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521 THE CONSEQUENCES

Iris was dozing off when Haco came into the study room, she insisted she would be there with Cane and returned to their bedroom together.

Even though, Sofia was no longer occupied her bedroom, she felt uncomfortable to sleep on the same bed that the other woman had used. More so, because she used to sleep with Cane by her side, thus it felt so weird and empty without him to hold her.

Therefore, it didn't take long for her to sneak into Cane's bed and slept there, the alpha of course knew when his mate came and snuggled against him. He didn't have any complain and cuddled with her instead. 2

After that, it was an unspoken decision that Iris wouldn't use her bedroom, even though the bar had been torn down and she could come and go between the two rooms, but she simply didn't bother to stay in her side.

There was no need for her to go back and forth and wasted her energy and time when she knew where she wanted to be.

"What do you want?" Cane asked, he was going to call the day when this sorcerer right before he finished the last report and gave the last order to Oliver. "Why I feel like you don't like to see me?" Haco frowned. "We have not yet met for four days now. Nice to see you well, Iris." His voice softened when he saw the luna lifted her head and rubbed her sleepy eyes.

"Haco," Iris greeted him.

"Have you done reading the book?" Haco gave her a book for her to learn about various power that a magic user could do, now they had confirmed Iris related to the first Serafim, they needed to tread this matter carefully, because not only they would attract their enemy toward her and put her in danger, but this information could be used to make the people in the Holy Kingdom be their enemy as well, since it would be an insult to say Iris was the Serafim.

More so, they still needed to dig deeper about this new revelation and also, there was still no news about lady Cyan. They hoped one of the monsters had eaten her alive, so half of their problem would be solved, though it was only a wishful thinking.

"I have read half of it," Iris replied. Aside from learning medicine from Grace and Ardand, while helping the injured warriors, who were still inside the tent, she also learned more about magic user and the power they held. It was a complicated thing and she realized her knowledge about it only grazed the surface level, though she had read a lot of books about the same topic. Haco guided her and she would spend an hour or two everyday with him. 1

"Good. Good." Haco nodded in satisfaction, but then his expression became serious when he looked at Cane. "There is something important I need to tell you. I thought, I can keep it for myself, but then I feel like it is not right if you don't know about this."

"What is it?" Cane narrowed his eyes, as Haco sat down on the chair in front of him and Iris. He looked so exhausted and even more fragile. Cane had asked Grace to check on his condition, but the healer could only say his health deteriorated rapidly without knowing the cause of it. "You can't let Zeke extract the lycan out of you. Don't even think about it or let that to happen."

Zeke was Cyan's father. Haco had disclosed this that Zeke was his senior when they were still in the Holy Kingdom, but then, his access of information about him was close to nil, more so, he had left the Holy Kingdom for so long ago.

He had been debating with himself when he learned how Zeke was trying to extract the lycan out of Cane's body.

"You can't let that happened?" Haco said seriously, he leaned his body forward and stared into Cane's dark eyes. "Don't."

"Why?" Iris asked, she could sense there was something more behind it. "Why not?" It didn't mean Cane wanted to let go of the lycan, especially when he realized the power that this cursed creature held could turn the table, so if he had to choose, it would rather he had the lycan than his enemy got a hold of the power of this creature.

Haco pressed his lips into thin line, as his brows creased deeply. He had thought about what he was going to say, but as it turned out, it was way more difficult than he imagined when he really had to do it.

"Look," Haco took a deep breath and stared at the two people before his eyes. "You are so wrong, if you think there is no side effect when the lycan was extracted from me. There is and it is lethal."

Cane's brows creased and Iris didn't like the sound of it. They really couldn't take a break, if anything, it felt like they were jumping from one trouble to another, without being able to fix the previous one or even discussed it. 1

"Talk clearly, Haco, what do you mean with that?" Iris clenched her fists she observed the old man before her eyes and aside from the extreme sign of fatigue, she found nothing life threatening on him. "Can't you spill everything all at once?" she was anxious and her patient was running low, as her mind raced with all the worst possibilities, while Cane didn't show much of change on his expression. "I don't have much time. I only have less than a year now, probably half of it, as I can feel my health is deteriorating quickly. You must have learned about that from Grace and now you can ask the poor healer to stop her attempt to cure me, because there is nothing you can do to help me."

Haco then told them about what the lycan had informed him about how he would end.

The lycan had resided within him for long, so his life force and his had molded together, therefore, when the lycan was extracted from him, the outcome was fatal for Haco, since the lycan was way stronger than him.

"It will be more fatal for you, alpha, because you have found a way to use the lycan's power as well, the consequences of it will be more deadly for you." 1

All this time, Haco didn't really use the lycan's power, since he didn't know how to, but he got a year to live after the creature was being extracted from him, thus in Cane's case, it could be less than that if he kept relying on the lycan's power and used it constantly.

"Don't you know about this when you gave the lycan to Cane?" Iris stared at Haco, she was not sure how to feel. While, it was fine for Cane to use the lycan's power, as long as the creature resided within him, but there was someone out there, who could perform the magic, where he could separate Cane from the lycan. The thought of it alone terrified Iris.

Haco scoffed, he looked annoyed. "No. That lycan is very cunning and ungrateful, of course, I will never agree if by doing so, I shorten my lifespan, he must have known about that, so he didn't mention it. I only thought; finally, I can get rid of such nuisance. How naive I was."

Iris grimaced, she then stared at Cane when she caught the dark wisp that came out of his palm, he had been practicing with it in the past few days and how to control it, now he was in tune with the lycan within him.

"Cane, don't do that again!" Iris grabbed his hand in attempt to stop him from practicing with the dark wisp again. "Don't do it again." She became panic and with her touch, the dark wisp disappeared. She was the only one, who could do that, even though he tried, but he wouldn't be able to produce the dark wisp once Iris held onto him.

"Iris, calm down," Cane said patiently, he cupped her face, as her eyes started tearing up. She looked so upset.

Cane must have missed this part of information, where Lu told Haco about the side effect of his situation.

"I don't want to calm down, I want you to promise me not to practice with the dark wisp again!" Iris was a little bit emotional now. "Cane, promise me..."

One year? Haco had less than one year and if the same thing happened to Cane, he would even have shorter time, because he used the power that he supposed not to have.

Iris started to cry when she knew what the answer Cane would give her. "Cane, no..." she whimpered. He would continue with his plan to practice with the dark wisp that was the lycan and explored more about the power Lu held.

"Iris, you missed the point here," Cane said gently and patiently. "It will only happen if the lycan is being extracted from me. Nothing will happen as long as the lycan stays within me." 1

"There is this man out there, who can do that." Iris was adamant.

"That's the more reason I need to use the lycan's power to protect myself. Do you think I will stand a chance to have a direct battle with the dark sorcerer without the lycan's power like what happened in the mountain?" 2

Iris was dumbstruck, she was too panic to think in that way.

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Iris's mind was plagued with the mention of the possibility Cane could die, once the lycan left him. It scared her so much more than anything and she was unable to think clearly. 1

'Do you think I will stand a chance to have a direct battle with the dark sorcerer without the lycan's power like what happened in the mountain?'

The answer was immediate no. It was proven that Zeke and Cyan were Decratic's worshipper and both of them were mind controller, how could you suppose to fight someone, who could mess up with your mind?

If Iris calmed enough to think of the matter thoroughly, she would realize what Cane said was true. The best chance they had to fight them was by using the lycan's power and explored more what this cursed creature could do.

But then, this decision was a double edge sword, since the world was not such a welcoming place for a cursed creature like Lu.

Once people knew about it, all hell would break loose. It was still a wonder, why Cyan didn't start to spread the rumor about the relation between Cane and the lycan. Their best guess was because she didn't want to expose herself even more as the dark witch, especially with the entourage of the Holy Kingdom was on their way here.

Added that to the untimely death of the king during the onslaught, they didn't have enough power to back them, now the shift of power started in the capital city with Koda demanded the throne for his great grandson baby.

The rumor about lady Cyan had started to spread, Cane helped as well with this, but with the fierce war that was happening, the impact was not as dramatic as he wanted it to be, as the public attention was being divided.

After all, it was just a rumor...

"What if..." Iris trembled with the thought that was so close to death when Zeke tried to get the lycan out of him. If he succeeded then...

"Iris." Cane had to shake her body to stop her from her horrendous thought, which could scare herself even more. "Is not that easy to extract the lycan out of me, Iris. Zeke can do it, but it doesn't mean, he has the power to go through with it, as long as the lycan is not willing. I swear to you, the lycan will not leave me, even if I want to get rid of it." 1

If that was an easy task, Zeke would have managed to accomplish it when they were in the mountain.

Cane explained that patiently, something that Iris should have known, but her mind was in shambles, it shook her with the information that Haco revealed to them.

"As much as I hate it, it will be better if the lycan with me rather than our enemy have it." At this point, Cane had to make a peace with the thought that the lycan would always be part of him and the thought of getting rid of the lycan was not an option.

Iris bit her lip, she tried to reign her emotions, as she lowered her head and pulled her hair anxiously, while Cane wiped her tears from her cheeks.

"You don't need to worry, this is the least thing you should be worried about."

"I don't want you to be harmed." Iris mumbled, she kept staring at her curls, while anxiously pulling her hair.

"That will never happen." 1

But, one couldn't predict the future, just like how Cane couldn't make all of his schemes worked, because there were so many unpredictable variables that could change the outcome of one plan.

"Excuse me for ruining this moment for both of you," Haco said, he had this deep concern on his face. "But, why I feel like you can hear, Iris? You don't even raise your head and read his lips when you talked to him."

Haco didn't notice this before, because of how well Iris read someone lips, they didn't pay close attention to it.

"I can," Iris said sullenly, she didn't want to talk about it. It was not that she kept it as a secret, she simply didn't want to announce it.

Until now, only a handful people, who knew she could hear and Hanna was one of them.

"Why you never told me when we spent time together?" Haco was dumbstruck, but Iris was not in the mood to talk about it, as she snuggled against Cane's chest and he hugged her closely. She hid her face, feeling so upset.

Meanwhile, Haco watched everything unfolded before his eyes and was deep in thought.

"You two become more and more like a mate nowadays." He knew the story behind how Cane marked Iris, but right now, the sorcerer could bet the feeling was genuine between the two of them. 1

Hell, the alpha was even scarier nowadays with the appearance of Rei. He looked like he was going to tie Iris on him.

If Iris was not with him, she would have a bunch of warriors roamed around her.

"Ethan!" Aliana called the warrior when he entered the pack house. She had been away, taking care of the orphanage during this time, more so they were pretty busy after the attack.

Ethan perked up with the sound of Aliana's voice, he gave her the best smile, which made her frowned, because she felt it was eerie. 1

"Stop smiling like a fool!" Aliana immediately approached the gamma, but even with that harsh word, he kept smiling.

"Do you miss me? You look so happy to see me," Ethan teased her, because of how eager she was. 3

"Really? I don't think this is my happy face," Aliana grumbled and then slung her arm around his shoulder casually. "Now, we have time, tell me everything."

Ethan frowned, didn't understand what she meant. "Tell you what?"

It was already at night and Ethan was extremely exhausted after taking care of a lot of things, he determined to fall on his bed and didn't move until the morning came, he didn't even want to waste his time to clean himself.

Bed. Bed. Bed. Sleep. That was his sole goal at this moment, but somehow, he still found the energy to talk with Aliana.

"Tell me everything about our luna, how is she with the alpha. Why did the alpha look so different? Tell me everything that you know." Aliana still had her arm around his shoulder, she was only a little bit shorter than Ethan, which meant, she was pretty tall even for a female shifter.

Ethan's frown deepened, as he stared at Aliana. "Why I feel like I have been in this situation before?" He was too tired to think what caused this familiar feeling, but he was pretty sure the same thing had happened in the past. 3

Aliana clicked her tongue impatiently. "Don't make that lame excuse, tell me now. I will not let you go until you talk."

"Aliana, I don't think I have the energy to talk. The food in the dining hall must have been eaten, I am so hungry and don't have the strength to even lift my finger." Ethan suddenly sounded pitiful.

"You know that you are being dramatic?" The corner of Aliana's lips twitched when she heard that. "You can walk and just now you have that stupid grin on your face."

Ethan clutched his stomach, he shamelessly didn't change his expression. "I don't think my word will be coherent... unless, you are going to make something for me to eat, so I will have a little bit of energy to talk, after all, this is a loooooong story. Probably, we need to stay up all night for you to understand the change in the way our alpha treats his luna." 2

Aliana really wanted to shake Ethan's body, so he would spill all the beans."But, if you don't want to know all the important detail, is fine too, just know that you should treat the luna respectfully, because the alpha is so fond of her right now."

"Yes, but what the cause of it. I can see that, that's why I ask you."

"This feels more like an interrogation rather than you asked me..." Eth an looked gloomy and Aliana couldn't help, but wanted to smack his head when she heard him grumbling like this.

"Fine. Let's go to the kitchen, let's see, probably there is something left there." Aliana sighed in defeat. 1

"Ah... I feel so awful to eat the leftover, my stomach is a little bit trouble nowadays because I don't eat regularly."

"Who are you trying to fool?" Aliana grumbled, they were shifter, more so, there was no way someone like them, who had eaten the worst thing ever that one could only imagine, suddenly got sick because they didn't eat regularly.

However, Eth an didn't budge. He clutched his head now. "I handle a lot of thing..."

"Fine! Fine! What do you want to eat?!" Aliana lost her temper, she knew what he was going to say and how it would turn out.

"Meat, please!" Eth an said happily, his eyes lit up, as if there was a new life that was infused into his body and Aliana could only hold back her annoyance.

That night, Iris couldn't sleep, she kept thrashing on the bed, her heart didn't feel at ease after learning what Haco told them.

She felt bad because the old sorcerer didn't have much time with them, that also added to her uneasiness.

"Sleep, Iris." Cane pulled her closer and kissed her nape. "You wake me up."

"Oh, I am sorry..."

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523 RESTLESS NIGHT (2)

"I am sorry to wake you up, I will stay still..." Iris felt bad because she woke him up, knowing how much Cane needed to rest.

With piles of work that he had to do in order to get his pack back to its feet as soon as possible before they left for the Riverside pack and Diandem pack and how he had to keep his eyes on the turmoil that happened in the capital city, not to mention Aderan caused trouble by taking away the queen, such matter would bite Cane someday if someone learned about this and needless to say, it would be another headache to be tackled down.

For now, Cane sent people in search for Aderan and dragged him back before he could board the ship. With the war for the throne that happened for weeks now, there were not many ships sailed. It gave them time to find Aderan and the queen.

Iris knew about all of that and felt bad because she woke him up.

"I am sorry..." Iris said again meekly, as she stayed still, but Cane was the one, who couldn't stop moving, as he kissed her lips down to her neck.

"I can't sleep again," Cane said, as he slipped his hand under her dress and caressed her stomach, up to her ribcage, where he barely touched her breast.

Iris' breath turned heavy with his touch and knew immediately what he was going to do, but before he would do anything further, Cane lifted his head and stared at her.

"Is it, okay if I touch you like this?" Cane asked, as he brushed his thumb against her nipple lightly. Iris blushed and nodded subtly, as she averted her gaze. The room was too bright to hide how her face turned into crimson color. "How about this?" Cane cupped her breast and kneaded his palm against her soft skin.

Iris gulped down with difficulty, she pressed her lips to prevent herself from moaning as she reacted to the way he teased her.

But, because Iris didn't answer his question, Cane stopped his movement.
"Should I stop?"

Iris immediately turned her head to look at him with disagreement in her eyes, she opened her mouth, but she couldn't find the right word to say without it being sounded so eager. Yet, when Cane leaned over and captured her lips, she melted.

"Tell me what do you want, Iris. I don't want to do something that you are not comfortable," Cane said. He nibbled on her lip, savoring the taste of her sweetness and how her warm breath tickled his face. 1

"I- I am comfortable..." Iris stuttered against his lips.

"Are you sure, it's okay for me to touch you like this?" Cane pulled her nipple lightly and pinched it, which made Iris moaned into his mouth.

"Hm... okay..." she said bashfully.

If this was Cane's method to distract her mind from thinking of his impending danger, as there was someone out there, powerful enough to extricate the lycan from him, then he succeeded. 2

Cane managed to make his mate forget about such awful thing and only focused on him, his touches, his kisses and not to worry about what future would hold for both of them, at least, in this moment.

"Do you want me to continue?" Cane asked again, but this time, he sucked on her tongue, which made Iris speechless and she nodded as an answer.

However, a second later, Cane pulled away and lifted his head slightly to stare at Iris's red face, even her neck had turned so red. She looked timid, beautiful and vulnerable, but he had set fire in her blue eyes, which danced brightly with desire.

Right now, Cane had positioned himself between her legs, as he propped his body with one arm, so he wouldn't crush her body with his weight, as his other hand kept twisting and pulling her perky nipple.

"Don't you feel tired?" Cane intentionally pressed his lower body and made her felt how hard he was right now and this made her breathing hitched, her eyes hooded with wanting.

"I-I am not," she breathed out with difficulty, but when she saw what Cane was up to, she wrapped her legs around his hips, which made Cane's eyes turned darker, his mischievousness disappeared. Iris had seen this and knew he would tease her to no end. 2

It almost felt like Cane was testing his own limit of how far he could have control over himself and the fact he could get such a great self control over something he always dreadful for because of the lycan, irked him, though he needed to thank Lu for that. 1

"Have you drink the concoction from Grace?" 2

"I always drink it," Iris replied softly, she wouldn't skip a glass and drink it dutifully, though she wouldn't say it in that way.

"Good," Cane said, as he pulled up her dress and lowered his head to nibble on her earlobe, the assault left Iris breathless, as she squirmed her body. He could smell how arouse she was right now and this was a blissful scent that Cane wouldn't get tired to breathe in. "You smell so good, Iris..." he whispered to her ear, which made Iris closed her eyes tightly. "... and wet." Cane inserted two fingers to get her ready, so she could adjust with him better than their last copulation. He moved his fingers, which created a sexy sound that echoed inside this room, while Iris moaned in delight, she felt her body was burned with desire.

And once again, Iris mimicked what he was doing to her, as she slipped her hand into his pants and caressed his member clumsily, which made Cane groaned dangerously. 1

Iris felt a strange satisfaction when she heard that. In the beginning, she thought, she had hurt him because of what she was doing, but then, Cane explained that she was not. His explanation actually made Iris wanted to bury her face somewhere and make him stopped talking, but then she understood now that it was fine for her to do it.

Iris enjoyed the sight when Cane's eyes filled with lust. Lust for her.

Cane had stopped assaulting her earlobe, but then he stopped teasing her, as he pulled both of her arms above her head and positioned himself in her entrance and with a single thrust, he already buried himself deep inside her, which shocked Iris with this sudden movement.

She screeched and closed her eyes, as a tear fell on the pillow and this sobered Cane up that he had hurt her. But, before Cane could do or say anything, Iris had talked first.

"It's okay... It's okay..." Iris opened her eyes again and watched how Cane's expression had morphed into regret, he felt dreadful, but then, his desire for her grew brighter. It was such a torture for him.

"I am sorry..."

Iris pulled his head down and kissed his lips. "It's okay... you can move now..." she said against his lips. It was painful because she didn't expect that, but it would be more painful if Cane pulled away and felt guilty, 2

Because right now, once she had adjusted herself, the pain subsided and the pleasure came deliciously. She adjusted herself with him faster than the last time.

And now, she wanted him more than ever.

"It's okay now...?" Cane was sweating, the tunic he was still wearing stuck to his skin.

"Yes..." Iris replied.

The night was long and their desire for each other engulfed them, as they forgot about all their worries and everything else. It was a sweet escape for Cane and Iris when the reality was too harsh and life had not been so kind on them.

Only when the sun almost kissed the horizon that Cane was done with her and Iris felt so spent, as she curled against his chest and fell asleep without trouble...

However, the first thing that Iris saw when she woke up was; Aliana's frowning expression, which made her yelp and almost scream out of shock to find this woman was here.

Her hair was disheveled, but it seemed, Cane had changed her dress and cleaned her up when she was still sleeping, even so, it still didn't get rid of the smell of sex from her, the smell also still lingered in this room.

"Good afternoon," Aliana said. "How's your sleep, luna?" she asked again, but Iris felt there was a hidden meaning behind it. 1

"G- good..." Iris said, she pushed herself up into sitting position and grimaced, she felt so sore.

"I can see that," Aliana replied, as she winked at her and watched how her luna tried to avoid her eyes, as she looked around. "The alpha is in the meeting with my brother and a few pack members, they are discussing about the fortress. Oh, the merchant keeps looking for you." 3

"Lou?"

"Yes, is that his name?" Aliana looked nonchalant. "But, the alpha told me to keep him away from you. I need to keep you safe, especially from him." 2

"You?" Iris narrowed her eyes, her mind had not yet worked fully, as she tried to comprehend why Aliana was here. "Did Cane ask you to come and accompany me?"

"Didn't the alpha tell you?"

"Tell me what?" Iris became even more confused.

"This morning, the alpha decided I will be one of your personal warriors, since there is something that those men couldn't do with you." 1

"What? Cane asked you to be my personal warrior?" Iris was flabbergasted, she would have eight, including Aliana in that case.

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524 SHE IS HER OWN PERSON

"Cane! How can you do that?" Jace rushed toward Cane once he learned about what Cane had decided. "You know I will never agree to it. Why did you make this decision on your own without saying anything to me?!" Jace was too furious, as he forgot his place for a moment there. 1

Currently, they were in the fortress, as Lou explained a few things to Cane about what he was going to do with the protection around the Howling Wolf pack.

The merchant grinned to see how furious the beta toward his alpha. "It seems, I am not the only one, who dissatisfied with your decision. You are a terrible decision maker." Lou didn't hold back when he mocked Cane, though he was laughing and pretending what he said was only a joke.

He had been very upset because he couldn't see Iris, not even a glimpse of that au burn hair, but the profit that Cane offered to him was too important for his greedy ass to stir trouble with this alpha beyond repair. 1

Therefore, Lou could only satisfy himself by throwing a hidden insult and mocking Cane here and there, which made him even more furious because the alpha didn't seem to care. 1

The way Cane could be so nonchalant some timemade Lou dumbfounded. As a busy body like him, he couldn't understand how this shifter could tune out the world from his care.

"Know your place, beta," Cane said assertively.

Only then, Jace realized he was in the presence of someone else and it was no y appropriate for him to talk in that way with Cane.

"My apologize, alpha," Jace said, he lowered hishead, but it didn't make the tension left him.

"You can leave now, Lou. I will call you again ifthere is something important," Cane talked to the merchant, the way he spoke, it almost like this merchant was one of his employees and was not important enough to spend his time with...

Though it was true in a sense, but Lou couldn't help it, but became so mad. Thankfully, he was pretty good at hiding it and smiled like usual.

"Sure, I am very busy after all to listen to yourbeta's complain. My time is precious." Lou turned around, but before he could leave them alone, Cand added.

"Do your job well and you will get what you want sooner." Of course, what Cane meant was to introduce him to someone from the other continent, so this merchant could expand his business. "Stay away from the pack house."

Lou turned around and was about to shout at the alpha, but Cane had walked away with Jace, so no one would hear their conversation. "Damn you, Cane!" Lou cursed through his gritted teeth, he looked like he was going to explode, while Sabian approached him.

"Are you, okay, master?" he asked carefully. "I want to let you know that Lil Thing is missing again." 3

"I am not okay and I don't care with that creature!" Lou stormed away, he was too frustrated every time he finished talking with Cane, but he couldn't choose not to stick with him, now the whole continent learned that he was one of Cane's people.

Actually, Lou knew where that stupid rumor came from that he was one of Cane's people, which pictured him as someone in lower status compared to him, but he couldn't confront Cane without valid evidence, after all, how could you find evidence with a rumor?

This alpha was very cunning through and through.

On the other hand, Cane and Jace walked toward the other part of the fortress, where the guards and warriors just finished with their meals and left the spot to work again. They greeted the alpha and the beta respectfully before resigned themselves.

"Cane, how can you put my sister in danger by appointing her as one of the luna's personal warriors? She has seven already and there will be a lot of warriors around her, she doesn't need extra hand. Couldn't you see she feels uncomfortable with the other warriors that she is not close to?" 1

Jace could see how Iris was a little bit awkward with the other five warriors and most of her interaction would be with Eron and Dyne.

"Luna Iris and Aliana only have met a handful of times, she will feel uncomfortable. More so, how can you assign my sister without telling me anything?" Jace felt frustrated and anxious to think his sister would be in danger with this new assignment.

Cane listened to his complain without saying anything, he let his beta to vent out his grievances and only when he was done, Cane finally spoke. "It's your sister's idea. She is adamant to be the luna's personal warrior." 2

"What?! She is not even a warrior! Why you agreed with her?!" Jace exploded, but a single glance from Cane made him held himself back.

"Tone down, Jace. I am still your alpha. This is how you talk to me?" Cane asked grimly and this managed to make Jace kept himself in check.

"My apologize again, alpha. I am too agitated." Jace balled his fists and clenched his jaw. He looked so defeated and hopeless. Because he knew, if Aliana was the one, who suggested it and Cane had agreed there was no amount of words or pleas would change the decision, both of them were pretty strong head to say the least. "But, I really wish you can reconsider this decision."

Cane stared at his beta, he looked so desperate. "Aliana gave me so many good point and benefit for her to be Iris's personal warrior, unless you can give me a better reason not to, the decision is final."

Jace opened his mouth to speak, but he shut it again, as his brain worked so hard to find him a reason for Cane to not go through with this plan, yet he failed to find any reasonable reason, thus he came up with whatever in his mind.

"She is not a warrior."

"She is a good fighter and a smart one, you know that," Cane replied easily.

"She is... a woman." Jace looked even more desperate, as he devalued his own little sister. "She is stubborn and hard to listen to an order." 2

"A woman..." Cane repeated the words, which made Jace flinched, because he knew Cane disliked the way he talked, but he kept a strong façade. "Aliana makes a good point for being a female warrior among the other male warriors that surround my mate. If you are going to emphasize that aspect, you are being resentful to ward your sister and I don't condone such behavior, beta." (1 Jace gritted his teeth, as he pushed forward, knowing he already made a mistake and not to think about what Cane said just now.

"What reason she gave you? That make you agree with her suggestion?"

"Your sister said to talk with her if you asked this question." 1

"He is my little sister, Cane. The only person that related by blood with me. I promised to keep her out of harm way."

"Yes, no one will deny that Aliana is your sister, but on top of that, she is her own person."

Jace knew how true it was, but he is too far with his denial. "You will be like me if your twin siblings were still alive and they decided to put themselves in danger."

Cane was silence for a while, it had been a long time he talked about his siblings, it almost felt like they were in different lifetime from what he had right now. "Yes. I will try my best to put them away from harm way if I still had them, but they will be as stubborn as me to choose how they want to spend their lives."

Jace leaned his back against the wall of the fortress, as he stared at the bright sky, it was a perfect day for picnic. He remembered how he used to go with little Aliana and their parents before everything that went down with the Howling Wolf pack. Aliana was a bright and brilliant little girl. She was strong in her mind and heart.

The thought, his dear little sister had to put her own life on the line for someone else, even though it was the luna, didn't put Jace's mind at ease. He didn't want her to go out of the pack, knowing what kind of danger she could face out there.

"I will talk with her, but if I managed to convince her to step down, will you grant it?"

"Naturally."

"So, Hanna will be in charge for the orphanage?" Iris was surprised to hear what Aliana told her.

"Yes, Hanna and Will," Aliana added. "It seems, Will has some kind of breakdown, which makes the alpha free him from his duty."

"And you will come with me instead of Hanna?" 1

"Yes! How excited it will be, right? Are you excited, luna?!" Aliana looked so radiant, as she smiled brightly at Iris. "Do you like me to go with you?" 2

"Yes, I like it," Iris replied, she felt her worry slightly faded away when she found Aliana didn't hold any prejudice against her. She felt relax, after thinking she wouldn't get along with her, but right now, it seemed, they could be a good

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525 WHO ARE YOU?

"You can come out now," Aliana said in light tone, as she stopped walking and tilted her head toward her left side, staring at a certain spot behind a big tree.

Both of them were on their way to the orphanage, because it had been a while, since Iris met with Hanna, she also wanted to have a few conversations with Haco, who spent most of his time there. It seemed, he was fond of one of the children there, as he always spared his free time to play with the girl and taught her a few things. 1

Iris stopped walking as well, she followed Aliana's line of sight, while the other four warriors behind them frowned as well. Eron, Dyne and Kian were not with them, thus it was only the other four and Aliana, who came with Iris to the orphanage.

"Who is it?" Iris asked in confusion because she didn't see anyone there and the other four didn't seem to be bothered.

"It's okay, you can come out." Aliana used a coaxing tone.

Only then, Iris could see the movement behind the bushes and someone came out from behind the tree.

"Ania?" Iris immediately recognized the little girl. She looked a little bit taller than the last time she met with her and her rosy cheeks looked so cute, as she was holding a white rabbit, hugging the animal with both of her arms, as its hind legs dangled, while she walked toward Iris with a bright smile.

The other warriors knew that Ania had been following them, but because they didn't see her as a threat, they were not concerned at all, even though, it had never crossed their mind that Ania wanted to meet with Iris.

"Luna Iris, you still remember me!" Ania said in a cheerful tone. 1

"She has been following us, since half an hour ago, I thought she only came toward the same direction, until I remember, she is supposed to be at home," Aliana explained, then she looked at Ania with a questioning look, which made the little girl purse her lips and lower her head. "Your father must be in a panic to look for you now."

"I was on my way home, but then, I saw Luna Iris. I want to greet her. Father didn't allow me to greet her when she returned to the pack." Ania looked sad. "He said, Luna Iris must have forgotten about me, so I can't bother her."

Iris bent her body, so she would be on the same eye level with the little girl. She must be around six years old now. Iris was glad, she was fine. "There is no way I will forget about you, you are the cutest girl I have ever met," Iris said with a chuckle, as she caressed her rosy cheek and watched how her eyes lit up with excitement.

"Really?!" Ania looked so happy when she heard that and then raised her rabbit. "Here, I want to show you this, Luna. This is the rabbit that we saw months ago before you left for the capital city. They are big already. I take care of them!" Ania said proudly.

"Good job!" Iris ruffled her hair and then picked the rabbit from her, as she felt its fluffy fur.

However, probably because she had spent a few times in the wild and the warrior used to hunt rabbits for their meal, Iris weighed the rabbit in her arms and unconsciously thought, it could be shared for her and Hanna, while the warrior could finish it alone within five minutes, but then, she snapped out of that thought and felt guilty toward the cute rabbit.

"The rabbit is so fat and healthy, right?" Ania asked innocently, without knowing what Iris was thinking.

"Yeah... the rabbit is so fat..." Iris's voice trailed off.

"Ania, you need to go back, your father will raise hell if he can't find you at home, especially at time like this." Aliana reminded the little girl. "Okay," Ania felt dejected. "I only want to let the luna see the rabbit. We saw it together when the rabbit gave birth to the bunnies. Gamma Ethan said he will come and see the rabbit, but he has been so busy."

Ania was a little bit talkative than before.

"Why don't we go together to see the rabbit with Hanna also?" Iris suggested and then looked at Reed. "Can you help me to inform Stone that Ania with us, so he will not worry?"

"Yes, luna," Reed replied and then walked away to find Stone, but before that, he took another glance over his shoulder at Iris, his brows creased slightly to see how easy she interacted with the little girl.

Otis and Asher looked at each other, while Zephyr was deep in thought, as they watched Iris took Ania's hand and listened to her story about the rabbits and how she had named the animal.

They had known Ania since she was a little baby and as far as they knew, Ania was a timid little girl, who wouldn't talk much with someone that she was not familiar with and now to see Ania actually took such effort only to see Iris, they wondered if there was some story between the two that they didn't know.

It seemed, aside from when Iris saved the little girl's life twice, they met a few times and it left a deep impression on Ania. What this little girl saw in Iris? (2

"...and when it's rain, I put cover above their hole, so they wouldn't be drenched!" Ania told Iris stories.

"You are so kind and brave!" Iris said excitedly, she listened to her ramble and look genuinely interest with whatever she said, though it was not anything important.

"Luna Iris, can you hear now?" Ania asked. She blinked her eyes innocently.

Hearing that, Aliana was about to reprimand the little girl, because it was not polite to talk that way with the luna.

However, Iris nodded. "Yes, I can."

"Really?!" Ania and Aliana said the words at the same time, but with different reactions. While the little girl looked excited, the latter looked shocked.

"I don't know that," Aliana said in a defeated tone. "How?"

However, the people, who truly shocked the most were those three warriors behind them. They remembered, they had been talking about their luna, right behind her when it was only the five of them, without Eron and Dyne, knowing the other two had accepted their alpha's mate readily. 1

Blood drained from their faces, as they wondered whether the luna reported it back to the alpha or not. They tried so hard to think what they had said behind her back, literally. But, the more they remembered, the more they felt terrified.

On the other hand, Iris simply glanced at the three of them and they could feel shivers run down their spines, yet she did or said nothing, as she continued to chat with Ania and Aliana. 2

The sun was almost set when Iris met with Haco, after she visited Hanna. She looked a little bit cheerful, since Will didn't push her away anymore, but the warrior would occasionally space out whenever Hanna was not nearby, as if his mind wandered somewhere far away and only Hanna's presence that could bring him back.

Hanna and Will would be in charge for the orphanage once Aliana came with the entourage to the Silver River pack.

Naturally, Hanna was shocked when she received the order, but after some explanation, she understood, though it was hard for her to be away from Iris, but she was sure, Aliana would be a better choice in this journey.

While Hanna played with Ania and the other orphan children, Iris found Haco in one of the rooms in the main building.

"Haco?" Iris opened the door, because she had been knocking for five minutes, but there was no answer from inside. Aliana told her that Haco was here.

When the door was opened, she could see the reason why the sorcerer didn't answer her, he was fast asleep.

"All of you can stay outside," Iris said to the four warriors that came with her to find Haco, while Aliana had a few things to be discussed with Hanna, since she would leave the responsibility of the orphanage to her.

"But," Asher tried to argue, but Iris gave him a stern order.

"Stay. I want to talk with Haco alone."

"Yes, luna," Asher replied, while the other three didn't try to persuade her, seeing how assertive she could be. This was not the luna that they had in their mind. She had such strong presence and her voice didn't falter.

Iris closed the door behind her and walked toward Haco, who was sleeping in sitting position. The old sorcerer would complain having a back pain if he was sleeping in this way.

"Haco. Haco, wake up. You need to sleep on the bed if you are so tired," Iris said, she shook his shoulder, trying to wake him up.

This room had four beds, but this sorcerer chose to doze off on the table.

"Haco. You will have a back pain if you keep sleeping like this." Iris started thinking to ask one of the warriors to carry Haco to bed when he grumbled and opened his eyes. "Haco, go to the bed and sleep." 2

There were a lot of things Iris wanted to discuss with him, but seeing how tired and exhausted Haco was, it could wait.

"Who are you?" Haco asked, staring at Iris with a serious expression, but then he widened his eyes. "Ah! Iris! How can I forget!?"

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526 PLEASE, TAKE CARE OF HER

Iris was shocked when she heard Haco forgot about her momentarily, though it was only a few seconds, but she knew that Haco was genuine and didn't fake it.

"How can you forget about me, Haco..." Iris was dreadful, though the sorcerer simply waved his hand and played it off, as if it was not something important.

"I am getting old, remember? I am no longer in my prime days, it's normal for me to forget about a thing or two. Do not think too much about that," Haco said offhandedly.

However, both of them knew, it was the side effect because of the lycan left him.

"He becomes more and more forgetful."

Both of them turned their head toward the source of the voice and Iris could see the girl that she saw had been with Haco ever since in the funeral. This girl also the reason why the old sorcerer kept coming to the orphanage.

Iris was not sure why Haco was so fond of this girl in the first place, but seeing how well he actually was with her, she didn't have any complain. From what Iris learned, Celia was a little sister of the young warrior, who died during the mission in the mountain. The reason why Haco took care of this girl, must be something related to it.

"Good evening, luna," Celia greeted Iris politely, before she continued to spill the bean. "He also forgot about the concoction he made, he put the wrong ingredients and healer Grace was so furious because of that."

"The ingredients look almost the same," Haco retorted, he scoffed. "More so, why do you snitch to her?"

"So, the luna will know that you are not capable to go on a long journey, you need to rest." Celia pursed her lips.

"You are talking nonsense again. Have you read the book that I told you to read?" Haco shifted the topic.

"I just learned how to read, how can I read such a hick book with complicated words?" Celia complained. She had been learning how to read from Haco, but she didn't really like it, the words made her head ached.

"Go outside and learn more," Haco pushed the little girl away and gave her another book, which was written in Andel language and this made Iris raised her brows, but she said nothing, because she knew Haco only wanted to get this girl out of the room, knowing Iris wanted to discuss something important, while Celia still couldn't tell the difference of the two languages. "Huft! You are so mean," Celia grumbled, but she walked out of the room, hugging the book

close to her chest. She smiled at Iris politely before she pursed her lips again when she averted her gaze toward the old sorcerer.

"What is it? Do you want to talk about the lycanagain?" Haco asked Iris once it was only the two of them. This was not the hour where they used to meet to discuss the magic that she held and for Iris to learn more about the Holy Kingdom, the Serafim and the power she held, therefore, if she was here right now, there must be something to be talked about.

"No. Yes..."

Haco frowned. "What is it? Yes or no? What do you want to talk about?" He leaned his back against the backrest of the sofa, looking lazy and exhausted.

"Probably what Celia said is right, you need totake some rest and do not need to be in this long journey," Iris said doubtfully. "I think I can ask Cane whether it is possible or not, for you not to go."

Iris was worried about Haco and more so, she was still in denial that this old sorcerer was dying. Subconsciously, she still believed Grace could do something about him. The healer could find a way to cure him. 1

However, after seeing how Haco's memory wasdeclining along with his body, she knew it was happening. He started to show how his health declining no matter what kind of concoction Grace made for him.

Iris was mortified, as she felt like she watched a glimpse of something that could happen to Cane. This was what would happen to Cane if the lycan was being separated from him.

Her heart became even heavier again.

On the other hand, Haco was silence for a while, before He spoke briefly. "No matter where I go, I am dying Iris. It will be better for me to knot all the loose end as many as possible than to play a grandfather to these orphanage children. No offense to them, but I am still useful to be needed on the journey to the Silver River pack. I have never been there before." He shrugged his shoulder nonchalantly, as if this was not a big of deal for him.

"Haco..." Iris took his hand and put it against herforehead, as she closed her eyes. "I don't want you to die." 1

Haco was surprised by what Iris was doing and he was about to answer this lightheartedly, so not to make her worried, but then he decided against it, it would be so rude to take her concern lightly when she looked genuinely sad about his predicament. 2

"Iris, people will die eventually, it's only a matter of time." Haco caressed her head. "I got the privilege to know my time is near so I can prepare myself and do whatever I want to do before my time comes to end." 1

"I don't want you to die..." Iris repeated the something, she felt the sadness washed over her heart and her whole being, she liked this sorcerer and they had gotten closer, especially during their training together. She thought of Haco as a grandfather that she had never had.

"I know..." Haco was silent for a while. "Iris, I promised a young warrior, who died during the mission in the Goffa mountain to take care of his little sister." This was the reason why he took care of Celia and now Iris knew that. "But, I think I can't take care of her for long, when I am gone, can you take care of her in my stead?" 1

Iris bit her lip, as tears rolled down her cheeks. She nodded and her heart bled to have this conversation with Haco.

Why people that she had grown close to have to die so early? They left too soon. 1

"Thank you..." Haco kissed her head. "I know you will be a good luna, Iris. A great queen, if everything went well and Cane's plan sailed smoothly, I have no doubt about it. I wish I can see you sit on the throne one day..."

Haco believed Cane could overcome all the diversity and Iris held the power that could help the alpha. unfortunately. Haco's time was not that long to witness all of that...

After that, they talked about a few things and they avoided the topic. Iris asked about the power that she held, whether it was possible or not to heal Joel's leg, since she could see his wolf spirit. Would it take some effect on the human side if their wolf spirit was healed? 3

If there was a possibility of that, how to do it?

And in the end, they talked for more than three hours about this matter, until it was time for dinner and Haco looked so spent, thus Iris cut short of the conversation.

When she left the room and Haco went to sleep on the bed, saying he would take a dinner later, Iris found Celia was waiting for her in front of the door.

"She has been waiting for you since she came out of the room, luna," Zephyr informed Iris. "I have asked what she wanted to talk about with you, but she didn't say anything.

Iris nodded and then approached Celia. The little girl looked at Iris and then to their surprised, she rushed toward her and hugged her tightly, while crying.

"Celia..." Iris caressed her back and her head, in her attempt to console her, but this little girl was inconsolable, as she kept crying. "It's okay... it will be fine." It seemed, Iris could understand why she was upset. Celia was still so young, but it didn't mean she couldn't sense something was wrong with Haco.

"He is going to die, right? He is going to die and leave me like my brother..." Celia said in small voice, her voice trembled and full of grievances, as she held Iris tightly. 1

On the other hand, the seven warriors witnessed all of this, the other four just joined them after they were done with their assignment.

"What is going on?" Kian was clueless, but Asherelbowed him to keep silence, as they tried their best to make their presence not to be noticed.

They could see now how the luna was so close with children and how she was well liked among the little one.

There was no resemblance of Gerald at all on her. If someone didn't know the story about the relation between Iris and Gerald, they wouldn't believe a monster like Gerald had a daughter like her, as they were the polar opposite. (2

Now they understood a little bit why some of them were so fond of her as their luna.

Right at that time, Ania came with Hanna and Aliana, but when she saw Celia was crying, the little girl started to tear up as well and hug Iris too.

"Why are you crying... hiks, hiks," Ania cried, hugging Iris's leg too.

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527 CALM NIGHT

Celia didn't know the detail about Haco's condition, but she was smart enough to be able to sense there was something wrong that was going on with him and the way he kept forgetting things terrified her.

They became close only recently, since it was Haco, who was there when she lost her brother, the only family she had.

Therefore, the thought of losing the old man dreaded Celia so much. She could feel it in her heart, especially when Haco was going to go with the alpha's entourage to the Silver River pack soon.

Meanwhile, Ania felt sad because she saw Celia was crying. She used to play with her, thus seeing her teared up, she felt so bad.

"It's okay... everything is going to be okay..." Iris tried to calm down the two girls, who were clinging onto her. She picked Ania up from hugging her legs and kissed Celia's forehead.

Iris put her arm around Celia's shoulder and the latter rested her head against her chest, they walked toward the garden, while the rest of Iris's little entourage followed from behind.

"Luna, can you do something for Haco? I don't want him to leave like my brother..." Celia whimpered.

"Where will he go?" Ania asked innocently, tears still streamed down her face. "Your brother is dead, will the funny man die too?"

Ania liked Haco, she met him a few times and the old sorcerer always showed her his magic. 1

On the other hand, Iris couldn't make Haco stay because the sorcerer insisted for him to come with them. As cruel as it might sound, Haco was right, there were a lot of things he had to be done before he was gone.

"I was told that when someone died, a baby will be born and their soul will go to that new life. So, my mother and my baby brother too. They are baby now. Now, your brother also a baby." Ania wiped her tears. "Haco also will be a baby if he died."

Imagining Haco became a baby, he must be the grumpy one... 3

Iris was not sure whether she should laugh or cry hearing Ania's rambling, she was curious, who had told this little girl about such story, but probably, such belief helped her to go through the grief of losing her mother and her baby brother all of sudden.

After all, people cope up in different way that worked for them, even for the little one like Ania.

"Really? I have never heard about that..." Celialifted her head to look at Ania, who was still sitting on Iris's hip.

"Yes!" Ania eyes lit up and she came with more story, which fascinated Iris as well. For someone so young, she was a good story teller.

But then, they heard someone approached them and a shock voice called the little girl's name.

"Ania! What are you doing? Get down!" Stone was shocked when he saw his daughter was being carried by the luna.

Ania startled and immediately climbed down from Iris, as she approached her father with her short legs. She got scolded for being impolite to the luna.

"Don't get angry with her, I am the one, who carried her. If you want to get angry, it will be me." Iris frowned. She disliked it when Stone talked to his daughter sternly for something that she did nothing wrong about. 2

"I will not dare," Stone said in small voice, he averted his gaze from Iris. It seemed, he still remembered the way he treated her in the beginning of their encounter with each other, but then the more he saw Iris right now, the more he felt guilty for his treatment. She was nothing but kind, not to mention, she had saved Ania's life twice.

"Don't scold her, Stone. I like her company. I wish she can visit me often," Iris said, as she ruffled Ania's hair, which gave Stone a mixed feeling. "Yes, luna,"

Stone complied, he still didn't dare to see Iris in the eyes, while he carried Ania in his arms. "It's already late, I will take my leave."

Iris nodded.

"Bye, luna Iris!" Ania waved her hand, as she hugged her father's neck.

Iris waved to her as well. "Come and tell me more story, okay?"

The little girl beamed when she heard that. "Yes!" 2

Once Stone left with Ania, Hanna approached Celia too. "Come, it's almost your bed time." She stretched out her hand to take Celia away from Iris.

Seemingly just realized what she was doing was quite improper, Celia immediately let go of Iris. "I am sorry," she muttered in small voice.

"I will ask the alpha whether or not it is possible for you to come with us, so you can accompany Haco, but I can't promise you anything about this. Do you want to go?" Iris thought, it would be a good idea if there was someone that close to Haco all the time, since the old man started to forget things.

So, there would be someone there to warn them if something bad happened to the old sorcerer.

Celia wiped her tears and her eyes lit up. "Really? I love to go!" "But, I am not promise about this." Iris emphasized this fact, because if Cane disagreed after she tried to persuade him, there was nothing she could do. "Don't get your hope high yet."

Celia nodded vigorously. "Yes. Okay!"

Hanna suddenly hugged Iris and kissed her cheek. "You change so much, miss. But, it's a good thing. I am so proud of you." 2

Hearing that from Hanna, Iris's heart swelled with happiness. She felt like she was so greedy to hear such words from the people around her, it felt so good if there was someone noticed you and acknowledge your effort, telling you that you were in the right path and how proud they were to you. 1

"Thank you," Iris said with a sweet smile on her lips and kissed Hanna cheek as well.

Meanwhile, watching everything unfolded, the seven warriors were deep in their own thought, especially the five of them, who were so doubtful with Iris's character in the beginning. 2

Aliana stared at Iris's back and touched her chin. She remembered what Ethan had told her and didn't believe it in the beginning, but right now, she could see why the gamma perceive this luna in such positive way.

Iris still looked so timid and seemingly too kind for this chaotic world, but there was strength in her kindness, her presence alone could make the people around her felt calm and lowered their guards down.

"There you are!" Ethan exclaimed when he saw the people that he had been looking for. "I am here to ask for the payback!" He strode toward Iris and the rest, while Hanna had gone with Celia. "Let's go to grab some drink!"

"Can't you see we are on duty?" Eron retorted, he frowned at the gamma. They had been using this excuse countless times before. They still felt the bet was unfair.

"Why not?" Ethan directed his gaze toward Iris. "You will come with us, right? They agreed to pay."

Aliana looked mischievous when she learned what was going on here, she giggled. "Do you want to have some drink with them?"

"I think I need to tell Cane first if I want to go with you..." Iris wanted to go, but she was not sure if Cane would approve if she went too far from the pack house. 3

"We will take a roundabout if we have to go to the pack house first. I will ask someone to inform the alpha, okay?" Aliana grinned at Iris. "You have never been in that part of the pack, right? As a luna, you need to know more about your territory, don't you think so?" 2

Ethan was speechless with how smooth Aliana talked with Iris. They only met not so long, but it felt like they had been friends for quite some time, which was a good thing if Iris was comfortable enough with Aliana's presence.

"I don't think it's a good idea," Zephyr chimed in. 3

"Oh, don't ruin the mood!" Ethan growled at him, as he coaxed Iris as well. "You will come with us, there is nothing will happen. After such depressing event, we need to cheer up a little bit, don't you think so?"

After some contemplation. Iris finally agreed. "Okay." She had been looking forward to spend time with them and tried new thing, therefore, without Aliana and Ethan's persuasion, she had been tempted enough to go.

"Great!" Ethan and Aliana clapped their hands, as they talked joyfully about all the drink Iris should try.

However, the seven warriors grimaced. "Do you think this will end good?" Dyne asked, as they followed the three of them. 2

"I don't think so," Kian replied. "I don't want to receive the wrath of the alpha again..."

"Talking about the alpha's wrath... do you know that luna Iris could hear?" Asher asked, he was still shocked by the revelation.

It was only Eron and Dyne, who told them they knew about that not so long ago. "Why don't you tell us?!" The five of them almost talk simultaneously.

"I thought you already knew about that, since you can see how she interacted with other people without reading their lips," Eron retorted.

"How would we notice that...?" Otis grumbled.

"Don't tell me you are badmouthing her behind her back." Dyne seemed to know their habit. "Serve you right if the alpha heard about that."

Meanwhile, as Eron and Dyne scolded the five warriors, there was a certain white furball roamed the pack. 2

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528 STORMY NIGHT 1

"What did you say?" Cane's voice turned very dark when he heard what Dean reported to him. 1

He was worried because he couldn't find Iris in their bedroom or in the study room, usually she would be there at this our and stopped roaming around outside the pack house.

However, when Cane was about to look for her and send people to find her whereabouts, Dean came to inform him that the luna was in district eleven, the place was close to the fortress, where the warriors, who guarded the fortress used to gather. There were a lot of taverns there.

"The luna, Aliana and the seven warriors also gamma Ethan were heading there," Dean reported, he flinched to feel the hostility that came from the alpha, he prayed the safety of the other warriors for taking their luna there.

Without a second thought, Cane shifted into his black beast and stormed to ward district eleven. God forbade what he was going to do to those people. 4

Meanwhile, Aliana helped Iris to try her alcohol. "Try this, this is the best seller here," she said happily, as she introduced the luna the signature of the alcohol that was produced by their pack. "Can you hold your drink?" 2 "Of course, she can," Ethan chimed in. "From what I heard, the alpha has been teaching her how to drink." 1

Iris frowned. "No. He is not." She didn't know from where Ethan got that twisted information.

"But, I heard you got drunk when you were in the Riverside pack," Ethan said, he must be talking about the welcoming party that alpha Gill threw for them when they were there.

Iris blushed when she remembered that certain memory, because what happened next was so out of character of her.

"How is the taste?" Aliana asked her. "Try this one too. This is tea, but the leaves had been infused with alcohol, so even though the taste almost like mint tea, but if you drank too much, you can get drunk too." She explained and Iris learned a few things more about the Howling Wolf pack.

Aside from magic stone mines, actually Howling Wolf pack had another resource of income from this alcohol tea, though it couldn't compare with the sale from the magic stone, but a decade ago, it gave a significant number to the pack.

Aliana explained all of that to Iris, so she would be aware of their pack revenue.

"It's only our pack that produced this kind of teain this continent, but it's hard to do business with our situation and the current war that ishappening in the capital city." Aliana watched as Iris was deep in thought and smiled secretly. "If there is a merchant, who can distribute this and introduce this tea again, it will be great."

The first thing that came to Iris's mind when she heard the word merchant was Lou, but after that, Aliana dropped the conversation about the tea and talked about the pastry.

"In the dinning hall, you used to be served highquality cakes and food, but actually, there are a lot of cheap food that the commoners enjoy, yet because this kind of food can't be served for the people with high status, thus we can only find it here, in this place. Try it, luna. We call this Spicy Moon." Aliana gave a red cake to her, it was the shape of half moon and the taste was a mixture of spicy and sweet taste."Do you like it?"

Aliana laughed when she saw Iris grimaced.

"Too spicy for me," Iris said. "But, if the spicinesscan be toned down, I think it's a nice cake."

Aliana's eyes lit up . "I will ask for them to tone the spiciness down." She immediately stood up, but before that, she poured another drink for her. "Come, drink this, this is Ale, guard and warriorused to drink this because it's cheap." 3

After that, Aliana went to talk to someone to make another Spicy Moon for Iris.

"I know what you up to," Ethan said, as he stoodup beside Aliana. He tilted his head and stared atthe woman with a curious look. 1

"Oh, please. You are thinking too much." Alianarolled her eyes. "I only want the luna to know móre about the pack that she leads, since the alpha will not explain such thing to her. I don't want someone clueless and ignorant to be the luna of the pack. At the very least, she has to know our revenue."

"I ask her to come here to let loose a little bit, butyou managed to take the advantage of the situation.

Aliana grinned. "She loves to learn a new thing and I can see she is quite curious about her surroundings."

"How do you know that? You only meet her a handful of time."

Aliana shrugged her shoulders nonchalantly. "If you took care of children, you will have this instinct about their personalities. Children are very blunt with their emotions and in a way, Luna Iris is the same. She is not like our alpha, who full of schemes. You can see how her eyes lit up upon seeing something that she like, or how they dimmed when she saw something she didn't like."

Ethan grinned, he loved to hear how Aliana saw the world and thing around her. He could be a good listener too when he found something, or someone he liked to listen to. 3

Meanwhile, following Aliana's lead, Dyne and Eron poured more and more Ale into Iris's glass. 1

"How do you think it's taste, Luna?" Eron asked with a grin when he saw Iris giggled, while drinking her third glass.

"It tastes nice, I like it," Iris replied, she looked a little bit loosened up and talk more to them. "I want more."

"I don't know that you will like this cheap alcohol," Dyne said. He was about to pour more Ale into her glass, but Zephyr stopped him. 1

"That's enough, she is drunk," he warned Dyne.

"But, isn't that the purpose for coming here?" Kian chimed in. He stared at his happy Luna and found himself smiling as well. Her laugh and smile were contagious, and she did a lot with the alcohol in her system. She looked less gloomy with everything that happened recently.

"The alpha will have your head if you make her drunk to oblivion." Zephyr glared at Kian sternly. "More so, whether she is the Luna or not, it's not appropriate to make a woman drunk like this."

Hearing that, they immediately put away the alcohol from Iris, which made the Luna frowned. "I want more..." Iris whimpered, staring at the bottle in Zephyr's possession.

"Call Aliana, we will take her back to the packhouse," Zephyr said. "This is too much for her, the alpha will kill us if he knew about it." But then, all of them stiffened when they felt a murderous aura from behind them and their alpha's scent hit them hard.

"How do you plan to hide my drunk mate, warrior?" Cane asked, his eyes ablaze with anger, as he approached them. 5

Out of instinct, the seven warriors immediately stood up and cleared the way, so the alpha could come closer to his mate, but the more Cane saw Iris's current state right now, the more livid he became.

"Who had taken my mate here?" Cane asked, he didn't raise his voice, but it was enough to say, he was ready to kill all of them. They really had pushed all the wrong buttons.

The alpha sat next to his mate and watched how her face had turned bright red, as she giggled like a child. 1

All the visitors in this tavern turned their heads to see the alpha come here. It was shocking enough for the luna to be here, not to mention the alpha as well, especially to see how enraged he was. The tavern became so quiet like a graveyard.

"It's..." Otis was about to point his finger at Aliana and Ethan, but the two culprits had gone. They disappeared when they saw how angry the alpha was, knowing the two of them would get into a big trouble if Cane found them right now. 2 "Cane!" Iris exclaimed when she saw her favorite person, she raised both of her arms and hugged his neck, kissed his cheek. "You are here! Come! Drink this! They gave me so many drinks!" 3

The seven warriors suddenly had a heart attack when they heard what the luna said, it almost like their death came approaching to them so fast. 1

"So many drinks?" Cane repeated the words murderously. "And why do you think it's fine for you to drink too much?"

"Because it tastes good and it's not polite to refuse when they pour me more and more drink..." Iris slurred, but she frowned when she sensed Cane didn't have the same happy reaction like her. "You are angry."

"I am." Cane didn't even lie. "I am mad, Iris."

However, what Iris did next made all of them gasped and held their breath, as their luna climbed onto Cane's laps and straddled him. She put her palms on the side of Cane's face. "Don't be mad. I don't like it when you are mad." She then proceeded to give Cane sloppy kiss on his nose, knowing he used to kiss the tip of her nose as well. 4

Meanwhile, the seven warriors there prayed whatever their luna did, would soften their alpha's edge, unfortunately it didn't work.

"We are going back to the pack house," Cane said coldly "all of you come with me"

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529 DIFFICULT MORNING

"Why are you running away?" Aliana panted heavily, once they were out of the tavern.

"You are the one, who was running away," Ethan retorted.

It was not clear, who had suggested to run away in the first place the moment they saw the enraged alpha, they were mortified to see the killing intent in Cane's eyes, knowing they were at fault to take Iris to the tavern. 1

"Do you think Cane will kill us?" Ethan grimaced. He really didn't want to deal with Cane right now.

"There is a high possibility he will do that."

"You sound so optimist with your answer..."

It was already late at night, but this area had never been quiet, since all the warriors used to wind up here after their shifts were over.

"What is our chance?" Ethan contemplated. They couldn't avoid their alpha forever.

"We need to get to the luna first and let her talk with the alpha. If everything that you said is true, the alpha will listen to her, right."

"Ah! Great idea!" Ethan agreed immediately. Their best chance to survive was to have the luna on their side. 1

"What great idea?" Ethan and Aliana screeched when they heard this voice from behind them. They were deep in their thought so they didn't realize Jace was there. Not only Jace, but Lou also with him.

"Jace! You startled me!" Aliana complained, she clutched her chest, as her heart was beating wildly. "What are you doing here?"

"I am looking for you, people say you are here with the luna and the other." Jace glared at Ethan, who immediately stood behind Aliana, the beta was still angry with him because he took his sister out to fight and expose her in danger when the attack happened.

"Which tavern Iris is right now."

Aliana tilted her head and the corner of her lips twitched to see how eager this merchant to court her luna openly. "You are too late, the alpha must have taken her back to the pack house." (1

Lou talked something in Andel language, though they didn't know what it meant, they were sure it was a curse or bad word that he used.

"Aliana, we need to talk," Jace said sternly, disregarding her conversation with the merchant.

This time, Aliana shifted her attention to her brother and sighed. She could avoid the alpha, but it seemed, she couldn't runaway from her brother.

"Okay." Aliana nodded. After all, they would have this conversation sooner than later, it would be good to get done with it as soon as possible, so Jace would stop worrying about her. "Let's talk."

"We were young and the only thing we listened to was the sound of our hearts racing!"* Iris quoted a poetry that she read not so long ago, as she watched Cane attentively changed her dress because she was too stubborn not to get changed.

She wanted to sleep in a beautiful dress, so her dream would be beautiful too, that was what she said. 2

Currently, they were inside their bedroom and it took effort for Cane to take Iris back to the pack house, as she didn't want to get into the carriage and wanted Cane to carry her on his back.

Therefore, on their way back to the pack house, there were countless jaws dropped to see the alpha gave the luna a piggyback, while she confessed her love for him. She became so blunt and bold when she was drunk and Cane knew that. 1

Fortunately, Iris simply whispered to him and do not make the confession for public consumption. 1

"Can you feel my heart is racing?" Iris took Cane's hand and put it over her chest, while she was half naked before him. "Can you feel that? Myme. Do you feel the same?"

Cane sighed, he wanted to keep angry with her for being so reckless, but then seeing her so free and how she tried to bond with the other warrior left Cane with a mixture of emotions.

"I do, Iris. I do. But, I am so upset with you right now." Cane pulled his hand and helped her to get into her night dress.

"Why?" Iris frowned. She pushed Cane to the bed and straddle him, as her face was so close with him. "Why?" She leaned over even more and bit his shoulder. 4

Cane noticed that his mate loved to bite whenever she got drunk. Easily, he flipped her body and now he was hovered above her, holding down both of her arms beside her body, yet Iris started to grind herself against him, which made Cane growled dangerously. 1

At this point, Cane was speechless. "Tomorrow, you better remember what you are doing now, Iris." 1

Hearing that, Iris chuckled and kept doing it...

On the other hand, the seven warriors were waiting outside of the door, their expression was so gloomy, as they waited for their final verdict.

"What do you think they are doing inside?" Otis asked to no one in particular, "What do you think the punishment from the alpha will be?"

"I don't know. If we can keep our head intact to see the sun tomorrow, I think it's already great enough," Asher replied dramatically. 1

"I told you this is not a great idea to make the luna come with us to drink," Zephyr said in grim tone.

"I didn't say anything!" Eron and Dyne raised both of their hands.

"It's Aliana and Ethan, who asked her to join with us," Kian reminded them.

"Where are they now?" Reed asked. "It should be the two of them, who got scolded by the alpha, not us."

They agreed with what Reed said, but because the culprits were not there, there was not much they could do.

"I really want to smack the two of them to put us in this situation," Otis grumbled.

"You can't smack a woman, more so, beta Jace will skin you alive, if you hurt his little sister," Eron reminded him.

"You can't hit Ethan, no matter what, he is still the gamma. He holds higher station than you," Dyne chimed in.

In the end, they could only keep their grievances to themselves, while waiting for the punishment. Early in the morning, Iris woke up with a headache, she felt like her head was going to split into two and she whimpered softly against her pillow when the bright sunlight hurt her eyes.

"Awake?"

Iris heard the shuffle and felt the weight on the bed close to her. Cane was sitting on the edge of the bed with a glass of water. He helped her to sit down.

Iris was so grateful when the cold liquid graced her dry throat and she felt a little bit better because Cane's body blocked the sunlight.

"How was last night? Did you enjoy it?" Cane asked calmly. There was no trace of hostility in his words, but Iris knew him better now to tell the question was not as innocent as it sounded.

Iris choked when she tried to gulp down the water, as she remembered what happened last night.

"Be careful," Cane said gently, while patting her shoulder, but this only made Iris feel even worse. She felt uneasy more with this calm Cane..

"I..." Iris tried to speak.

"Don't remember?" Cane finished the line for her.

"I am sorry," Iris said in a small voice. Her voice filled with regret.

However, Cane shook his head. He didn't want to hear an apology, he wanted her to understand the situation better.

"I don't want you to be sorry because you were having a fun time with the other people and tried to bond with them." That was right. Iris wanted to bond with them, though she said to herself that she wanted to give up after the member of the Howling Wolf pack still couldn't accept her, as it turned out, deep down, she was still trying. "I don't mind that at all. You are safe with them. At the very least, I chose them to be your personal warriors for a reason."

They might be resentful toward Iris at the beginning, but Cane knew them better than they wouldn't neglect his direct order because of that. More so, he wanted them to know more about her to change their point of view.

"But?" Iris asked carefully. If he didn't mind it at all there must be a greater problem there, which she didn't see and she was right... she failed to realize it.

Cane looked like he was having a hard time to talk about this, in which, he was not usually like this.

"The alcohol will ruin any potential success of the concoction that Grace gave to us." Cane took both of Iris's hands and looked at Iris deeply. "We are trying, aren't we?" 5

Cane's words hit Iris so hard, as the realization dawned on her.

They were trying, Iris knew they were trying for a baby and it was stupid of her to even try the alcohol in the first place, let alone to let herself loose and get so drunk.

"I am so sorry... I really sorry... I didn't think about that..." Iris felt so horrible, as tears started to roll down her cheeks. "I really didn't mean it in that way... I only..."

"Ssh..." Cane pecked her lips to stop her from rambling and stared into her eyes deeply, as he wiped her tears. "I don't want to make you feel bad, but I only want to know if we are on the same page regarding this matter."

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530 A GLOOMY DAY

It was Cane's fault for not making things clear for her. Yes, they could have a safe sex now Cane could control himself better and Iris could keep up with him, but they had never really talked about a baby.

Cane assumed, Iris knew already about the purpose of the concoction from Grace, but right now, he questioned it.

However, on the other hand, it was not Iris not realized the ultimate goal for all the tonic she and Cane must drink regularly, but it simply didn't cross her mind last night when she drank the alcohol.

She didn't think about it at all. The only thing in her mind was; how to bond with the other five warriors and knew more about the Howling Wolf pack. Deep down, she still had not yet completely given up.

If she couldn't be closer with the other pack member, at the very least, she wanted to be welcomed by her own personal warriors, especially after she knew what they were thinking about her when they talked behind her back, assuming she couldn't hear them.

"I am truly sorry, Cane. It didn't cross my mind. I swear!" Iris said frantically. She felt so bad. "Iris, calm down. I am not angry with you." Cane kissed her cheeks and hugged her to show his mate that he was not angry, but he couldn't hide his' disappointment because of how reckless she was.

Maybe it didn't cross her mind because she had never thought about it at all in the first place.

That was the first thought that came to Cane's mind when Iris said that. It was so suck for Cane to have question where Iris put her heart to and assuming the wrong thing.

"I can understand if you want to wait, just tell me how long it will be..." Cane said gently, as he patted her back. "We can stop drinking Grace concoction until you are ready." 1

Not to mention the concoction made of the water magic stone and it would be a waste of resources if they kept drinking it when Iris was not on board in this matter. More so, water magic stone was not something that you could find every day.

Hearing that, Iris shook her head vigorously. "No, I want it. I really want it," she said between her sobs. "I am sorry, I am being reckless, I am so stupid..." 1

"No." Cane released her body and looked at her sternly. "Don't say anything like that." He was serious with his words and this made Iris stopped apologizing.

"I didn't mean it in that way, Cane... I want it. Please, believe me..." There, Iris felt so dreadful if Cane didn't believe her, she was so afraid that he would call her a liar. It would break her if she heard that, as unpleasant memories came flooding in her mind whenever she was called as a liar.

However, Cane wouldn't say something like that. He didn't know the exact reason, but Iris always felt unease whenever she thought, someone didn't believe her words, she would have a strong reaction about that. 1

"Okay, it's okay. You are only being reckless." Cane wiped her tears. "Let's talk about this again when you are calm enough, okay?"

In the past, Cane would drop the matter and leave it at that, as soon as he learned Iris regretted what she had done and she wanted the same thing with him.

But, over time, he learned, there was a few things they needed to talk into a certain depth, something they must not only touch on the surface level.

And this matter was one of those things.

Iris used to speak out what was in her mind and heart, what she wanted from him and this relationship.

It was also Iris as well, who opened up about her feeling the first time and what she expected from whatever was going on between the two of them. It made things easier to navigate, which direction they wanted it to be.

Meanwhile, Cane rarely talked about his, but he soon learned that Iris couldn't magically read his mind, if he didn't tell her exactly what he wanted and what he wished for, how he could hope for her to understand? 2

He had come across so many situations, where he didn't explain himself better and it hurt her even more. He paid close attention to that fact and he tried to better himself in communicating his feeling and what he thought, despite it was not his nature to do so and what he had gone through had hardened his heart. (2

But, Iris was an exception. She would always be an exception... 3

"Here you are," Aliana grumbled, once she found Ethan. He was sitting near the river, close the area, where the fallen warriors had been buried.

Ever since the burial, Ethan had been spending his free time here. He became very quiet and aloof to his surroundings. 1

Not many people knew about this, but behind his cheerful self and how easy going he was, the gamma had this contradiction side.

No matter how normal everyone in the pack acted, their trauma would always linger like the air they breathed and the dead of those young warriors cut deeply in Ethan's heart. It was him, who asked them to come with him.

"Waiting for a mermaid to appear from the river?" Aliana asked, as she sat down next to him, while Ethan glanced at her, but his expression didn't change at all. 1

He allowed himself to be real with Aliana, if this was someone else, he would have started to throw a random joke to them.

"I am waiting for those young warrior spirits to come and curse at me," Ethan replied, it sounded sarcastic, but that was the truth. That was what he thought at this moment.

"For what? Because you got them killed?" Aliana asked, but Ethan didn't answer that, which meant what she said highly likely to be true. "In that case, I should be cursed as well. We split them, remember? I led half of them to their death."

Ethan didn't answer that. His regret ran so deep and every time he saw Joel struggled and how life left his eyes on the day the realization finally dawned on him that he couldn't use his legs anymore, it killed him bit by bit.

"I was the one, who found them and gathered them to help."

"On my request," Ethan reminded her, that it was his suggestion to gather those young warriors.

Aliana opened her mouth and wanted to retort, but she knew, there would be no end for this if they tried to compete who was most at fault.

"Ethan..." Aliana started. "We are so familiar with death, albeit we will never get used to it, but their death is not your fault. You put the blame on the wrong person and waste your energy on it. I am sure, deep down, they were well aware there was a high chance they wouldn't make it alive, but they still came with us to accomplish their mission."

"But then what? We actually didn't help with anything," Ethan said bitterly, from what he learned, they didn't help anything, there was nothing significant that they accomplished, but then there were so many young souls met their demised.

"They fought the enemies, we fought the enemies. If we didn't kill the traitor from the Blue Moon pack, there was a high possibility they would come after the luna. What do you think will happen if they found the luna with only four warriors by her side? If we didn't come to help, that dark witch would have summoned them to search the luna, everything could happen.

And if we didn't come, do you think those young warriors wouldn't have involved themselves in the real battle that happened in the pack? They wanted to protect their pack and the people they loved, could you guarantee none of them wouldn't die under different command?"

Aliana saw Ethan lowered his head, he hugged his legs and rested his chin on his knees, but he didn't say anything, despite that, she knew he was listening.

"Don't blame yourself for something you can't control, you blame the wrong person, Ethan. If you want to hate, hate those people, who has instituted the attack, because in the end of the day, we only try to survive and protect people we love with everything we can."

Ethan hunched his back and rested his forehead on his knees, but Aliana could hear his soft whimper, as he cried. 3

He had been acting tough and helping them to go through their grief upon losing their loved one, until people didn't notice that he was grieving as well for losing those young warriors that he thought as his brothers.

It was him, who had taught them how to survive and it was also him, who had led them to their demise.

They were still grieving... all of them...

Iris ate her meal quietly, but she felt the pang in her heart when she saw Cane didn't drink his tonic. He put it aside subtly.

"Why don't you drink it?" Cane asked when he saw Iris didn't drink her tonic. He had asked for their lunch to be brought to their bedroom, so they would have time to talk about their issues. "You don't drink yours," Iris replied, she bit her lips and hold back the urge to cry again.

"Iris, yours is to nurse your health. You are not the one, who had problem with fertility," Cane said gently. 2

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