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Jasmine closed her lips and kept her thoughts to herself. 1

She wanted to demand what he meant that she was going ahead with the rest of the party.

But it was very disrespectful for her to speak to him disrespectfully in front of his men.

So she tried her best to keep her composure down and said nothing.

Anna who had been inside her carriage the entire time peeped out through the window and said.

"What? What's happening?" She requested.

Xaden came down from his horse and walked to his sister.

"I need to see to some very important details at mage city." He said.

Her face fell instantly. "We're going to mage city? Mage city is very dangerous."

"You will be leaving with the rest of the men." He informed. "It would only be Erik and I along with about two other men."

"I see." She mumbled to herself.

"Don't worry." He pecked her cheek. "The men will take care of you just fine. And I won't be too long."

"Do you really have to go?" She begged.

Jasmine turned her face away in fury and came down from her horse to find him something to eat.

She ignored the siblings chatter and went on searching for something for her house.

It helped her take her mind off how she felt.

She picked up a few berries in her hand and added some more.

She felt a presence behind her and jumped.

It was none other than Xaden himself.

She looked down and saw that all her berries had fallen down to the floor.

She said nothing and bent down to pick it.

He proceeded as if he wanted to help her and she snapped at him. "I'll do it!"

He stopped and she was even surprised with herself.

She did not apologize and she simply packed

them up into her palm and proceeded to rise up when he stopped her.

"Jasmine." He said.

She glared at him. "You told me that we were going to make city. It was you who had told me that it was a possibility my wolf was dormant. You brought the entire idea and all of a sudden you tell me it is only you who would be going."

He rubbed his face. "Look. Mage city is not what you think it is. It is unsafe and for reasons I won't want you harmed there."

"I can handle myself fine." Jasmine responded. And she began to plead "please just let me go."

He shook his head. "I'm sorry I can not do that."

Her face grew red with fury. "So why tell me about it in the first place?!"

She snapped so loud that they turned and looked at her around.

At this point she was too upset to even care.

She stormed off.

When she reached to her horse she realized that she had spilled away all the berries except for a tiny one.

She handed it to her horse and ignored him

completely.

Eventually he and his small party got ready to leave.

Kire refused to follow his Master so they gave up pursuing him and let him stay behind.

Ned came by her side with a sulk on his face.

"What happened to you ?" She quizzed.

"Alpha Xaden said I couldn't come." Ned complained. "Insisted that someone be there to take care of anyone in case they fell sick. Quite frankly he threatened me."

Jasmine sighed heavily frustrated.

This would have been the opportunity for Ned to find out about Urma's mystery message and now they were at a crossroads.

She knew that there was no changing his mind so she let it go.

She was going to find another way.

Jasmine ignored them throughout the entirety of them preparing to leave.

Xaden said nothing either and they all went their separate ways.

Throughout the journey, Anna was bent on

frustrating Jasmine.

"Jasmine get me some fresh fruit." Anna ordered.

"There are no fruits anywhere." Jasmine responded.

"I don't care. My brother put you to take care of me so you better do as I say. Or you want me telling my brother that you disobeyed me?" 1

Jasmine sighed heavily and went about to find a fruits.

She got injured by some thorns before finally getting a fruit.

Anna snatched it without a thank you.

The next thing, she was hot.

Next thing she wanted Jasmine to sing for her.

Next she wanted a well cooked meal.

"There is no way we can get that." Jasmine said extremely unhappy.

"Do I look like I care?" Anna hissed.

"If I make a meal for you. Then that means that we have to stop and that would delay the time we arrive the pack."

"Not my business." Anna said.

Eventually their travel party had to come to a stop.

St this point Jasmine was boiling in fury.

She was angrily making mushroom soup while Ned assisted.

"I hate her." Jasmine said and then she realized what she said. "Gods I didn't mean that."

"Of course you did. If I were you I would hate her too." Ned said as he mixed spices together. "She is such a bitch."

Jasmine did not deny that.

"It's not fair. She had a perfect life and now even after everything she still has a perfect life." Jasmine said angrily as she began to pound at the mushrooms.

"Hey hey take it easy." Ned calmed her down.

Jasmine stopped and took in heavy breaths. "I shouldn't have come. I should have left when I had the chance to. Now look at me, serving people who hate me."

Ned said nothing for a while and then. "Well I think they hate her more than they hate you. No one talks to her and Kire hates her."

Jasmine turned and saw Kire growling

aggressively at Anna who was yelling at him.

"You horrid dog!" She snapped at him. "Stop it!"

She grabbed her feet together in fear so he wouldn't bite her.

"Someone get this away from ME!" She hissed.

Jasmine chuckled.

"And you could always escape to Mage city one day." Ned told her to lift the mood.

Jasmine stopped and looked at him.

"Escape." She said and then she had an epiphany . "Why wait for later when I could sneak to Mage city right now?"