

1018 SIDE STORY (ETHAN):I ONLY WANT YOU

Ethan could see her through little trick, but when Aliana denied it, he didn't bring the topic again.

But after that, Carla's visit became less frequent, which made Ethan was more than happy, because he didn't think he could digest her food properly.

It was not that he disliked Carla, but he felt whatever crazy idea in Aliana's mind right now wouldn't be proper for any of them. He only wanted to be with his mate, that's all and he thought it would only be a phase.

However, Ethan was very wrong about that, because Aliana didn't drop this matter at all, she only became subtle with it.

"Why you didn't come to the orphanage often again?" Will asked Ethan one day, because he didn't see him for a few weeks now.

"Hm?" Ethan raised his brows, feigning innocent. "Nothing. I was busy. Like usual, the king wanted to kill me by giving me a lot of things to do."

"I doubted that. I saw you take a leisurely walk with Aliana a few times," Will called him out for his lies easily.

Ethan laughed at that, but he didn't give him a definitive answer. Thankfully, Will was not a busybody, thus he didn't pursue the matter.

The truth was; Aliana had been setting him up with Carla a few times. At first Ethan didn't realize it, he thought it was only a coincidence when he went to play with the

little children, Carla was ordered to get the water from there.

Well, an encounter like that could happen anytime, nobody would take a notice of that, but then something similar happened again and again, which made Ethan wondered what actually was going on and every time, Carla would say that she came because of Aliana's order.

One day, when Ethan returned home, he found Carla was there, which shocked him. The young girl was also shocked when she saw Ethan walked into the house. [www.NoVeLwOrM.com](#)

"Aliana said there is no one here." Carla looked uncomfortable.

"What now?" Ethan asked, he couldn't help it anymore.

"She asked me to fetch a magic stone in her bedroom, she couldn't come herself because she needed to take care of something in the orphanage," Carla told Ethan the truth.

Ethan growled deeply, which made Carla misunderstood that, she thought he was angry at her.

"I am sorry, gamma Ethan. I didn't mean to enter your house or your bedroom. I don't feel this appropriate too, but Aliana said there would be no one here and she really needed the magic stone because she has some favor to ask to the merchant."

The person that Carla meant when she said 'the merchant' was Lou.

"Give me that magic stone," Ethan said. He stretched out his hand and Carla gave the magic stone to him. "Don't forget to close [www.NoVeLwOrM.com](#)

the door when you left."

After that, Ethan left his house to go straight to Aliana in the orphanage. He was upset, but he didn't want to be angry with her.

"Here, the magic stone that you wanted." Ethan placed the magic stone on the table and Aliana looked surprised because he returned too fast, which made everything was clear for Ethan.

However, the gamma didn't want to talk about this right now, because he knew that he would be so angry.

"Oh, thank you... did you meet with Carla? I forgot that I also ordered her to get the magic stone. I am sorry. I think I am getting old." Aliana tried to save the situation without sounding too obvious.

"It's okay," Ethan nodded and then left.

Yet, he didn't go back to their house that night, he chose to crash in Redmond's place, which annoyed the latter.

"We don't have place for you here, go back to your house." Redmond nudged Ethan's body with his feet. He was annoyed because this gamma had been laying down for hours, didn't say anything and didn't do anything.

Rye and Lucia came to him, but he was not as responsive, which made his children questioned Redmond about how weird uncle Ethan was.

"What happened?" Redmond finally relented and sat down next to him. "I just dealt with the fact Lucia is having a crush on a little brat, don't give me another headache."

Ethan rolled his eyes and then got up.

"Where are you going?"

"You said I should leave."

"Are you sulking?" [www.NoVeLwOrM.com](#)

"No. I am calm down now."

Redmond didn't understand what he meant with that, but it was a good thing that he did something and left his house.

After that, Ethan returned to his house, but there was no one there. Aliana was not at home. There was only a simple note that said she was with Jace and not to worry. That was it.

Ethan took a deep breath and went to their bedroom. It smelled like her. He missed her, but maybe being apart for a while would help them to clear their mind.

After a long and exhausted day, Ethan fell asleep. It was so weird to sleep alone when he had spent countless nights snuggled with his mate. Hugging her body when he drifted to sleep was the best feeling for her.

And the next day, it was a bleak day for the gamma. He didn't meet Aliana in the orphanage and the next day and the next day.

One day, when Ethan came to visit the orphanage, thinking maybe today Aliana would show up, Carla came to him. She asked to talk to him alone.

"Gamma Ethan, I am not sure what happened between you and Aliana, but I

think there is a misunderstanding here," Carla started, she looked uncomfortable. "I think, Aliana thought I like you... I meant, I like you, but not in that way..." She fiddled with her fingers. "At least, not anymore..."

She explained to Ethan of how she used to have a crush on him, she developed that feeling ever since their slavery day, but of course, neither of them wanted to recall those days.

"But, really, I don't have feeling more than just respect for the two of you, especially when I saw how happy you are together." Carla lifted her head and smiled gently. "I am really, genuinely, happy for you two."

However, Carla told him of how Aliana acted weirdly lately. She acted as if she wanted to create an opportunity for the two of them and this made her feel uncomfortable.

Of course, it was very obvious after the incident of getting the magic stone.

"I don't want there is a misunderstanding between the three of us. I feel sad when Aliana didn't come to the orphanage again. She is like a big sister for me."

Ethan didn't know whether he should laugh or cry. He really wanted to be angry at Aliana, but also teased her of how silly she was with her plan because not only him, who could see through her, but even Carla could tell the same thing too.

"Thank you for telling me this. Don't worry, Aliana is only going through a rough time."

And after that, they parted ways.

After a week, Ethan finally came to visit Jace.

"What is going on with you two?" Jace asked. He was not mad at Ethan, he actually was made at Aliana because he knew what actually was going on and he thought she was being very ridiculous.

"I am not sure." Ethan shook his head and then entered the house, he found his mate was sitting in the dining table, staring at her meal with those empty eyes.

She seemed not to realize that Ethan was there, she didn't even notice the smell of his scent in the air.

"Aliana," Ethan called for her, only then she lifted her head and tears streamed down her cheek.

The sight of her crying melted all of her anger and annoyance, he came to her and hugged her. The only thing in his mind right

now was to calm her down. He didn't want to see her like this, because the pain that she felt was something that he could feel too.

"I am sorry, I am sorry..." Aliana cried. She knew her mistake and she didn't want to see him because she was very ashamed of herself. Jace had scolded her for that. "I am sorry, Ethan..."

Ethan hugged Aliana tightly. "I will never forgive you for setting me up with another woman, Aliana. You are being very silly, no matter what is your reason."

Aliana cried even harder. "I want you to have a family that you deserved. I can't give you a child, Ethan... I will never be able to give you a perfect family."

"You are my family, Aliana. You, Jace and all the people that went through hard time

with us, are my family. What family are you talking about here?" Ethan knew what she meant.

"A child,"

"I have told you years ago, I don't want to have a child." The time when Aliana lost her child and Iris lost their, the desperation and hopelessness in their eyes still engraved in his mind. "I don't want a child, Aliana. I have told you that. I can tolerate it if it was a child that I have with you, but if you couldn't give me one, I don't want it from another woman. It's you that I want. It's always you." [www.NoVeLwOrM.com](#)

She was the first woman that he had a crush on and then he fell for her and after years, he only fell harder for her.

"I only want you."