have not yet been officially crowned my queen, you will soon be.

April had never received a good education, she knew she was ignorant about palace matters, that she was not prepared to be queen and she told her.

_ What if I don't do it right? _You will do well.

_ How do you know? I didn't receive any education, I don't know how to be a queen.

Alessandro took Abril's hand, kissed the back of it and said to her.

_Being a good ruler does not depend on the education you receive, but on the heart you possess.

Your heart is good, that is why I know you will be an excellent queen, because you care about others, because you want to help them just as I do.

_ Do you really think I'll be a good queen? _You won't be a good queen, you already are.

Otis, Joe and Onil approached Abril and Alessandro.

Otis said.

_Onil, she's the one I told you about, she's the one who's been taking care of us.

Onil told him.

_Thank you very much for taking in Otis and Joe, thanks to that we were able to save the other children from Baron Terren.

Onil turned to Alessandro.

_And also thank you, sir knight, for saving my friends from that ugly place, now I see that not all nobles are bad.

Otis replied proudly.

_I told you, they are good nobles, you can trust them.

_You're right, I'm glad I listened to you.

Abril stroked Onil's head and said to him.

_I'm glad to know that all the children are well.

Onil took Abril's hand and said to her.

_We're better than fine, come, I'll show you.

All the children were playing in the garden, they were all wearing new clothes and although they were thin, they had a big smile on their faces, they looked extremely happy.

_We used to be alone, but now it's not like that anymore, we have each other.

Otis and Joe saw several kids they knew, kids who had been living on the streets just like them.

The two went to greet them, Onil following shortly after, Abril said.

_They have all suffered a lot, they have wounds that may leave scars, but they still look happy.

April looked at Alessandro and said.

_Thank you for bringing me on this trip.

_ Even though it wasn't that nice? _Seeing these children smiling like this makes everything bad go away.

One of Alessandro's guards approached him, said something in a low voice and then Alessandro said.

_I have something to do, I'll have to leave you alone for a moment.

_Don't worry, I'll stay with the kids.

Alessandro kissed her on the forehead and said.

_I won't be long.

Alessandro ordered the knights to take care of April while he was away.

He went inside the mansion, the butler who served there was waiting for him in the hall, upon seeing him he bowed and said.

_Your majesty, please follow me.

The butler guided Alessandro to a room that appeared to be an office, Alessandro did not see anything in that room that could catch his attention so he asked.

_ Why did you bring me here? _I have found something that may be of interest to Your Majesty.

The butler moved one of the books on one of the shelves and a door opened revealing a secret room.

I found this secret room, thought you might be interested.

_ What's in that room? _I haven't entered yet, I wanted to wait for his majesty to arrive.

Alessandro entered the room, it was dark as there was no window, the butler lit an oil lamp and handed it to Alessandro.

The room was completely empty, there was only a book in the middle on a pedestal, he took it and took it out of the room so he could read, the book was some kind of diary.

_Leave me alone.

Alessandro ordered as he sat down behind his desk to read quietly and without interruptions.

In that journal he talked about the experiments and how the darkness affected the humans, how he transformed them into terrifying creatures full of evil, into beasts without reason.

Alessandro read the diary for hours, he was immersed in the horrors that were written there.

When he saw that the sun had begun to set, Alessandro remembered that he had promised Abril that he wouldn't be long.

He left the office and gave the diary to one of his trusted guards and asked him to keep it safe.

He went to look for April, she was still in the garden, the children were surrounding her, they had made a crown of flowers and placed it on her head, those flowers were white and contrasted with her beautiful reddish hair, the warm and soft rays of the sun bathed her, and her smile was beautiful, radiant like the sun when it is at its highest point, every time Alessandro saw her smile she infected him with her happiness, that image was engraved in his mind, he would always remember that moment

, April met his gaze, he stared at her with a soft gaze, she got up from where she had been sitting and told the children to excuse her, she approached Alessandro, hugged him and said.

_You took a long time, I thought you wouldn't come back.

Alessandro could feel the soft and sweet scent of flowers permeating April, she had a flower petal in her hair, he removed it and said to her.

_I'm sorry, I got distracted and didn't notice the time.

_I will forgive you only because I was in very good company.

_ Did you have fun? _Yes a lot.

_ Do you like children? _Yes, there is only goodness in them, I feel comfortable when I am with them.

_I suppose that when we have our children you will be a very good mother.

_ You think? _Yes, I'm sure, that's why we will have many children.

_How many? _I don't know, as many as possible, I want to have a big family.

Although April had had more siblings, she had never received warmth or kindness from any of them.

In fact, her worst memories were with her siblings, she shuddered as she remembered.

_ What's wrong? You don't want to have children with me? Have a big family? Seeing Alessandro's sad face, April realized that it would not be the same, that what had happened to her family did not have to happen again, especially because she would not allow it.

She smiled at him and said.

_Of course I do.

Alessandro kissed her and said.

_Since we can't have children at the moment, we can keep practicing until that day comes.

With a mischievous smile Alessandro told him.

_I love that.

93 I need your help When Cassian arrived in the city of Farell, the first thing he did was go directly to the information guild to look for Maya, but when he arrived she was not there.

Leo, seeing him enter the tavern, approached him and asked him.

_What are you doing here again? _I'm looking for Maya, do you know where she is? _No, and even if I knew, I wouldn't tell you.

_Hey, I don't want any trouble, there's just something important I need to ask you.

_There are more people here who can help you with whatever you ask, but you're only looking for Maya, I don't think your intentions with her are good.

Cassian sighed heavily and said in his mind.

"The same thing again." Leo was giving him the same speech as the first time they had met, Cassian thought.

"I don't have time for this" Cassian was going to give Leo an excuse to get rid of him, but just then Barto the leader of the information guild approached them and said.

_Leo, if my sister finds out that you are bothering her clients, she will surely be upset.

_I just...

Maya suddenly appeared and said.

_Same thing again Leo.

_Maya this guy...

_I already know what you're going to say Leo and I don't care, just stop scaring my clients away or I'll start stealing yours.

Maya looked at Cassian and said.

_Here again.

Can we talk for a moment? _Of course, follow me.

Cassian followed Maya to Barto's office, as he entered she closed the door and said to him.

_We will be alone here, to what do I owe your visit? _I want to know more about the elves, I want to find them, _And what do you want me to do? _I want you to help me find them, _Hey, this is the information guild for a reason, we give out information, we don't find people and even less elves, I've already told you that it's not easy to find them.

_You said it's not easy, not that it's impossible.

_I have already given you all the information I have.

_You said that your brother and your father used to talk to them.

_When they come, which they don't usually do very often.

_But maybe they know how to find them.

_ And I sense that you want me to ask them? But I've already told you that we don't reveal our clients' information, my brother and my father won't tell me anything.

_The last time we saw each other you said you would help me.

_I said I would try.

_ And you have done it? _I tried and they told me to find something else to entertain myself, so I stopped asking about the elves.

_If I talk to your father or your brother, do you think they would tell me something? _I doubt it and if they find out that I told you about the elves they will be angry with me, so don't even think about doing it.

_I need to find them Maya.

_I'm sorry, but I can't help you with that.

_There must be a way to find them, please help me.

Cassian looked at her with pleading eyes, Maya was a little weak with that, however, she couldn't do anything else for him, so she answered.

_ I really wish I could help you, but I can't.

Maya walked to the door and said.

_I'm really sorry, but I think your trip was in vain this time.

Maya walked out of the room, Cassian following her, she was standing staring at a tall, blond, golden-eyed man who had just entered the tavern.

Cassian said to her.

_Please, Maya...

Maya turned to see him and with a smile said.

_You're in luck.

_That? Maya pointed at the blond man who had just entered and said in a low voice.

_You see that man over there.

Cassian looked at the man Maya was pointing at, and there was something that caught his attention, that man had golden eyes just like April.

_ Who is that man? _I think that's what you're looking for.

_ Is it an elf? _Shut up, they'll hear us if you talk so loud.

_It really is a...

_Yeah.

_Are you sure? _Yes, that man has been coming to the information guild since I was a child.

Cassian walked towards where the man was, Maya stopped him and said.

_Where do you think you're going? _I need to talk to him.

_Wait, if you go now you'll only scare him away.

Maya dragged Cassian outside.

_Where are you taking me? _We'll wait for him to leave and then we'll follow him.

_What if he leaves through another door? _There is only one entrance to this tavern, it is to prevent undesirables from sneaking in, if he leaves he will do so through here.

As she left the tavern, Maya hid behind some barrels and said to Cassian.

_Come, we have to hide, we don't want to be discovered.

Cassian stood in front of the door, wondering whether or not he should do what Mayade was saying.

Seeing that Cassian was still standing in front of the door, he said to him.

_Hey, if you want to talk to that man this is the best way, otherwise he might end up running away.

Cassian walked over to Maya and said.

_Okay, I'll trust you.

_Well thought out.

While they waited Cassian asked him.

_How do you know that man is an elf? _Because of the color of his eyes.

_That? _They use magic to hide their real appearance, but they can't change the color of their eyes, even if they try, at least that's what my father told me one day.

But there are also people with that eye color.

Maya looked at him and said.

_Humans do not have golden eyes, if you have ever seen someone with golden eyes they are an elf or a descendant of one.

Cassian thought that Maya's eye color was also uncommon and asked.

_ Are you sure what you're saying? _Yes, very sure, by the way, you still haven't told me why you want to find an elf.

_There's something I need to ask you.

_I guess you won't tell me what you want to ask him.

_I'd like to tell you, but I can't.

_I already imagined it, although I am discreet, I will not tell anyone your secrets.

_I know, but it's not my secret.

_Okay, then I won't insist that you tell me.

_Do you think it will take long to come out? _I don't think so, whenever an elf comes they stay for a short time, they only ask what they want to know and then they leave, they are not like you.

_ What are you talking about? _You usually come to the guild very often and when you do, you stay for hours, everyone already knows you.

Cassian was about to say something, but Maya covered his mouth and said.

_He's already leaving, let's follow him, try to be quiet.

They followed them as they hid in the shadows until they reached the forest, but there they lost him, they came out from the shadows, Cassian asked.

_Where has he gone? _I don't know, I was walking very fast.

_I shouldn't have listened to you.

Cassian complained as he looked for her through the trees.

_Don't blame me, you lost sight of him.

_But if you had let me approach him in the tavern this wouldn't have happened.

_I'm sorry for stopping you from doing something stupid.

While the two were fighting, the man they were following came out of the shadows, lunged at Cassian and while placing a dagger to his neck he asked.

"Who are you and why are you following me?" Maya raised her hands high and said.

_Don't hurt us, we just want to talk.

That man, upon hearing Maya's voice, recognized her; she was Barto's sister, the daughter of Poel, the former head of the information guild.

_Are you Maya? _So you recognized me.

The man used his magic and little balls of light floated around them, illuminating their faces.

But he didn't remove his dagger from Cassian's neck, Maya told her.

_Could you let my friend go? _ Why were they following me? _My friend wanted to ask you something, could you please let him know? The man released Cassian, but he didn't put his dagger away, he had it in his hand ready in case they tried to attack him.

He asked Cassian.

_ Do you even know me? _Not really, I'll introduce myself, my name is Cassian.

_My name is Ethan and if I don't know you, you don't know me, what do you want from me?

94 It's not my war Cassian didn't know if that man was truly an elf or not, though, but he would find out, he looked him straight in the eyes and asked.

_Are you really an elf? Ethan raised his dagger again, Maya covered her face with her hand thinking that she was undoubtedly an idiot, of all the questions she could have asked that one occurred to her.

_ Who the hell are you? _I guess that's a yes.

Before Cassian could say another stupid thing and Ethan could kill him, Maya intervened.

_We actually already knew who he was, but we won't tell anyone, in the guild we know how to keep secrets.

_Well, it doesn't seem like it.

_My friend is new to this, he didn't mean to offend you, right Cassian? _Of course not, I actually just wanted to confirm your identity to ask my question.

_What is your question? _Do you know anything about darkness? _What darkness are you talking about, child? "My brother is a knight of the kingdom of Cosset," Cassian lied.

_A few days ago he confronted a man who was experimenting with darkness.

_What? That can't be! The darkness was defeated centuries ago.

_Apparently not.

_Where is that man? _Dead, my brother killed him, but that man was just a puppet, the person behind all this is someone else.

_Darkness is not something a human can handle, if that man is not stopped, your world will be reduced to ashes.

_I need more information about that, how to end it.

_How did your brother finish it? _With fire.

_That means that the darkness has not yet fully awakened, when it does, the fire will not be able to stop it, only the power of light can stop it.

Maya spoke.

_The magic of the elves' light? _How do you know that? _I have a book on elven history.

_I suppose your father must have taught you the elvish language.

_And.

Maya replied, proud of herself.

_You are right, when the darkness awakens completely, only the magic of light can defeat it, but the only ones who can use it are the elves and they left this world because of the greed and evil of humans, they will not help them this time.

_But if darkness breaks loose, they will be affected too.

_No, this time it won't be like that, humans have awakened something that shouldn't exist, this time it will be your war, not ours.

Ethan turned and started to walk away, Cassian called out to him.

_Please wait, why are you among humans if they despise us so much? _I'm looking for something that was taken from us and I won't stop until I find it.

_ What thing? _That's not something that concerns a human, mind your human business and don't inquire into my b**ch's.

Before leaving Ethan told them.

_If you want to win this war that is coming to you, kill the one who is using the darkness, before it fully awakens and it is too late.

Ethan disappeared into the trees, Maya looked at Cassian and said.

_Tell me that what you said about the darkness isn't true, that it was all a ruse to get information out of that elf.

Cassian knew he couldn't lie anymore, that she deserved the truth.

_It's not a lie, the darkness you read about in that elven history book is real and we will soon have to face it.

*** Alessandro and Abril left early in the morning for the city of Zather, they arrived at midday at the mansion of the Duchess Mollin, she was waiting for them at the entrance, when they got out of the carriage she bowed and said to them.

_Greetings to their majesties.

_Duchess Mollin, thank you for receiving us.

_It is an honor for me to host you in my mansion, your majesty, please follow me, you must be hungry.

The Duchess led them to the dining room, where a great banquet awaited them.

The children's eyes lit up when they saw so much food, but they stayed behind April the whole time, waiting to be told they could sit down.

When the Countess saw them, she thought they were adorable and said to them.

_Please sit down, you must be hungry.

April encouraged the children to sit down, she served them some food on their plates and said to them.

_Please eat, you must be very hungry like me.

Those words encouraged the children and they began to eat, the duchess asked with a warm smile on her lips.

_Who are these adorable children? Otis shyly introduced himself and his brother.

_My name is Otis and this is my brother Joe.

_What beautiful names, your parents must have chosen them with care.

Remembering his parents, a shadow of sadness passed over Otis's face and he replied.

_Yes, that's how it was.

The Duchess recognized that expression on the children's faces, it was an expression she knew perfectly well, it was that of someone who has lost someone, a loved one, since she herself had gone through the same thing, she had lost her husband and her son in an accident three years ago and had been left completely alone, devastated by the loss, that was a pain that never completely disappeared.

_After eating, children want to go for a walk in the garden.

We have several hunting puppies, you can play with them if you want.

The children's eyes sparkled with excitement, but before they did, they looked at April seeking her permission.

She nodded in response and the children simultaneously responded with a yes.

_We would love to see the puppies.

After the meal the duchess stood up and said.

_I have ordered that your rooms be prepared in case you wish to rest after having made such a long journey.

_Thank you very much Duchess, we will take your word for it and go to rest.

95 I will take care of your heart When they got to the room, Alessandro put his arms around Abril and asked her.

_How are you feeling? _I'm fine, just a little dizzy from the trip, using the magic scrolls tires me out a little.

_That's because you're not completely well, they're loading your body.

_Although I'm glad the kids are okay, I thought they'd be sick.

_I was also surprised, I think they have great magical power and resistance, when we arrive we will take them to the temple.

April staggered, Alessandro became worried and asked again.

_Are you sure you're okay? _Yes, after a little rest I'll be as good as new.

Alessandro picked her up and said.

_Then let's rest.

He gently placed her on the bed, lay down next to her and April said to him.

_Duchess Mollin is a very kind woman.

_You don't know her, how can you be so sure of that? From her look.

_ Because of his look? _She looked at the children with sweetness, there was no contempt or displeasure in her eyes, I think she really likes children.

_You can't go wrong with her, the Duchess is a very kind woman, so if you have any questions or if you need anything, don't hesitate to ask her.

_I will do so, how long will we stay here? _This place is close to other towns I have to go to, maybe I have to leave for a day or two.

_ Won't you take me with you? _No, I don't want you to be in danger, you'll be safe here, the duchess will take good care of you and Cassian said he would meet us here.

April put her hand on Alessandro's cheek and said to him.

_I don't want to be left behind, let me accompany you.

_No, I won't let you come with me, it's dangerous, I don't want anything bad to happen to you, I've already put you in danger too many times.

_That wasn't your fault.

_I know, but if you stay here nothing bad will happen to you, you will be safe.

April saw guilt and worry in Alessandro's eyes, he blamed himself for all the incidents he had suffered so far, no matter how many times she told him it wasn't his fault, he would not stop blaming himself, for him that was the way to protect her, so he stopped insisting that she let him accompany him.

_Okay, I'll stay here and wait for you to come back.

_I'll leave tomorrow, today I'll stay with you.

April snuggled into his chest and said.

_I'll be waiting for you.

Alessandro put his arms around her and stroked her hair until she fell asleep, then he got up very carefully so as not to wake her and went to look for the duchess, she was in the garden watching the children running around with the puppies, Alessandro approached her and said.

_I'll be away for a few days, leaving my wife in your care.

The duchess knew very well why the king was saying those words to her; if she let anything happen to the queen, her head would soon roll on the floor, she replied.

_You don't have to worry, I'll take good care of her.

_While she is here I would like you to teach her how to dance and everything else you can, my wife is still unaware of the culture of our kingdom, above all teach her about the etiquette she needs to follow at a dance.

_So your majesty will do.

The Duchess looked back at the children and asked.

_I hope I'm not being disrespectful by asking this, where did these children come from? My wife picked them up from the streets.

_ The children's parents? _Dead, that's why we brought them with us.

_And what does your majesty plan to do with those children? _I don't know yet, I just want to do what my wife asked me to do, give them a home.

_I don't think the palace is a good place for them.

_I don't believe it either, when the nobles find out they won't keep quiet.

_They will think that he has taken them to the palace to make one of them his successor since he does not have one yet.

_I know.

_Perhaps what I am going to say is rude, but your majesty should have a child soon, many nobles do not look favorably on your majesty's marriage to the princess of the enemy kingdom, nobles talk, everyone is wishing for your majesty to take a second wife to make her his true queen.

_I already have a queen, that's April and that won't change.

The duchess, seeing how the king defended his wife's position, told him.

_If his majesty thinks that, he should make it clear to the other nobles, giving the princess her rightful place as his queen.

_I already know that, that's why I plan to hold the coronation ceremony in April, I want her to wear the queen's crown.

_I see that His Majesty's feelings for the queen are strong, that will undoubtedly reaffirm the princess's position as Cosset's queen.

_I hope so.

Alessandro turned around and before leaving he said.

_I hope my wife receives good treatment.

_You don't have to worry about that, your majesty, she will be treated as what she is, as the queen.

Alessandro returned to Abril, she was still asleep, he carefully laid down next to her while he looked at her sleeping face and said to her in a whisper.

_I will take care of you my beloved wife, I will not let anything bad happen to you again and I will not let the nobles hurt you, I will take care of your heart so that it no longer has any more wounds.

Alessandro kissed her on the forehead and said.

_I promise, no one will hurt you again.

96 A dance in the moonlight Alessandro woke Abril up when it was time for dinner, they both went to the dining room, the duchess was alone.

_ Where are the children? April asked since she didn't see them anywhere.

_They are sleeping, they have been playing all afternoon running around the garden, they have fallen asleep, but please take a seat, dinner will be served soon.

Alessandro pulled out the chair for Abril to sit down.

The Duchess stared at them.

She had known the King for a long time, but this was the first time she had seen him being so kind and sweet to a woman.

During dinner she noticed how the king looked at his wife with immense and deep love.

Without a doubt, she had melted the king's cold and hard heart, making him kinder.

When she finished dinner, April didn't want to go back to her room.

She had been sleeping all afternoon so she wasn't sleepy enough to go to sleep.

She told Alessandro.

_We could go for a walk, I'm not sleepy.

Alessandro stood up, extended his hand towards Abril and said.

_Of course, if you'll excuse us, Duchess, we'll be leaving.

As they walked through the garden, April raised her gaze to the sky.

It was a beautiful night, the stars were shining brightly, as was the moon.

Alessandro squeezed her hand lightly and said.

_Come.

April continued walking to where there were some flowers that seemed to shine in the moonlight and said to her.

_They are beautiful, it is the first time I see flowers like that, why do they shine? _They are moonflowers, they are very rare and only shine in certain places.

Alessandro plucked one of the flowers and handed it to Abril and said.

_It's for you Aby.

The flower gave off a sweet aroma, April stood on tiptoe, gave it a kiss and said.

_Thank you.

Alessandro used his wind magic and a soft melody was heard.

_ How did you do that? _You can do many things with magic, this is one of them.

Alessandro stepped back a little, bowed, extended his hand and said.

_ Would you grant me this dance? _I don't know how to dance.

_Don't worry, I'll teach you.

April took her hand and said.

_I'd love to.

Alessandro took her by the waist, he led the dance, their bodies moved to the beat of the music, while they danced Abril stepped on him countless times, however, he did not complain at any time, they danced for a long time, until Abril felt tired and told him.

_We can rest for a moment.

_Of course.

They both sat on a nearby bench, April looked at the flowers and said.

_Thank you.

_ For the dance? _No, well also but it's not just because of the dance.

She looked him straight in the eyes and said.

_Thank you for the good times you have given me, for making me have beautiful memories, with them I have erased the bad ones.

_ Don't you have even a good memory of when you lived in the kingdom of Laios? _No, I only have bad memories of that place.

_ Was King Venobich cruel to you? _He actually ignored me, for him it was as if I didn't exist, but my sisters and brothers, they...

April stopped what she was saying halfway, shook her head and said.

_I don't want to talk about them, anyway, that's the past, now that doesn't matter.

Alessandro saw how Abril's hand trembled slightly, he wondered how much Abril had suffered in that place, how deep the wounds of her past were.

He put his hand on hers and said.

_All that is in the past, now you are with me and I will not let anyone hurt you.

_I know, but sometimes I have a hard time believing that all this is real and not just an illusion.

Alessandro lightly squeezed Abril's hand and said to her.

_You can feel it.

April nodded, Alessandro replied.

_What you feel is not a dream, nor an illusion, it is real, if you ever have doubts about what is real, you just have to hold my hand tightly.

Alessandro brought his face closer to Abril's, pressed his lips against hers and said.

_You just have to kiss me and you will be able to feel the warmth of my lips.

Alessandro hugged her and continued saying.

_You just have to hug me and you will be able to hear the beat of my heart that beats strongly for you.

April put her arms around him, rested her chin on his shoulder and said.

_Then I will do that.

After contemplating the beautiful night for a while they both returned to the room, April was still not sleepy, Alessandro asked.

_You still don't feel sleepy.

_Yes, despite having danced for a while, sleep has not yet come to visit me.

Alessandro gave her a kiss on the neck while his hands slowly lifted her nightgown and he said to her in a soft and seductive voice.

_ I know another way to sleep.

April asked with complete innocence.

_ Which? Alessandro brought his mouth close to her ear and said.

_ I could make love to you over and over again, when we finish I assure you that you will be so tired that you will fall asleep right away.

April couldn't deny that it wasn't true, every time they made love she was completely exhausted, so much so that the next day she usually woke up at noon.

Alessandro asked her while his furtive hands caressed her waist and slowly went up her spine.

_ What do you say? Do you feel like doing it? April enjoyed being with him, becoming one with Alessandro, feeling loved in his arms, although she was a little embarrassed to ask for it.

Alessandro gave her little kisses on the neck and shoulders, tempting her, and he asked again.

_ What do you say? We do it.

April nodded, Alessandro kissed her on the lips and said.

_ That's good, because I'm dying to make love to you, to make you completely mine.

97 I give you my word The next day, when April woke up, she saw Alessandro getting ready to leave.

_ Are you leaving already? Alessandro approached the bed, stroked his disheveled hair and answered.

_Yes, I'll leave now and I'll be away for a day or two.

_Be very careful.

_I will have it, you can ask the duchess for whatever you need.

Alessandro kissed her on the forehead and said.

_I'll try to come back as soon as I can to be with you.

_OK.

Alessandro headed for the door, before he walked through, Abril told him.

_Come back soon.

_I will do so.

Shortly after Alessandro left, a maid arrived to help her get dressed, while she was doing so Abril asked.

_Where are the children who came with me? _They are in the garden with the duchess.

_You could take me with them.

_Of course, but you don't want to have breakfast before.

_Yeah.

After finishing dressing her, the maid went to the kitchen and shortly returned with a tray full of delicious food.

When breakfast was over, the maid took her to the garden where the children and the duchess were.

When the children saw April they ran out to greet her.

_April, good morning.

_Good morning children, how are you? _Well, we had a lot of fun with the duchess.

Otis replied.

The Duchess approached them, curtsied, and gave her greeting.

_Good morning, your majesty, did you sleep well? _Yes, thank you very much for your kindness, Duchess.

_ Does your majesty want to join us for a walk? _Of course.

While they were walking through the garden, April saw the moonflowers.

During the day they did not shine, but they were a beautiful white color.

When the duchess noticed where the princess was looking, she said to her.

_They are very beautiful, don't you think? _Yes, they are beautiful, I was able to see them last night, their shine is magical.

_That's right, without beautiful flowers, they also have a beautiful story, do you want me to tell you? _Yes please.

_These flowers are called moon flowers because during moonlit nights they have a beautiful splendor, I don't know if it's true or not, but my mother said that these flowers came from the kingdom of the elves.

April had read about elves in some books, but she had never imagined that they could be real.

_ Are elves real? _According to my mother, yes, that's why they were so special.

_That makes the flowers even more beautiful.

_I think the same.

*** Cassian was about to leave when he saw Maya in front of his door.

_ Where are you going? _I have nothing else to do here, that's why I'm leaving, what are you doing here? _You can't leave.

_ Why not? _You tell me that the world is in danger because of the darkness and you think you'll just leave like that.

_ What else could I do? _Explain to me better about the darkness and that we will soon have to face it.

_You know more about that than I do.

_I only know what appears in the book and until just a few days ago I believed it was just a story, in fact, I didn't even believe it was real until you mentioned the darkness, I have already helped you, now I want you to help me, to tell me everything you know, otherwise I won't let you go.

_I've already said everything I knew.

_You lie.

_That? _I know when someone is lying, it is very important in my job to notice those kinds of things and I know that you have been lying to me from the beginning, but I let it go, now I can't do it, I need to know what is coming, you owe me.

_There are things I can't tell you, that aren't mine.

_Even so, I know how to keep secrets, and I'm not asking you, prince, I'm demanding it of you, tell me everything.

_Maya I...

Maya grabbed him by the shirt causing Cassian to lean in, her face was very close to his and she said.

_I can be nice, but I can also be unkind when I'm upset, so speak up before I beat the truth out of you.

Cassian was very surprised to see Maya acting in such a way.

_You're not going to get anything out of my Maya like this.

_Believe me, I will do it, it may take a while, but I will do it.

Cassian tried to get away, but he couldn't, although Maya looked small and delicate she could be quite strong and above all she could be terrifying, he raised his hands high and said to her.

_Please stop, let's fix this by talking.

_I like it that way.

_You let me go.

Maya let go, Cassian asked.

_ Why are you so strong? _I am special.

_I guess that means you won't tell me.

_Maybe one day I will, but not today.

_Come in, I don't want them to hear us.

Maya entered the room, sat on the bed and said to him.

_Tell me everything and don't leave out the details, above all tell me the real reason why you started finding out about elves.

_You promise you won't tell anyone.

_I won't, I promise.

Cassian hesitated for a moment whether or not he should tell Maya everything.

_Hey, I'll keep your secret, I just want to know what's going on, I just want answers, I don't know if a war against dark forces is going to start, I have to be prepared.

_Okay, I'll tell you, but if you tell anyone...

_I already told you I won't do it, I will keep your secret very well, although we can make a promise in blood if that makes you feel better, although it is not necessary because I give you my word and that is worth more than any promise.

98 Let's be lovers.

Cassian told Maya everything, the reason why he was looking for information about the elves and that April possessed light magic, she was stupefied at what he was telling her and stared at him without saying a word.

_ Aren't you going to say anything? _Take me with you.

_ That? _I want to meet the possessor of light magic.

_You can't.

_ Why not? _Because my brother will be angry if he finds out I told you.

_Then don't tell him.

_ And what do you want me to tell him when he sees me arrive with you? _Make up anything, for example, you could say that I am your lover, so she won't suspect that I am going with you.

_ No! I would never say something like that.

_Hey! It's not like she's that ugly.

_It's not because of that.

_Then why can't you say that.

_Because to begin with we are not lovers and I would not lie to my brother and it would be a dishonor for you if I said that you are my lover.

_It's true, I forgot that for nobles a woman's chastity is something very important, but let me tell you something, we commoners don't care about that and we can easily fix what we're not lovers about.

Maya stood up from where she was sitting, walked over to Cassian, placed her hand on his chest feeling his firm muscles under her fingers and said.

_We can be real lovers, but only for a while.

I'm more of a free spirit, I don't tie myself down to anyone.

Cassian gulped, he had never had a girlfriend or fiancée, Maya offering to be his lover made him very nervous and he didn't know what to answer.

Maya started laughing seeing him so nervous.

_ It was a joke, right? _No, I'm serious about us being lovers.

_So why were you laughing? _You've never been with a woman, right? Cassian didn't answer, he just avoided her gaze, Maya got even closer to him, she wanted to tease him a little with her fingers she caressed Cassian's lips while she looked him straight in the eyes and said.

_If you don't have experience, I'd mind teaching you, I'm a good teacher.

_You shouldn't say that kind of thing.

_ Why not? Don't you want me to teach you? _It's not like that, but it's not correct.

_You're funny, the one who says what's right and what's wrong, the nobles and their customs, stupid customs, they complicate their lives for nothing.

_That's not true.

_Of course, but it doesn't matter, you'll take me with you whether you want to or not and I don't care what excuse you make up for your brother.

_Now I regret having told you everything.

Maya smiled and said.

_I'll go pack my bags, I'll be back soon.

Maya approached the door and before leaving she said.

_Don't even think about leaving me behind, because I will find you and when I do you won't like what I'm going to do to you, so you better wait for me, little prince.

Maya returned to the information guild, there she found her brother who was talking to Ethan, she sneaked closer to listen to the conversation they were having.

_I've looked everywhere for the person you're looking for, but I haven't been able to find him.

_I saw her a few days ago, she can't have disappeared.

_Maybe it's someone who looks like him, he seems to have disappeared.

Ethan stood up annoyed and said to him.

_She can't be missing, she must be nearby and I'm going to find her.

_I'm sorry I couldn't fulfill your request.

After Ethan left Maya approached her brother and asked him.

_ Who is that man looking for? _That's none of your business.

_Barto, I'm your sister, you know you can trust me.

_I know, but you know there are things I can't reveal.

_I'm just curious, you know I love everything that has to do with them.

_Sometimes your curiosity is too great, I'm afraid it will end up getting you into trouble at some point.

Maya shrugged and said.

_Well, you know how I am, so tell me what that man is so desperately looking for or else I might end up going up to him and asking him what he's looking for.

Barto knew that his sister's words were true, that he was quite capable of going to find that elf and ask him what it was that He was searching just to satisfy his curiosity, he patted his head and said.

_Come, let's talk in my office.

Maya followed her brother to the office, after crossing the door she asked.

_You're going to tell me what that elf has been looking for for so long.

_Another elf, a princess to be exact, apparently she escaped from the elf kingdom some years ago.

_ Is that elf looking for a runaway princess? _That's how it is.

_ What else do you know about that elf princess? _Nothing more, he says he saw her a few days ago, but I haven't been able to find anything about that person, it's as if she didn't exist.

_ Do you think that princess is still alive? _I don't know, but if he is, he's been very good at hiding his tracks.

99 I just want to play for a while After getting the information she wanted Maya told her brother.

_I'll be away for a few days.

_ Where are you going? _Over there.

_Maya, where are you going? Barto asked him with a serious face.

_I just want to take a little trip and see new places.

_ How many days will you be away? _I don't know yet.

_ Are you going alone? Or are you going with that little prince who has been hanging around you? _Does that matter? _Maya, I've never interfered in your relationships, but I don't think it's a good idea for you to get involved with that prince.

_I'll just play for a while, don't worry about me, I'll be fine.

_I guess it doesn't matter what I say, you won't listen to me.

_Not really.

Maya gave her brother a kiss on the cheek and said.

_I'll be back soon, don't worry about me.

As Maya left, he said.

_Be careful Maya.

_I always have him as a little brother.

Maya went home to collect her things, then returned to the inn where Cassian was, he was at the entrance when she arrived and told him.

_I thought you weren't coming back.

_I was distracted listening to a very interesting conversation, the elf returned to the guild.

_What were they talking about? _They were talking about the person I was looking for, this time I was lucky and I was able to get a few things out of my brother, I discovered that the elf is looking for a princess.

When Cassian heard that, the first thing he thought was that perhaps that princess was April's mother.

It seemed that Maya had come to the same conclusion and told him.

_Maybe she is your friend's mother and that's why she has the light magic.

_Yes, maybe it is her.

_Well, now let's go, I'm looking forward to meeting that special princess.

_My horse is near here, let's go.

As they walked Maya asked.

_ Will we travel on horseback? _Only certain sections, then we will use teleportation scrolls, I must let my horse rest.

_ And why didn't you just use scrolls? That way the trip would be faster.

_But it is also more exhausting.

_Not for me.

_I don't think you're a normal person.

_Maybe it isn't.

Arriving at the stables where Cassian had left his horse, he gave a silver coin to the caretaker, after he gave it to him he stroked his horse's back and said.

_I'll introduce him to you, this is my imperion horse.

Cassian's horse was completely white, when his injury had healed he had sent someone to pick him up, when he had suffered the injury to his leg he had been unable to ride it, but now that he was well again he did not want to use another horse since that one had been given to him by his father.

when he was old enough to ride a horse.

Maya thought it was beautiful, she stroked the horse's nose and said to him.

_It's a beautiful horse.

_Yes it is.

Cassian climbed onto his horse, extended his hand to Maya and said.

_We're leaving.

She took his hand and answered.

_Of course.

It took them a day to reach the city of Zather, all the way Maya had complained about how tiring it was to travel that way since she had only traveled using magic scrolls.

Upon reaching Duchess Mollin's mansion Maya was grateful to be able to get off the back of that horse, her legs were numb, Cassian had to hold her so she wouldn't fall, she leaned on his chest and said to him.

_I don't think I'll travel like that again, it's horrible.

_ Can you walk? Or do you want me to carry you? _Just give me a few minutes for my legs to recover.

_Take all the time you want.

The sun was setting, an orange light bathed the mansion, Maya stared at how beautiful that mansion was and said.

_ Is this your house? _No, this is a noble's mansion, I was supposed to meet my brother here.

_ Have you already decided what you're going to tell him? _Not yet.

Maya put her arms around Cassian's neck and said.

_The offer to be your lover is still standing, if you can't think of anything you can tell her that.

April suddenly appeared, Cassian, upon seeing her, moved away from Maya.

_Hi Aby, I'm back.

_When I heard you were back I came right away.

April stared at the young woman who had only moments ago been in Cassian's arms and asked.

_ Who is your friend? _She is Maya.

Maya approached April, took her hand and said.

_It's a pleasure to meet you, Cassian has told me a lot about you, I hope we can be good friends.

April had never had a friend, she replied with a smile.

_I would love that.

_Aby, and my brother? _He said he would be away for a few days, he hasn't returned yet.

_I see.

_You must be tired from the trip, let's go inside.

April said as she walked back to the house.

Cassian took Maya's arm, letting April take a few steps ahead of them and said to Maya in a low voice.

_Don't mention anything to April about the elves.

_ She doesn't know yet? _No, my brother said he would tell him at the right time, so be careful what you say.

_Okay, I won't say anything, but I think she deserves to know about her roots.

_I know, but it's not up to me to tell you.

April, seeing that they were not following her, turned around and said to them.

"Don't stay behind," Cassian replied.

_Now let's go.

Upon entering the house the duchess greeted them.

_Hello Prince Cassian, it is an honor to have you in my mansion.

_Thank you for your hospitality, Duchess.

_You must be tired after the trip, I'll ask them to prepare a room for you.

_Thank you.

_Dinner will be served soon, you must be hungry.

_Yeah.

Maya replied.

_I'm starving.

Everyone headed to the dining room, the children were already sitting each in their place, Maya, seeing them, realized that those children, although they were wearing elegant clothes, were not nobles, she wondered what those two children were doing there.

Otis stared at Maya, his attention was drawn to her red eyes and he couldn't help but ask.

_ Why are your eyes red? Maya smiled and replied.

_They were a gift from a fairy, so we can see better and discover the truth.

The two excited children asked.

_ Do fairies exist? _Of course.

Cassian stared at Maya, wondering if what she had told the children was true or just a lie.

Forest of Lore 100 After dinner April took the children, a maid guided Maya and Cassian to their rooms, the room they had been given was next door.

Before entering her room Maya said goodbye to Cassian.

_Good night, little prince, see you tomorrow.

Before Maya closed the door, Cassian told him.

_Hang on a minute.

_You've thought better of it and you want us to share a room.

The maid who was still there stared at them and then left, Cassian told him.

_Don't say things that could be misunderstood.

_ So what's going on? _What you told the kids a while ago about your eyes, is it true? _Are you curious to know? _The truth is that yes, you say that golden eyes are rare to see, but in reality I had never seen someone with red eyes.

_I guess it's not a very common color either.

_ So what you said is true? Your eyes were a gift from a fairy? _Maybe there is some truth in what I said, but well, now I'm tired and I'll go to rest.

Another day I will satisfy your curiosity about me.

Maya entered the room and closed the door leaving Cassian more curious than before.

The next day Maya got up very early as she usually did every day, she went out to the balcony, she wanted to feel the first rays of the sun caressing her skin, while she enjoyed the warm morning she looked at Cassian, he was running through the garden, he looked very active.

She decided to go to where he was, she crossed his path and asked him.

_ What are you running away from? _I'm not running away from anything.

_ Then why do you run like you're doing it? _I'm just getting in shape.

Cassian was drenched in sweat, he wiped the sweat from his face with his shirt leaving his belly exposed, Maya looked at him and said.

_You already have a good body, I don't think you need it.

_I'm not referring to that, until very recently I had an injury in my leg, I couldn't stand for long and running was something was out of my reach, I couldn't even walk fast without falling, but now that that's no longer a problem I want to do everything I couldn't do before.

_The princess healed you with her magic.

Cassian squeezed his leg remembering the pain he had felt for several years, the helplessness of having to drag his leg when walking and answered.

_That's right, thanks to her I have regained my life, I have returned to being the man I was before my injury.

_I'm glad it is so, especially because I really like this version of yours.

Cassian blushed, Maya approached him and said.

_Your face has turned red, don't tell me you're embarrassed.

_You don't cut even a bit, do you? _No, I always say what I think.

Maya moved even closer to Cassian, he stepped away and said to her.

_Breakfast will be soon, I better go take a bath, I'll see you later.

Maya stayed a while longer appreciating that beautiful garden, then she returned to the mansion, she found April with the children, they were heading to the dining room.

_Good morning Maya, did you sleep well? _Yes, thank you very much for asking.

_Now we were going to have breakfast, are you joining us? _Of course.

As they headed to the dining room, April asked him.

_Have you known Cassian for long? _No, I've actually only known him for a short time.

Cassian appeared behind them and asked.

_What are they talking about? _How they met.

April answered.

Cassian looked at Maya, wondering how much she had told April.

_I told him that we only met recently.

Maya replied as she placed her hand on his arm as if telling him.

Don't worry, I didn't say anything.

*** Alessandro had gotten up very early and met with his guards, one of them asked him.

_What shall we do now, your majesty? They had been going to the Lore Forest because for a few months now, people had been disappearing in nearby towns and all the clues pointed to one place, the Lore Forest, however, they still hadn't found anything, that forest was huge so it was costing them a lot to find something that would tell them what was going on in that forest.

_ We will return to the forest, I know that the answers I am looking for are there, so prepare everything, we will leave as soon as possible.

_Yes, your majesty.

After they prepared everything, they left for the Lore forest, that day at the entrance of the forest they saw a trail of blood, they followed it to the depths of that forest, the trail of blood led to a cave, Alessandro used his wind magic to know the depth of that cave and what was in that place.

He could feel the presence of a strange creature inside the cave, Alessandro did not know what exactly was in that cave, the only thing he knew is that that presence was not from anything known.

Alessandro drew his sword and asked the guards to light some torches to illuminate the interior of that cave that seemed to be plunged into a darkness as thick as ink, a darkness that was unnatural.

Alessandro took one of the torches that one of the guards had and said to them.

_Don't leave me alone, there's something strange in that cave.

The guards followed the king, upon entering the cave everyone felt a chill run through their bodies, the cave was shallow, they quickly reached the bottom and there was something moving in the darkness, Alessandro got a little closer and when he saw what it was he was stunned, it was the same creature that had attacked April a few days ago.

101 My most important person That creature born from darkness was devouring one of the villagers, on the ground there were bones everywhere, at that moment Alessandro knew that those bones scattered on the ground were all the villagers who had disappeared.

One of the guards asked.

_ What is that thing, your majesty? _Something that should not exist.

That creature turned around and jumped on Alessandro, he used his wind magic to make the flames of the torches swirl around that creature, making it burn until it completely disappeared.

Upon leaving the cave, Alessandro ordered the guards to return to the nearby villages, saying that they had already finished off the creature that was attacking the villagers.

That same day, Alessandro returned to the Duchess Mollin's mansion.

Upon arriving, the first thing he did was look for Abril; one of the servants told him that she was in the garden.

While searching for her, she met Cassian.

_Lessan, when did you return? _Just now, I'm glad to see you're back.

_ Are you looking for April? _Yes, but tell me how it went, have you managed to find out anything more about the elves? _Yes, I have spoken to one and it seems that this person is looking for April's mother, a princess of the elf kingdom.

Alessandro frowned and asked.

_ Do you know about April? _I don't think so, I actually think he doesn't even know that April's mother has died.

_I see, did you talk anything else with that elf? _ I asked him about the darkness.

_ And what did he say to you? _That we defeat her before she fully awakens, because when she does we will be lost.

_Today I found another one of those creatures in the Lore forest, I hate to admit this, but I think that elf is right, we must finish off King Venobich.

_ will we start the war? _It seems so, when we return we must gather our generals and prepare our army, the war will be sooner than I had thought.

Alessandro saw Abril pass by, she was with the children and a young woman with dark skin that he didn't recognize so he asked.

_ Who is that woman who is with Abril? _She's a friend.

Alessandro looked at Cassian and asked.

_ A friend? _It's not what you're thinking, she's really just a friend.

Alessandro put his hand on his brother's shoulder and said.

_That young lady is very pretty, I think you should start making a move on her.

_I would never do something like that.

_ Why not? _Don't try to match me up, I'll find my partner on my own.

_I was just giving you my advice, I'll leave you now, after being away I just want to take a nice bath in the company of my wife.

_Lessan you should stop being so sincere.

_It's the truth.

Alessandro looked at Abril and said.

_When I'm far away I only think about her and I'm dying to come back to have her in my arms.

_It seems like you've really fallen in love.

_I'd be lying if I said no, she's become the most valuable thing to me, although you're still the most important thing to me.

Alessandro started to walk away and said to him.

_I'll see you later.

As Cassian watched his brother walk away he thought.

"I don't think I'm the most important thing to you anymore, but you will always be the most important thing to me, Lessan." When April saw Alessandro she ran to meet him, he lifted her into the air and said to her.

_I'm back now.

April hugged him and said.

_Welcome.

Maya was surprised to see how loved April was by the king since on the way Cassian had told her that their marriage had been arranged and not for love.

Alessandro gave Abril a soft kiss on the lips and said to her.

_I missed you.

The Duchess, seeing that there were too many, took the children and said.

_ Do you children want to go see the stables? Some foals were born recently.

The two children nodded happily, Maya also left, joining Cassian who was nearby.

Alessandro filled Abril with kisses, she asked him.

_ How did your trip go? _Good.

_You're not hurt, are you? _No, but if you want we can go to the room and you can check it with your own eyes.

April caressed her cheek and said.

_I'm glad you're okay, I was really worried about you.

_I am very strong, I will not die easily.

_Still, I can't help but worry about you when you're away.

_The same thing happens to me, how are you? Have you dreamed about your mother again? _I'm fine and I haven't dreamed about my mother again, but I hope she appears in my dreams soon.

I want to learn to use my magic as soon as possible and break the seals that are missing.

_When we return to the palace you can continue with your lessons.

_ When will we return? _We'll be back tomorrow.

A shadow of sadness appeared on Abril's face, Alessandro asked.

_ What's wrong? Don't you want to come back? _It's not that, it's just that I don't want this journey to come to an end.

_Someday we will travel together again, we will tour the entire kingdom and it will not be a business trip.

_I would love that.

_Me too, but until that day comes let's enjoy this last day.

_ Will you take me somewhere? _No, I was thinking about something different.

Alessandro wrapped his arms around Abril's waist and whispered in her ear.

_We could go back to our room, take a nice bath and let ourselves go.

_ Let us go? What do you mean by that? _What could we do in love.

Alessandro gave her a long, seductive kiss, one of those that excited Abril and made her tremble.

_ What do you say, Aby? _But what about the children? "I think they'll be fine with the duchess," April replied with a blush on her face.

_Then I guess we could.

Alessandro picked her up and said.

_Then let's not waste any more time.

_Put me down, I can walk.

_I know, but I prefer to carry you in my arms, that way we'll get there faster.

Upon reaching the room Alessandro went straight to the bathroom, the bathtub was full, he began to take off his clothes and devoured Abril with his gaze while she did it, eager to touch her body, to feel the softness of her skin.

When there was no piece of clothing Alessandro took Abril in his arms and put her in the bathtub, their naked bodies were stuck together, the water was cold, however, neither of them felt it that way, their bodies burned with lust, eager to become one being.

Alessandro's hands ran over her body, Abril did the same as they devoured each other in a passionate kiss.

Intertwining their tongues and exploring their mouths.

After the bath, Alessandro used his magic to dry their bodies, not wanting to waste any more time.

He took Abril to the bedroom and made passionate love to her there for the rest of the afternoon, until Abril was completely exhausted.