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Bale went into his room and sat down. 1

He hated the fact that he was made to live a life like a prisoner.

Like a prisoner? He was now a prisoner in his own home.

He gritted his teeth in anger.

When

He had first sent Jasmine off to go with Xaden he had hoped that her fact that she was afraid of him would prove to be fruitful to their cause but that had not been the case. 1

Jasmine has wasted her time letting well over eight months go without even sending word. 2

For the first time in his life Bale had truly been scared because then he had no other alternative.

The day of the new moon was coming and he was going to die.

In a haste he had managed to get one of his assassins to go to the Crescent pack and find Jasmine and threaten her.

He had been so furious how dare she not be able to give him information?



He was more scared because he knew that his life would end.

If he didn't concoct new plans then on the day of the new moon All Xaden would have done was to arrive into their pack and find Bale and cut off his head. 3

When the spy had sent word that Jasmine had not been able to communicate because he was an illiterate, Bale had almost lost his mind.

She was truly useless. 4

Was this the best option he had had? 1

He could have looked for another spy but the Crescent pack was difficult to penetrate.

And moreover sending Jasmine would be obviously risky.

He was using reverse psychology.

She was the last person Xaden would expect him to send as a spy because of how much exposed she was.

He did not care about how much she was suffering. 3

After all she should be grateful to be alive. 3

So many people would die to be in her place. 4

His own son had been murdered by that bastard. 2



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No amount of torture could be worse than that. 3

And then the Spy had shocked him by informing him that Jasmine had been the maiden during the halo festival.

Bale and Leman had been shocked.

She was a useless nobody with no powers so how come she had been chosen by the goddess to represent her? 1

But it did not matter because she could use it to their advantage.

At least she had something to do.

She was a useless she wolf at least she had a body and she could trade it for favor.

Now Leman finally had news about her.

He waited anxiously and then Leman came into the bedroom.

It was one of the few times Leman could be allowed to stay alone with him.

"My lord." Leman said.

Since all the high ranking wolves in the pack had been killed Leman was the only person he had left in his pack he could trust with his life and was of high rank.

"Are the guards paid?" Xaden asked not willing to take risks. 3

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The last time that they had had a secret meeting one of the guards of the crescent pack had been undercover.

Bale had watched as all the men in the meeting were slaughtered by Garrick.

All except for the guard who has betrayed them.

He had been so furious and unable to do a single thing.

Luckily enough for him Leman had been a bit ill and unable to attend he would have died that day. 1

After murdering all the men, Garrick went to Bale with blood dripping all over his face.

"I can not kill you unfortunately." He said. "That is for Xaden to do. But I can kill any of your men I find having a secret rebellion against us and you will do nothing."

And it was the truth Bale had done absolutely nothing.

He has just breathed heavily and stood as he saw the slaughtered bodies of the men who had been planning to help me him fight back Xaden.

So Bale was not taking any sides.

"The guards are to be trusted." Leman said. "I am sure of it."



They sat down together on the bed.

"Is it good news?" Bale asked anxiously.

He was running out of time and he needed something legit.

Then Leman revealed the Owl who had been quiet inside Leman's robes.

"She sent word." Leman said.

"Finally." Bale said.

Bale touched the Owl and then he was transported to a dark room that smelled awful.

He turned and saw Leman beside him.

The owl could allow time presence to be in the message that had been delivered.

"What is this place?" Bale asked Leman.

Then before Leman could reply, Bale saw Jasmine.

She had on chains tied to her neck and hands.

She did not look like she was suffering, at least not to him. 5

She seemed to have even gained weight.

And it had made him furious. 1

He was here suffering while she was there conveniently forgetting about them and living

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well. 3

Maybe she had betrayed them! Maybe she has told Xaden the truth about her!

And that was why she had actually declined to tell him what was truly going on.

He but his bottom lip in rage. 1

She bowed. "Father I apologize for not delivering information to you on time. I was unable to write as I never received a proper education of any sort."

Then she went on. "So far a lot has happened. I live in the quarters of the healer called Loren and then I work as a slave in the pack. The Halo festival came and Alpha Xaden hosted. The entire royal family arrived and so did Alexander, Dean's brother. But he is no more. Some how someone sent an assassin to kill Xaden. Xaden initially believed that it was Alexander and so he threw him in the dungeon. But then Alexander was found dead and the spy you sent was caught and it was pinned on him. They knew that you sent him."

Bale winced in pain once he heard that.

She continued. "But I told them that you had nothing to do with any of it. Hence why I am in the dungeon. Xaden killed your spy. I do not know what he is going to do to you. I was chosen

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as the maiden for the halo festival. So far Xaden keeps his plan to attack home private. I know nothing about it. But I would try my best to find out and send you further word."

Bale listened to everything and she explained the situation more and more, by the time she was done, Bale was tensed and sweating. 2

They were brought back to Bale's room.

And Bale got up to his feet and began pacing.

"I sent no bloody assassin to kill Xaden." Bale swore. 2

"Calm down your lordship." Leman urged.

"You need to understand my frustration. In my own home I am trapped like a child and then when I do not commit a crime, I am blamed for it. My God." 2

"Tensing about this and worrying will bring no solution." Leman said. "I do wonder why Xaden has not sent any word to us since he found out that the spy was sent by us."

"That bastard." Bale swore. "I should have finished him up when I had the chance. He should not have lived past the age of seven." 1

Leman took in a deep breath.

"Well if Xaden knows that you sent the spy to kill

him then he would also suspect Jasmine." Leman said. "But no matter what, he can not touch you. Xaden has too much to lose. He will rather wait till the finally day of the new moon before he strikes. At best he will tell Garrick but that would be it." 4

Bale set his hands on his waist. "I told you that we should have tried sending some assassin to kill him. Someone else beat me to it."

"And they were caught." Leman said. "And imagine even though it was not you in fact, the first hand pointed down to you."

Bale shook his head. "Thank God Alexander is dead. I was getting worried when that one was going to come on my neck." 1

Both men were quiet then Bale asked the question that had been baffling him.

"Did you see Jasmine?" Bale asked. "She looked like she was living well. Even though she was in the dungeon she did not look like someone who was being held hostage."

"Perhaps Xaden is treating her well." Leman said. "He has not killed her yet."

"Or maybe she already sold us out to him." Bale said in rage. 1

Leman shook his head. "No be reasonable. If she

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sold you out, then it would have been easier for him to boycott the laws and have you killed. But we're still alive." 1

Bale signed deeply. "So what do we do next."

"We send word to her." Leman said. "I think we've been looking at things from a different perspective. Why not make Jasmine go on a suicide mission?" 4

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