

## Chapter 701

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Zale returned with Sabian, but there was another extra person, who came with the two of them, it was Nala.

When she heard Lou called for Sabian, she insisted to come and despite Zale sharp refusal to not take her with them, the woman didn't want to listen at all and came along anyway.

Knowing the situation and they were in the critical time, Zale let that woman came too.

Zephyr asked him why he took Sabian and Nala with him to the area they found Aliana and the other, but Zale only explained Lou needed them and Ethan said not to let the other to come without his permission.

Zephyr said nothing, but he watched as the young shifter shifted into his beast, so did Nala, while Sabian followed the two of them. He was deep in thought. He had his own speculation, but he didn't have proof for that.

"Master... what are you doing here?" Sabian asked, panting. He was too old for going down here and it took him forever to be able to reach this spot alive.

"Ck! You take so long!" Lou grumbled. "Do you bring what I ask for?" This question was directed to Zale, who looked at Ethan first before he handed a small pouch filled with magic stones to the merchant. "Use this and assist me to lift all those fucking rocks."

Sabian blinked his eyes. "What rocks? That rock? Which one?"

"All of them."

"Are you crazy!" Sabian immediately cleared his throat and softened his voice. "Master, I don't think you can do it, even with me assisting you."

"Do you want to tell me that I am weak?!" Somehow, Lou felt like he heard Cane's voice, who agreed with him that he was weak. This was annoying and upset him further. "I can do it! I am the best sorcerer!"

"Master, it will mess up with your manaflow, you just created portal not so long."

Zale leaned toward Nala and whispered to her. "Is he a sorcerer? I thought he is a merchant."

Nala glanced at the young boy, but said nothing.

Meanwhile, it didn't take long for Lou to make Sabian do what he ordered him to do. He spilled all the magic stones from the pouch and grabbed them tightly. "You owe me this!" he growled at Ethan.

Cane woke up when he felt Iris shivered in his arms, as it turned out the fire in the fireplace almost died out. He immediately got up and pulled the blanket to cover Iris's naked body before he added more firewood and the room became very warm again.

Iris curled her body, as if she was hugging her stomach when Cane returned to bed. She was sound asleep, her lips were slightly ajar and you could hear how she snored softly.

Cane stretched out his hand and tucked her away from her face, but he discovered her

bruise on her shoulder, which made him frown. He must have bitten her too harsh earlier and lost his control.

He pulled down the blanket and scrutinized her body again, looking for another bruise or any signs that indicating he had hurt her.

Thankfully, aside from the bruise on her shoulder and his fingerprints around her wrists, there was nothing more. Still, Cane was not happy with himself. He became barbaric again with her.

His eyes then fell on her swollen belly, he caressed her tummy lightly, but it tickled her so he stopped before he woke her up.

"I am sorry..." Cane whispered to her ear and kissed her cheek, he tucked her inside the blanket, making sure she was warm before he left to meet with Koda.

It must be still early in the morning, though it was hard to tell when the sky looked the same.

After Cane cleaned himself up and put on his cloak, he ordered Dean and Pax to keep

his eyes on his mate, but he was sure, Iris wouldn't wake up for another hours.

"Alpha Cane, what are you doing here?" Koda asked, he looked unkempt. He was still sleeping when his guard informed him Cane wanted to see him. "This is still early morning. His voice hoarse, as he followed Cane to the garden.

"There is something important I want to let you know."

"What is it?" Koda furrowed his brows. "What important thing that he wanted to tell him, until he woke him up so early in the morning. More so, it was only him. If something was really important, alpha Colter should be here too to know, right?"

"I will make this quick." Cane stopped walking and then turned around to face Koda. "Are you giving up to be a regent for the baby?"

"What?!" Koda was shocked, just like what Cane had predicted. "Of course not! This is my right to be my great grandson's regent. Where did you get that idea, alpha Cane?"

If there was one thing that Cane learned from lady Cyan, it must be her method to attack her enemy from within. You should know where to hit and leave a crack.

In the beginning, it would be only a small crack, but by time, the crack would get bigger and break the entire thing.

Just like how she provoked the hatred of his warriors toward Iris, now Cane hit Koda's greediness to make a crack between him and alpha Colter.

It was something that you wouldn't feel the effect of it immediately, but eventually.

"Apparently alpha Colter and Laluna have planned the whole thing. You must be curious why alpha Colter sent you out of the room and only talked to me."

Koda sobered up immediately. He caught the meaning behind Cane's words almost in an instant. "He suggested for you to mate with Laluna? Or he wanted you to be the next king?"

"Currently, I don't interest for the later, but you are right for the former." Cane watched

how anger engulfed Koda after he learned this. "Alpha Colter will adopt Laluna as his daughter once I declare her to be my mate."

Koda opened his mouth, but there was no word that came out of his lips and Cane patiently waited for him to gather his thought.

"Are you sure about that?" Koda asked through his gritted teeth.

Greediness and suspicion could weaken your trust, even the strongest bond could gradually break and Cane only needed to say a few words and watch how they ruined themselves.

"You can ask them if you don't believe me." Cane turned around, he was about to leave, but before that, he said his last piece. "The thought of touching another woman aside from my mate, disgusted me."

Koda averted his eyes awkwardly.

"Aliana!" Jace opened the curtain to the tent. Dyne told him which tent that Aliana was occupying after she was being rescued.

All of them wondered how Ethan, Lou and the other could take the three of them out of the rubble of the rocks, but they couldn't ask the gamma. Seeing his expression alone would let you know it was not the right time to ask him about any of that.

Therefore, they pestered Zale to spill the bean, but the young boy was very tight lips.

"Lower your voice, she is sleeping," Ethan said. He had been sitting in the same position for hours, checking on her every now and then, afraid if she suddenly stopped breathing.

Jace breathed raggedly, he approached the bed and watched Aliana's sleeping face, while Ethan filled him in about Aliana's condition right now. The gamma only parroted what Grace said, because he didn't have the energy to think of anything.

"I will take her back to the Howling Wolfpack," Jace stated after a long silence between the two of them.

"Yes, please do." Ethan stood up. He gave up

his seat to Jace. "But, make sure to consult this with Grace first." The journey from here to Howling Wolf pack would take half day. Jace had to make sure Aliana's condition suit for such journey.

After that, Ethan walked out of the tent to find Zale had been waiting for him. He gave him an accusatory glare, in which he didn't want to think what was in his mind to look at him like that.

"You shouldn't have knelt down in front of that tacky man. Why did you do that?" Zale pestered Ethan. "You can't owe him anything!"

"Did you tell someone about him being a sorcerer?"

"No."

"Good. Keep it as a secret."

"I will tell Luna Iris about it, though."

"Go ahead."

Ethan didn't have the energy to deal with Zale, he shifted into his beast and rushed away somewhere, leaving Zale alone.

He pouted his lips and decided to see that tacky sorcerer.

For now, Haco was under intensive care from Grace and Joel's dislocated shoulder had been fixed, though they had to break his bone again for Grace to be able to heal it, while Celia was currently with the Serafim. Her treatment was very late, the Serafim almost lost her, but right now, her life was already out of danger. She would heal.

On Zale's way to see the tacky merchant, he heard murmuring voices from somewhere behind a line of trees. At first, he didn't care, who it was, but when their scent came to him, he wondered why the two of them were there, thus out of curiosity, he followed their scent only to see two people locked their lips, in a passionate kiss.

It was Kian and Nala!

Ugh! He had corrupted his vision!