

Rejected by the Alpha Claimed by the Lycan King

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"How many that you and your warriors had killed?" Kellan asked. He had informed Ethan that at very least, there were a dozen of them out there.

The avalanche could be their downfall, but also their blessing, because when they couldn't go out from this place until they found another alternative way out, the enemy couldn't ask for more help too.

In that case, they only needed to deal with the current enemy, unless, by some miracle, they managed to get a back up.

"Five." Ethan wiped the blood from Jasmine's face with his sleeve.

"It will be seven..." Kellan murmured. There would be five more warrior out there," he calculated it.

"Are you sure there are only twelve of them?" Ethan asked. He didn't look happy at all to find themselves in this situation, which was understandable, since it put Jasmine's safety at risk.

In his opinion, Kellan shouldn't have come to this place at all. He should have stayed away from here, or once they learned what happened, he should have kicked him out.

The problem with the other kingdom was not his business and what happened to him was not his concern, his duty was only for the princess.

On the other hand, Kellan seemed to catch the animosity that Ethan exuded and he shrugged his shoulders.

"As far as I knew, there are only twelve of them." Kellan then walked toward the door. "I will check it out myself."

"Wait, what do you think you are going to do?" Jasmine immediately stood up and stopped Kellan from leaving the room. "Are you crazy? You are going to kill yourself if you were going out there alone. You are still not fully recovered."

"He is a lycan, princess. You don't need to worry," Ethan said, he didn't seem to care and it was very obvious.

However, Jasmine ignored that comment and came to Kellan, she grabbed his hand to stop him from leaving, which surprised the lycan.

“What is it, princess? Did I manage to charm you and now you are so worried about me that you couldn’t bear to see me in difficult situation?” Kellan smirked and Ethan felt this sudden urge to knock some sense into his head. This man didn’t know any better.

“Don’t overvalue yourself. You are not that important,” Jasmine said lightly. “I stop you from leaving because there is no guarantee that your enemy will stop harassing us once you disappeared, unless you wanted to make your departure known to them.”

In another word, if Kellan planned to leave this place quietly, those warriors that had been looking for him, would still harass Jasmine and her warriors, unless they learned that Kellan had gone, but if he made his departure known, with his current condition, he wouldn’t be able to make to Great Darren city.

Kellan’s face fell when he heard that and Ethan snickered. He liked this princess more and more.

“You are so cruel. Do you know that?” Kellan furrowed his brows, but Jasmine simply shrugged her shoulder, she didn’t think much about that, as she continued.

“If you wanted to leave, make a big entrance from this house. So, those warriors out there could follow you instead of bothering me and warriors.”

Kellan clicked his tongue and then shook his head. “I don’t know that you are this cruel princess.” However, despite what he said, there was this admiration in his eyes for her.

“Oh, you judged me too fast if what I suggested is cruel. Because I can be even crueler than this.” Jasmine shrugged her shoulders nonchalantly and then let go of his hand.

Kellan contemplated his option and for Ethan’s annoyance, the lycan decided he was going to stay for another day until he was fully recovered and could take those five warriors on his own.

“No. I don’t have a tendency for suicide, so I will stay here until tomorrow and made a full recover first before I left.”

“You are so shameless,” Ethan said through his gritted teeth, but Kellan simply smirked at him, as if there was nothing wrong with his decision. “You are going to stand on guard along with the other warriors too, since you look for shelter with the princess’s protection.”

“I am the king.” Kellan raised his brows at him, couldn’t believe the audacity of this warrior to call him out.

Yet, Ethan was having none of it. “You are only a refugee by now.”

"I will talk to king Alexander once I managed to return to my kingdom and complain about you." Kellan crossed his arms in front of his chest. "You should be grateful to help me in time of need, because when I sat on the throne, I will not forget that, so don't cross me."

Ethan smirked this time. "Yeah, the word here is 'if'. I hope you a good luck for tomorrow." He took Jasmine's hand to go out of the room. "Oh, don't worry, I will tell the king himself that you have jeopardized the safety of his daughter. Let's see what he is going to say about that."

Kellan really wanted to hit this warrior on the head. He couldn't believe a warrior would talk to him like this, while Jasmine only enjoyed their banter and didn't do anything.

Well, it was not like they were going to kill each other, so all was well.

However, before they could continue with whatever grievances that they had, they heard the sound from the second floor and another vicious growls, but this time, apparently there were more than four beasts.

Without a second thought, Ethan immediately mindlinked the warrior, who should have stood on guard there and learned something mortifying.

"What is it? What happened?" Kellan immediately asked when he saw the change on Ethan and Jasmine's face.

"You said there are only five warriors left?!" Ethan hissed viciously.

"I didn't say that's the exact number! That's my prediction! How many are they?"

"FIFTY!"

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"Fifty?!" Kellan couldn't believe what he just heard. That was way too many of them than he previously thought. "Do you mean one five, right?"

"Five zero!" Ethan snapped. "Or at least, that's how many of them that my warriors could count."

"How they know? Are they here already? Inside the house?" Kellan looked around the house, as if he expected to see or heard fifty beasts ransacked the entire place.

"No, my warriors spotted them, they are ten minutes away from here. Three of their warriors just tried to barge in again, but my warriors had taken care of them" That must be the commotion that they heard earlier. Ethan shook his head. "There is no way we will be able to fight against fifty warriors!"

Kellan knew their predicament. He contemplated his next move. "It's not safe to stay here. We need to leave."

"You put the princess's safety at risk." Ethan pointed out the obvious and he was not even sorry to make the lycan feel bad about it.

This time, Kellan's easy going look had disappeared and he contemplated his next move. "We are going to go separate ways," he decided.

That was the same thing that Ethan wanted to suggest, but Kellan had voiced it out first.

"You better gathered all the thing that you needed. I am sure there must be a way to reach the nearby town. I will try my best to lure all of them to me." Kellan had this serious expression on his face.

"Wait! You can't go out like that, they are going to kill you." Jasmine stopped them. She looked panic when she saw Ethan agreed with that plan and they were going to do exactly that. "You can't do that. That's a suicidal attempt. You could die!" She looked mortified. "You said it yourself that you couldn't fight properly because you are still recovering, what chance do you stand against fifty warriors?"

"That will be his business, princess. We need to ensure your safety first," Ethan said. He knew the princess wouldn't agree with the plan, that was why he let Kellan who voiced it out.

"No." Jasmine changed her tune immediately when she knew the situation was like this. "You are die. That's a suicide attempt."

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Kellan gave her his signature smirk, as he pressed his lips to stop himself from smiling. "What? Is the princess worried about me?"

"I am not." Jasmine immediately shook her head to deny the accusation. "It's simply because it will weigh on my conscience if I let you die out there."

Ethan urged them. "There is no time left for discussion We need to leave now."

"No." Jasmine came up with something. "Why don't we all go to Great Darren city? We can find shelter there. You said it yourself that your warriors are there, right? We need to go there."

“That’s two days away from here!” Ethan protested. The thing that he didn’t say out loud was; he didn’t think they would survive the night if they had to fight against fifty warriors, let alone a two days journey in this situation.

The weather had become so cold and now the night was chilly. They would have a hard time to go that city.

“It will be safe for us to go to the town. We will find a way to reach there.” Their other six warriors wouldn’t be able to fight against fifty warriors, but they could be very sneaky and reached the town instead, after that, they could ask for help from the warriors that were stationed there.

“No. If we go to the town, Kellan needs to come with us too. It will be safe that way. He will still need to recuperate and from the town, he can continue his journey to Great Darren city.”

“You will put all the people in the town in danger, princess. We don’t know what those fifty warriors would do. You don’t want to see them ran rampant in the town in order to find him, right?”

Ethan knew what he said was rather harsh, because it would force Jasmine to back down, if she learned she would bring trouble to other people.

Right at that time, one of his warriors mindlinked him and informed that their enemy was only two minutes away.

“There is no time for this discussion!” Earlier he had mindlinked the other warriors to pack what they needed to go away from the house. “We need to leave now. They were two minutes away.”

Ethan then grabbed Jasmine’s hand and they rushed out of the room. The other warriors had been waiting for them and Ethan tossed a bag to Kellan.

“We can only help you until here.”

The bag that he tossed to Kellan filled with food that would enough for two days journey and that was the only thing Ethan could do to show his kindness to Kellan’s perilous situation. [Search The website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.](#)

“Thank you.” Kellan smiled and then when his eyes fell on Jasmine, his smile grew brighter. He caressed her head. “Don’t give me that look, it almost like you are thinking that I am going to die.”

Jasmine said nothing, but she swatted his hand from her head before Ethan could break his bone and his to survive the enemy would close to zero.

"We need to leave now," Ethan urged them and then he took Jasmine's hand to go out of the house from the front door. "Make sure they saw you, so they will not follow us."

Kellan raised his hand to make an 'ok' sign. "Go now."

Jasmine gave the last look on Kellan before she shifted into her beast, she heard from the mindlink of the warrior that scouted the area that the fifty warriors were there. Jasmine herself could smell their scent in the cold air.

She hoped, Kellan would survive this. She couldn't bear the thought that his chance was very slim.

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Jasmine was afraid that something bad would happen to Kellan, but at first, she needed to worry about herself and the warrior with her, because right now, not like what they had planned, the fifty warriors had split into two parties.

While one party chased after Kellan, the other party was coming after Jasmine and her warriors.

There were only seven warriors, including Ethan right now and there was no way they could fight against more than two dozen hard battle warriors like them.

Therefore, their only chance to survive was to reach the town as quickly as possible.

Jasmine felt her lungs were going to burst because she was running very fast in her wolf form, but still, it was not enough.

She was the smallest, the more delicate beast among her seven warriors. She was not a fighter and more so, running in this weather was rather difficult.

But in the end, she couldn't push herself and collapse. Because of that, Jasmine couldn't preserve her beast form and was forced to shift into her human form.

Ethan and the other warriors immediately encircled her from their enemy.

"Are you, okay princess?" Ethan asked, he approached Jasmine in his human form, as he helped Jasmine to sit down and check on her. She was fine, but it was very obvious

to see that she was not in the best condition. The harsh cold wind made it more difficult for Jasmine to move.

"I- I am fine..." Jasmine stuttered. She gulped down with difficulty, as she looked around her and then realized she had slowed them down, soon enough they would be surrounded by their enemies, if she didn't immediately get up and compose herself.

However, the problem was; Jasmine didn't have the energy to keep going.

"You need to go.... I don't think I can continue..." Jasmine said, panting heavily.

"Obviously not." Ethan's tone was sharp and determined and Jasmine had expected this would be the answer.

She knew Ethan and the other warriors wouldn't leave her alone to save themselves, if anything, they would have sacrificed themselves for her safety. That was why she felt so bad when she became a burden for them.

If anything happened to them, their blood would be in her hand, She was so scared.

"Come on, princess. We will go out of the woods and reach the town. We will be alright." Ethan helped Jasmine to stand up and then shift into their beasts again, as they continued to run away.

Jasmine had never run this long before, not to mention against the cold night wind. She was trying to keep up with the warriors, but it was obvious that they were slowing down to accommodate her.

In this rate, they wouldn't be able to escape. Let alone escape, Jasmine would be the one, who dragged them down to their own death and she couldn't imagine that.

[You need to leave... you need to go on... I can't...]

She tried to mindlink them and in the end, she shifted back into her human form, because her body couldn't preserve her beast form, due to the exhaustion. She shook her head.

"I-I can't... I can't go on. Please, please leave..."

Ethan immediately approached Jasmine and squatted down next to her, worried etched on his eyes when he saw her current condition.

"No, princess, we will not leave you." He then ordered the other six warriors to keep an eye on their surroundings. Their enemy were close and there was only one way for them; fight back.

It was a vain hope for them to be able to fight two dozen warriors, but they had no other choice.

Jasmien felt so bad for her warriors, they wouldn't be in this dire situation if it was not for her, if she didn't insist to go to the lake house just because she couldn't handle her heartbreak, they wouldn't be in this dangerous situation.

She wanted to ask for their forgiveness, but she forced her mind to think of a solution. She bit her lip to fight back the coldness and then remembered something.

"No... there is a way." Jasmine was trembling now. "There is a way for us to survive this..."

D**n it!

Kellan was anxious, he could see that not all the warriors that came after him, chased him, which meant half of them were coming after Jasmine and the other.

He couldn't let anything happen to Jasmine. Not only because she was not involved in this matter, but also because she was the princess of this kingdom, if anything happened to her, king Alexander wouldn't let his kingdom off the h**k. The relationship between two kingdoms would be ruined and it would be the innocent lives that would be the sacrifice.

Kellan could only pray they wouldn't mess with Jasmine, yet he couldn't help, but worried for her wellbeing.

At this point, Kellan had fought five warriors and his energy depleted very fast. He needed to rest before he ran again, but he didn't have the luxury.

At the same time, a beast jumped on his back and took him down to the ground, which made the lycan growled in anger. He tried to fight back this beast, but it was so hard, because the next second, there were three more that jumped into the fight.

In a blink of an eye, Kellan had to fight four warriors at the same time.

[How dare you! I am going to have your head on the spear!] Kellan roared to them through mindlink and he could feel how it still affected them, after all, his rank was way higher than them, but it was not enough, since they had shifted their loyalty to his brother.

[We are sorry that it came to this prince Kellan, but we have an order.]

[Let me go and I will spare you.]

[We can't. This is direct order from the king.]

Kellan expected that much.

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He was not sure since when he was attracted by the princess. Because as far as he remembered, he had this strong feeling for her even when he saw her for the first time.

Jasmine might not remember what happened back then, but that moment would be forever etched in his memories.

Ethan remembered when he found the princess was sitting under a maple tree, reading her book for her younger brother, who was only two at that time. She had so much love in her eyes when she stared at the little prince and because of that the way her eyes were shining made her beautiful.

It sounded silly, but that was what Ethan felt at that time.

He looked up and stared at the murky dark sky, as the snow fell and melted on the ground. He hoped his warriors managed to reach the town and ask for help from the warriors there, so he could bring back the princess to the safety. He couldn't bear the thought that she might be in a great danger.

He would rather lose his life than to put her in a great danger.

And for the rest of the night, he stayed awake, staring at her peaceful sleeping face and that was enough for a lowly warrior like Ethan. It was more than enough than he deserved.

But when the first ray of the sunlight pierced through the gloomy night and fell on her face, Jasmine stirred awake, she groaned and rubbed her eyes sleepily.

The pale sunlight gave some warm for them, but the snow from last night had covered the whole ground.

“Hm? It’s morning?” Jasmine rubbed her eyes and stretched her body, but when she saw Ethan, she remembered something important. “You didn’t wake me up!” She said with annoyance.

“You sleep very deeply, I didn’t dare to wake you up,” Ethan replied, he had thought about this answer and knew that Jasmine wouldn’t be happy with that.

“Still, you should wake me up, Ethan!” Jasmine was upset. She looked around her and was sure they were safe. “Sleep, I will stay. At least, you can get a few hours to sleep.”

Ethan shook his head. “I don’t need to sleep, princess. I will be fine, more importantly, we need to move now.” Ethan then crawled out of the **k from the tree and stretched his body.

“But, you didn’t sleep the whole night, you need to rest too,” Jasmine protested, she followed him out and looked at her surroundings.

“I will be fine, princess,” he repeated the same thing. “We need to move now.”

Jasmine was not happy with this. “If you wanted to protect me, you should take care of yourself first. How could you protect me if you are not in one hundred percent fit?”

Ethan chuckled, he then apologized for that to appease her, but that was not what Jasmine wanted. “We need to go to the town, maybe we can meet with the other warriors half way,” Ethan suggested and Jasmine agreed with him.

It would save them so much time too.

With the renewed energy that she got after she slept the whole night, Jasmine shifted into her beast and followed Ethan’s beast toward the direction to the town.

It still amazed Jasmine about how easy he could navigate the direction, because as someone, who didn’t even know where was north and south, she was clueless.

It took them around eight hours to reach the town, more so, they had to take a long route, because there was avalanche last night, not to mention they needed to stop and take a rest. Thankfully, the warriors that chased after them were nowhere in their sight.

Probably, they didn’t really come for them, since their main target was Kellan. There was no use to get an extra trouble, which was good for Jasmine and Ethan.

However, Jasmine was worried about Kellan. Would he be alright? Would he manage to reach Great Darren city?

Was he being captured? That was why, the warriors that came after them had backed down and left them alone because they managed to get what they wanted?

There was a lot of things that swarmed in Jasmine's mind, but she didn't want to make Ethan worried even more about her, thus she didn't voice out what she was thinking.

[We are almost there,] Ethan said through mindlink to encourage Jasmine, who looked like she was about to collapse again. She really needed to exercise. Jasmine made a m**l note to start training the moment she returned to the palace.

[Wait.] Ethan halted. His beast sniffed the air and out of instinct, Jasmine followed his gesture, but she couldn't catch anything that was not right. She was not trained for that.

[Wat happened? Something is wrong?] Jasmine looked nervous. They were close to the town, what could happen? [Yes, something is not right,] Ethan replied. Through the mindlink, Jasmine could feel his anxiety.

[What's going on?]

Ethan then told her to stay there, as he went to check the town, but Jasmine didn't want to be left alone and then followed him.

But, what they saw was very devastating.

[No way...] Jasmine was shocked, she was dumbfounded to see the town had been ransacked. The closer you got, the thicker the smell of blood in the air.

From the look of it, there was no mistaken in it, this town had been attacked. Many people died, the town people had been killed brutally.

[impossible... who had done this...?]

"What do you mean there is problem in the north kingdom?" Alex asked one of his warriors, who delivered the news.

"Apparently, there is a shift of power in Aurones kingdom. Their king just died and only last night we received a report that the town near the border had been attacked."

"Had been attacked?!" Alex stood up from his seat. "That town is close to lake house!" The king rushed out of the room. Jasmine!

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Jasmine was so scared when she saw what happened with the town. Many people were injured and most of them were children and elderly, but there was no warrior in sight.

“Princess, I think we need to get out of this town. We need to leave,” Ethan said with urgency when they came closer to the town. They could see that this place had been ransacked. There was no way mere thieves who had done this.

Thieves wouldn't be able to destroy a town in such short time.

“We need to know what happened here,” Jasmine said, she ignored his warning to leave, as she headed toward the people there. She looked so worried and she couldn't even hide it.

Ethan came closer to her, he followed her since he couldn't persuade her to leave this place. The princess could be stubborn. More so, he also needed to know what was going on here.

A few houses had been burned down to the ground, leaving only ashes and charcoal, probably the fire was extinguished because of the snow last night, therefore, they didn't see the smoke from afar, which meant, the destruction had been going on for quite a while.

The buildings that were still standing were also destroyed, the doors hanged loosely on its hinges. The intruder must have checked every building here and took the valuable things.

Jasmine walked among the wreckages and her heart was beating so fast, it hurt her to see these people were in dire need of help, but she couldn't do anything to alleviate their pain.

The children were crying, asking for their mother or their family and Jasmine helped them to stay in one place, she also helped the elderly to gather in one building that was still decent. Ethan helped her too, while the dead...

They didn't know what to do with their dead bodies. They couldn't bury them all, because there was a high chance the attackers would return and it was not safe for

Jasmine to be around. If they learned her identity, they wouldn't let her go. She would be in a great danger.

Jasmine knew about that too.

"What happened here?" Jasmine asked one of the elderly, his wounds almost close and he was very grateful for Jasmine's help. He didn't even know that she was the princess of the kingdom.

"I am not sure what happened..." he said in bitter tone, he looked around him and grimaced, as he told them about what actually happened.

Apparently two days ago, there was an attack, the warriors in the town fought them all, but on the second day, there were more enemies to the point they surrounded the town and killed all the warriors, also the men in the town, who they deemed could trouble them.

Two days ago... it was almost the same time when Jasmine found Kellan. He was unconscious in her lake house.

From the look of it, Kellan was wrong to think that those warriors came only for him. As it turned out, his brother wanted to expand his territory by taking some part of their kingdom.

"We need to tell father about this. We need to alert father that the other kingdom has breached our territory." Jasmine was thinking that this matter became deeper than she thought.

I am sure the king was aware about this situation, the warriors must have sent report about this." Ethan was familiar with the procedure, that was why he believed by this time the king must have heard about the situation here. "He will send reinforcement."

Especially when he realized that his lovely daughter was in great danger, since this town and the lake house was very close.

"Still, it will take a week for them to reach this place," Jasmine said and Ethan agreed. "Should we go to the next town?"

"Those people went to the next town too. I think it will be better for you to stay here..." The elder man said. He looked at Jasmine with worried. "Don't go there. It will not be safe for you

Jasmine contemplated that information and then agreed it would be best if she stayed there and observed the situation first.

In the end, Ethan found a safe spot for Jasmine to sleep that night, while they tried to figure out what they had to do next.

“I am sorry, princess. I couldn’t find anything here. This is the best I can do. I hope you have a good rest.” He had gathered clean blanket that he could find and make them into makeshift bed for Jasmine, but he had to apologize for that.

Jasmine chuckled when she heard that. “I will be very ungrateful if I asked more than this. Thank you so much, Ethan, for taking a good care of me.”

Ethan looked bashful. He simply nodded and then sat down next to her bed.

“Have you received any news from the other wa

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Ethan fell asleep, but he didn’t completely put his guard down, his conscience wouldn’t allow that. He was still on alert to the point he would wake up with the slightest sound.

Meanwhile, Jasmine was too tired, she had been running around to help the town people to the best she could and now, she fell into a deep slumber, despite their surroundings.

However, it was better than sleeping while sitting like the other night.

Close to midnight, Ethan was woken up for the fourth time when he heard soft footsteps against the ground. His mind was on alert, as he opened his eyes, but he didn’t make a sudden move.

He waited for this person to come closer before he attacked him

There was only one person, a man, he was sure about that, his scent was too masculine for this person to be a woman, more so the way he walked...

He was getting closer...

He was so close...

And when Ethan felt that person was leaning over him, he moved so fast, his claws slashed that person face. He managed to dodge the attack!

This person had a good reflex, or else, he would have had his throat was being slashed instead.

But, Ethan was not done, he needed to attack before this person could recover, but when he saw his face, his anger and wariness turned into annoyance.

“What the hell you are doing here?!” Ethan hissed viciously when he saw it was actually Kellan. That lycan cradled his bleeding cheek and glared at him.

“Can’t you stop attacking me!?” He growled in annoyance and this commotion woke Jasmine up, which infuriated Ethan even more.

“What happened?” Jasmine asked, she pushed herself into sitting position immediately, as she looked around her, thinking that they were in some sort of danger.

“There is nothing princess, only a little bit of disturbance,” Ethan replied, he was unhappy to see Kellan was here and the last thing he wanted was for the princess to see this man.

Unfortunately, there was no way Jasmine didn’t see Kellan now she was awake. Her eyes widened in surprised when she saw him.

“What are you doing here?” She asked incredulously. “I though you were heading to Great Darren city?”

Kellan huffed, he then sat down on the ground, the wound had healed, but the blood on his cheek smeared on his hand and his clothes. Jasmine noticed that.

“What happened with your cheek? Are you hurt?”

Kellan glanced at Ethan, who looked aloof with what he had done to him. “I am fine,” Kellan finally murmured. He wiped the blood with his sleeve. “Only a little bit scuffle.”

Ethan rolled his eyes and didn’t say anything, he sat down next to Jasmine and observe his surroundings. “What are you doing here?”

Kellan then explained why he decided to go to the town. “I thought I will ask for help to reach Great Darren, but when I arrived, I realized this town had been attacked.”

“Why don’t you leave immediately once you realized it had been attacked?” Ethan crossed his arms. “You could be followed and you will put the other people here, in danger.”

Jasmine nudged Ethan’s arm, signaling for him that he was a little bit harsh with his word, but the warrior didn’t heed that.

"Do you think they will be so generous to follow me here? If they found me, they would have killed me right away, there is no need to follow me to the town that they had destroyed."

"So, you agreed that the attacker of this town was the warriors from your kingdom?" Ethan drew conclusion.

Kellan didn't want to admit that, but he didn't have other choice. "Yes, I am sure they were the one, who had done this." He gritted his teeth, he felt so bad for those, who had died.

However, they didn't have time to continue with their lungs and this put them on alert conversation when they heard someone screamed on the top of their

"I will go and check," Ethan said, but before that, he looked at Kellan and groaned. "Stay here and protect her! If something happened to her, I will not hesitate to kill you instead!"

Ethan then shifted into his beast before he could hear Kellan's reply.

"Why he is so feisty?" Kellan scrunched his nose. Ethan didn't need to threaten him, because he knew that keeping Jasmine safe was priority.

"Should we check too?" Jasmine asked, she stood up and peeked to the empty street, but from the distance, she could hear the sound of people screaming became clearer. Not only one, but three and then more people screamed in pain. "What is going on?"

Jasmine tried to mindlink Ethan, but the warrior had not yet reached the spot.

"Do you know what happened to the next town?" Kellan asked Jasmine to distract her. "Can we go to the next town and ask for help?"

"I don't know. I am not sure." Jasmine then told him what she knew. "Based on what the town people told us, the attackers went away after they managed to kill all the warriors here, or the people that they thought could be a potential danger or fight them back, leaving only the elderly and the children."

She then told him about Ethan's assumption that the information about what happened here, had reached the palace and the king must have known about this.

"So your choice are; staying put here until the reinforcement from the palace came or move toward the capital city through the mountain." Kellan concluded.

The mountain route was very dangerous, because there was a high chance they would be attacked by monster, but they couldn't rule out the possibility that they would be attacked by the enemies.

"We still have not decided yet about what we should do," Jasmine replied truthfully, but suddenly, Ethan mindlinked her and this put her on alert.

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"What is it?" Kellan could see the horror in Jasmine's eyes, but he didn't know what actually happened, since he couldn't hear the mindlink between Jasmine and Ethan.

"We need to run!" Jasmine said, she grabbed Kellan's hand and then took him to the opposite direction before she shifted into her beast and then runaway.

Kellan followed behind her. He was not fully recovered, after such brutal fight yesterday and it was hard for the two of them to communicate, since they didn't share mindlink, therefore he could only follow her without knowing why they were running away.

And what about Ethan?

Jasmine headed toward that tree again, the same tree where she was hiding with Ethan last night. He told her to wait there.

It took them a few hours for them to reach this place and once they were there, only then the two of them stopped. The sky had turned bright and the ray of sunlight pierced through the leaves above them.

Almost immediately, as soon as they stopped, the two of them shifted into their human form, because they could no longer maintain their beast form.

They were panting heavily, too tired to even speak, as they laid down on the cold ground covered by the snow.

"Wh- what happened?" Kellan finally asked, after he managed to control his breathing.

"The enemy... the warriors were there, they killed all the people in the town," Jasmine replied bitterly, she felt so angry because she couldn't do anything, but even if she stayed, she couldn't help. More so, they would take advantage of her and make her as a leverage for her father the moment they knew she was the princess of this kingdom.

She didn't want to put that burden to her king father.

“Ethan...” Jasmine whispered, she looked around her. Her eyes focused at the direction where they came from earlier, as if

“What happened with him?” Kellan approached Jasmine and then gave her the bottle of water that he had with him.

Jasmine was thankful and drank half of it, she gave it back to Kellan, who took a sip.

“I don’t know. I am not sure. He told me to run away after he explained what happened.” She bit her lip nervously. “He will be alright, right? He told me that he will meet me here.” Jasmine pulled her hair anxiously. She prayed that Ethan would manage to run away.

“Let’s wait,” Kellan said.

And the two of them wait until the sun set, but there was no sign of him.

“I should have waited for him...” Jasmine said, her voice dripped with guilt, she hugged her legs and rocked herself back and forth, as she stared at the distance, she hoped she could see Ethan walked toward her and smiled like usual.

“You are going to die too if you waited for him,” Kellan said, he ruffled his hair and then stood up. “I will hunt. We need to eat something.”

“No!” Jasmine held his hand when he was about to walk out of the c**k on the tree. “Don’t go.” She looked worried. “I don’t want to be left alone.”

What if he didn’t come back? What if they captured him and she didn’t know? What if those warriors reached this place and they were separated?

Jasmine didn’t want to be left alone.

Kellan stopped, he stared at her hand that held his, seemingly Jasmine didn’t realize it yet. He could understand why she didn’t want to be left alone. Da**n. He could see the fear in her eyes.

“Can you hunt?” Kellan finally asked.

Jasmine blinked her eyes innocently and then shook her head.

“Hh...” Kellan sighed deeply. “Fine, you can come with me, but don’t make a noise.”

However, hunting with a princess, who had never done it was not an easy task to do and Kellan was close to lose his patience.

After an hour with Jasmine, he finally shifted into his human form and put his arm on his hip, his eyes filled with annoyance, as he stared down at Jasmine's beast.

Slowly, Jasmine shifted back into her human form too and looked at him sheepishly.

"At this point, we will not eat anything," Kellan said, he was frustrated. "We are going to starve and die because of it, before those warriors could find us."

"Don't be ridiculous. You will not die just because you **ed dinner."

"For your information, I have not eaten anything since yesterday."

"You will not die just because you didn't eat for two days."

Kellan was speechless, he bared his teeth at Jasmine and the princess lowered her head, she knew that she was not in the position to argue with him and he was right, they needed to eat, but her conscience couldn't allow her.

"This is not like this is the first time you eat meat!" Kellan chided.

I eat meat, but I have never seen the animal was being killed!" Jasmine retorted. She was afraid when she saw Kellan almost got a fluffy rabbit. She could see the killing intent in the lycan's eyes and suddenly it clicked in her mind what was going to happen and before she could prevent it, she had caused a ruckus and made the rabbit run away.

And that was not even the first time, she did it again a few times until Kellan lost his patience.

"If you don't want to eat, fine! But, I am hungry, okay. I want to eat," Kellan grumbled, he rubbed his face roughly when he saw the look in Jasmine's eyes. "Hh! Look, both of us need to eat, we need all the energy that we can get. We can't run if our stomach empty, so just stay here and I will return in fifteen minutes. I will be nearby. Close your eyes and don't make any noise, understood?"

Jasmine nodded obediently, so did her stomach that made grumbling noise. She was hungry too.

Kellan heard that and laughed.

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