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"Praise the goddess that watches us all above!" Marie said with pure delight as she saw Xaden and the remaining men come in. 1

Xaden was groaning and struggling to come in.

"Is she still alive?" Xaden asked.

"Of course she is. If she was not you would be dead." Marie said looking him over. "What happened to you and-

Then she saw the markings on his body.

"Oh dear the infection is spreading all over you." She said as she traced the marking over his body. "Did you get it?"

Erik opened up the big satchel bag and handed her the diamond cup.

Marie wanted to burst into tears.

This was one of the three.

One of the most rarest relics to ever be found. And here she was holding it. 2

Other witches and wolves even those from her original realm had never had their hand on it.

Those older than her, but here she was with. She could not even believe her luck. 1



"Are you not supposed to administer it?" Loren asked and then Marie snapped back to reality.

"What? Huh? Yes of course." She said and then she set it on the table that was filled

With different options and herbs. "We just need to make a few mixtures before it works."

"I thought that it was the cup of life would it not be fine if you drank anything from it?" Lily asked already tired from the back and forth. 2

"Of course not!" Marie said. "Why would you think such a thing. The mixture would not take so long. Just a few minutes and it would be ready. I would also need help to

Make it faster. Lily help me with the brewing." 1

And then they went off to work.

Xaden staggered to Jasmine's side and then he sat down on the bed and gently touched her hair.

He set her loose curls behind her ear and he could barely even feel how hot she was.

By now the marks he had had already extended to his face and was now on his entire body. 1

"You are still alive." He said and then he took her hands and kissed the knuckles. "I will make sure you you live. Nothing will happen to you. You will be protected and under my wing. No harm shall



come to you. I wish I could apologize for all the awful things I did to you. Seeing you in such a state just tells me how important you are to me. I never want to lose you Jasmine." 4

"Why can the cup not just be used on Xaden?" Erik asked as he watched them work.

"Why? Did you try it?" Marie asked him.

"Yes we had hoped that him drinking from the cup would instantly heal the both of them." Erik said with a shrug.

"First of, a certain type of ancient juice must be made and then secondly you can not take it if you were the unaffected. It had to be Jasmine." 1

As she continued to work quickly against time, Loren went by and mistakenly touched the satchel.

The head of the creature that they had killed fell out.

"Sweet goddess!" He snapped in horror. "What is that bloody thing?"

"That is a creature we found on the outskirts of our pack." Rowan replied.

"Outskirts?" Loren said bewildered. "Such creatures should not even exist talk less of being in the outskirts of our pack."



"We found a cup of life did we not?" Owen asked exhausted as he sat down. "I believe in the impossible now."

"It is ready!" Marie announced triumphantly.

She picked up the cup of life as she poured the liquid into the cup.

They all now rushed to Jasmine's side.

Xaden was still seated by her side.

"How is she going to take it?" Lily asked the question everyone had in their head. 1

"She needs to drink it or it will not work." Marie said. "We are running against time."

Loren tried to give Jasmine but she would not receive it.

Her mouth would not be open.

"Maybe you should try a spell?" Erik said baffled.

Marie nodded and did some magic but it did not work.

Jasmine remained lying still.

"Nothing is happening." Marie said in horror.

"Let me try." Xaden said as he very gently collected the cup.

His hands were shaking because of how badly the poison was affecting him.



He went and took it to her lips and very gently in a soft voice said. "Open your lips for me Jasmine."

To all their shock, they watched as she very gently parted her lips and then he poured the drink into her mouth.

"Now swallow." He said whilst his other free hand tucked behind her ear.

And she did as he said.

The clock struck midnight instantly.

"Did she swallow it before midnight?" Marie who was fidgeting and filled with worry asked.

Nothing happened and then the marks began to extend to Xaden's eyes.

They all feared the worst.

Knowing that he would die.

When all hope was lost, Jasmine's body began to regain its color.

The pale color disappeared and then even her cheeks went red in blush and she opened her eyes. 1

They all gasped in joy.

And then Xaden's marks began to disappear until there was nothing there.



The clapped and danced in celebration.

Jasmine who was still confused look at the in surprise.

"W-what happened?" She asked. "What is going on?"

Lily went to her and threw her arms around her. 3

"Thank the goddess tang you are alive. I do not know what I would when some of you had gone". She said there were tears in her eyes. 4

When Jasmine looked up she saw Loren was standing with tears in his eyes.

"What is going on ?" She asked as she managed to sit up and and she massaged her head.

"You do not remember what happened to you before you last out?" Marie asked. 1

Jasmine shook her head and then she looked at Xaden.

"I don't quite. But you were the last thing I saw." She said 1

