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531 MISUNDERSTANDING AND CLARITY

While the tonic for Cane was to help him with his fertility issue, the tonic for Iris was simply to nurse her health, so she wouldn't fall sick easily, which was proven it worked wonder on her.

However, hearing what Cane said, it felt like a stab in her heart she kept apologizing again.

"No, Iris. Stop." Cane didn't tell her to make herself bad, he only wanted her to be aware of this and find out whether they were on the same page about the baby or not, since they had never talked openly about this.

Yet, he didn't expect the effect of what he said was so great on Iris, she literally took it so hard and blamed herself

"Please, don't." Cane kissed her to stop her from apologizing, as she felt so horrified.

"I didn't mean it, Cane."

"I know you don't mean it."

"I don't lie."

"You are not a liar, Iris." Even if she did lie to him, he would know immediately, as she was not good at keeping secret from him.

However, it didn't make Iris stop crying and Cane was not sure what to do. He started to think that he had talked to her too harsh. But, he was certain that he didn't even raise his voice when he told her about the alcohol.

Cane then put aside the bed tray and hugged her. He waited until she calmed down again, because she was too emotional right now. 1

Based on what he knew about her, his mate would tell him what she felt at some point, thus all he needed to do was to wait until she was comfortable enough to talk about it.

"Did I say something wrong?" Cane asked, he cradled Iris in his arms, as he kissed her hair and knuckles, as his way to tell her he was not mad at her.

"The thought of you thinking that I don't want a child with you hurt me," Iris said between her tears. "I didn't do it on purpose, I am really stupid not to think about it through."

"Enough with that self degrading word, Iris," Cane said sternly, but gently. "I don't want to hear that."

Iris stopped talking, she rested her head against his chest and stared at the scenery from outside of their window. They stayed like that for almost an hour. They felt, the silence between them was very comforting and she liked it to be held like this.

"Iris, I ask this only to make sure there is no misunderstanding between us." Cane was the first, who broke the silence between them, as he played with her hair.

There were so many things that needed to be done, but here they were trying to comfort each other and get to the bottom of their own problem first.

"I saw my mother got really sick when she was pregnant with my twin siblings. She was sick for the first four to five months, before she got better and I still remembered the smell of blood that came from her room when she gave birth." Cane adjusted his position when Iris lifted her head and stared at him, as she listened. "I don't know how it feels or how much it will hurt, but I know it will not be easy for you and I don't want to put you through something that you don't want." 1

Iris shook her head. "No. I want it," she said adamantly. "I want it, Cane."

Whether this was the sense of obligation for the woman in this lifetime to give birth to continue the bloodline or Iris was a shell of herself, who used to try to please everyone, but the thought of having a child that resembled her or Cane, warmed her heart. It gave her happiness to think about that. 1

"Okay." Cane smiled and kissed his mark on her neck.

They had come so far to this point, where they could talk about their feeling openly. A lot of things had happened and a lot had changed them, and they

were grateful to still have each other as a comfortable place to be vulnerable in this world, where you were not allowed to show a speck of weakness.

"Let's try it again, shall we?" Cane asked, kissing her chin and Iris had to bite her lip to stop herself from smiling.

However, as if the timing couldn't be worse, she felt something trickled down between her legs, it was not because she was getting wet.

"Ah..." Iris grimaced when she felt her period come and Cane chuckled. 3

"I think your body is still upset with me for making you cry early this morning."

Iris laughed with him as well, her heart felt so light and she couldn't believe, they just had a heartfelt conversation earlier and almost had a misunderstanding between them. It could be fatal if they didn't clear things up immediately.

"Hm, Cane. You didn't do anything to the other warriors, right?" Iris remembered Cane sent them to the dungeon when she passed out the last time.

However, Cane didn't answer that, he buried his face on the crook of her neck, since he couldn't get any sex from her for a few days ahead, he wanted to be close with her in other way.

"Cane? You didn't send them to the dungeon again, right?"

"No. I sent them to the mountain to catch some monsters."

"Cane!" 2

However, Ethan and Aliana were still missing. He would give them separate punishment once he got a hold of the two of them.

They would leave for the Silver River pack the day after tomorrow and Jace had been very moody because, first; Aliana would go with them.

He still remembered his conversation with his little sister, where she showed her mature side and this shut him up really quick.

'Jace, you can't keep me safe. Even there is an attack within the pack. I want to do something to help defending our pack, our people. I don't want to play

with the kids when I can do more to provide their safety and the alpha needs all the support he can get and I know, I can be a help, at the very least, I will not be a burden.'

Jace was still in denial that his little sister went against his words for the first time, even though in the past, she always threw tantrum here and there, in the end of the day, she would listen to him.

But not now.

'Hanna can help to gather the information, but she doesn't know what she looks for and what she needs to dig deeper with the access she has, but I can do better.'

Hearing that, Jace immediately knew where she got the information about that and how she convinced the alpha to let her come with them. 2

And the second problem was; the matter in the pack house. Usually, he would split the responsibility of the pack with Kaz, as he would be responsible about something more common, like the distribution of food, keeping tab with their spending and what they would need for the coming season, or some trivial things that would take time if Jace had to handle them all, since he needed to do something more important.

Therefore, here Iris was, with the permission from Cane and after coaxing him all night, the alpha finally agreed with her. 1

"Are you sure this is going to work?" Jace asked Ethan, who was standing next to him, as they watched Iris entered the dungeon.

"I told you, you will never be able to convince Cane, but if you can convince Iris, you are half way there," Ethan said proudly. He had observed them enough to know how much the alpha listened to his mate, even though he would never admit it.

Jace frowned. On the other hand, Eron escorted Iris into the dungeon, where they kept Kaz in one of the jails. It was not as bad as Iris thought. This place was pretty clean compared to the one in the Blue Moon pack and Kaz's jail didn't look so horrendous. He even got a small window, where he could get sunrise.

"Kaz," Iris called him and Eron told her he would be outside if he needed her and then left. (1

Kaz was having her back against her, as he stared at the tree from his small window. He looked haggard and a little bit dirty with disheveled hair. His back hunched and within a few weeks that he spent here, you could see how he lost all of his pride and arrogance.

"Lu- luna Iris..." Kaz called her, his voice was trembling, he looked mortified when he saw Iris was there. He thought, he would get the final verdict. "I am sorry for what I have done to you, please, please, don't kill me. I know I have done a great mistake, please... don't kill me."

Kaz knew what happened to Jemma, Sofia's personal maid, even though it was Will, who delivered the punishment, which obviously killed her, but it was Iris, who let that happen. She must have known how fond Will was to Hanna.

Therefore, the first thought that came to Kaz's mind was; she would get him beaten to death. That was a horrendous death and was very cruel... "Luna, please... I promise, I swear I will..."

"I will not kill you, Kaz," Iris cut him off before he could promise her anything. She didn't come to hear that. "You don't need to promise me anything. I would have gone once you left the dungeon."

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532 SOMEONE CALLED HER

Kaz was surprised to get a visit from Iris and he thought his time was near. He couldn't believe the alpha would give him a final verdict and was still holding onto hope once the alpha's anger had decreased, he would let him go.

However, if it was Iris, who was here, it would be a different thing. The alpha wouldn't kill him, but then, apparently, he was very infatuated with his mate, until he abandoned his own child. Kaz was sure, the second he saw Iris, he was going to die just like Jemma. 2

Therefore, he was surprised when he heard what Iris said.

"Wh- what? What do you mean, luna?" Kazstuttered. She would have gone once he left the dungeon? Would she release her or she had another thing in her mind? "Are you going to release me?"

Iris stared at Kaz for a while. She didn't feel anything about this old man. She didn't even hate him nor she felt bitter about him. 1

She simply felt aloof, as if he was someone that she didn't know and was not related to her in any way or form, someone that she only knew by name.

Yesterday, Jace came to her to ask for help. Hecouldn't handle the whole affair by himself, especially about trivial things in the pack house. It was not really significant task and seemingly not important, but it would mess up with the way the pack worked if no one handled it.

Jace couldn't do that, because such simple task required a lot of his time and to ask someone to do it, he needed to teach them, while he didn't have time for any of that, since he needed to overlook the construction and the warriors.

Because Cane decided to let the Riverside pack's warriors to stay in their pack to strengthen their protection, thus they needed to think about how to house them in long term, not to mention, it meant they needed to purchase more grain.

The beta was too overwhelmed to handle everything and was a handful if he needed to teach someone new, therefore, in the end of his long explanation, he pleaded with Iris to ask the alpha, whether he would forgive Kaz and let him worked again.

On the other hand, Iris almost forgot about that old man. The incident in the kitchen felt like it happened in another lifetime, because after that, something crucial happened and more big things had transpired.

Of course, Cane was not really thrilled with the idea, but after some persuasion and a lot of kisses, he relented and let Iris decided what she was going to do with Kaz, since she was the one,who was being offended by him.

It should be her, who decided what she was going to do with Kaz.

"You will leave the dungeon and continue with your job," Iris said lightly and she watched how Kaz's expression morphed into confusion. "After the attack, there are a lot of things to be taken care of and you should help Jace as much as possible and that will be your punishment."

"Wh- what do you mean, luna?" Doing his own usual job was not a punishment. It couldn't be called as a punishment, right? "You want to release me?"

"You are free to go, Kaz." Iris took a step close and fished out the key from her pocket, as she unlocked the cell and opened the door for him.

Kaz was in disbelief to see he was being released. "Please, thank the alpha to release me. I will do my job perfectly. I will not disappoint him." 5

Kaz's initial shock disappeared and now he looked so elated.

On the other hand, Iris stared at him, waiting for something, but when Kaz didn't say anything anymore aside how grateful he was for the alpha's mercy, she sighed deeply and walked away. That was it.

Before, she came here, she felt like she wanted to say a lot of things, she even had this imaginary conversation about what she wanted to say. She wanted Kaz to know how she felt and how awful what he had done to her.

But right now, the urge to speak her feeling had vanished, she didn't feel like talking about it anymore. It didn't worth it. 2

Haco was right, he said that sometimes people pretended you were a bad person so they didn't feel guilty about the things they did to you and now, Iris could see how true it was. 2

Iris felt crazy now she thought she could get a proper apology. She shouldn't have hope for that in the first place.

If it was not for the critical situation and Kaz's mistake was not critical, in a way, since he didn't kill anyone or harm them intentionally, his help was needed in this time. More so, holding a grudge against him didn't help her with anything.

"Are you, okay, luna?" Eron asked when he saw Iris. She looked so quiet.

A second later, the door was opened and it was Kaz. He looked excited, as he greeted Eron and then dashed away from this dark place, saying he wanted to see the alpha and thanked him. 3

"You can release the other people, who was being arrested along with Kaz." Iris gave him the instruction, as she walked away.

"Luna Iris..." 1

"I know my way out. You can go and release them."

Seeing her, Eron decided not to follow, since she knew her way out and he thought, she needed to live on her own, thus he let her to walk alone, while he released the other people. It seemed their punishment had ended and they would work again like usual. 1

Meanwhile, Iris walked in this empty corridor, since there were many prisoners here. She was deep in thought.

A good thing was; she didn't need to stay in this pack and she would be away for months before she returned here again, so she didn't need to deal with them. She could focus on something else.

Iris knew her way back, but her mind was messing up with her and her emotions were all over the places, thus her feet took the wrong turn, which made her ended up at the inner cell. 1

A strong putrid smell snapped her back and she looked around her, didn't recognize this place, until she heard someone called her name.

"I- Iris... is that you?"

His voice was so hoarse and filled with so much agony, which sent chill down Iris's spine. She froze in her place. Who could be this person was? How could a prisoner know her even before he saw her? He must have smelled her scent..."I know it's you... you are here! Come here you little slut!" 6

Kaz couldn't content his happiness, as he immediately cleaned himself up and asked around about the alpha's whereabouts, he bragged to the people how the alpha had finally forgiven him, but because not many people knew what actually was going on, they congratulate Kaz.

It was great to have him here again, because he knew what to do with the pack house and they were a little bit messed up with some of their purchases.

"The alpha must be in the training ground, you can find him there," one of the omegas told Kaz cheerfully and the old steward immediately rushed toward the training ground, where he found the alpha, he was talking to Will. (1

The warrior finally came out of his shell and started his training again, he also helped with the construction, though he didn't talk much and Hanna would be nearby, or else, he would abandon everything he was doing and looking for her instead.

"Alpha!" Kaz approached Cane, as he immediately knelt in front of him. He had his head on the ground. "Thank you, alpha, thank you for your mercy. I know you are merciful and I will not doubt that! Thank you for letting me go."

Hanna was there, she was distributing water for the warriors after their training and watched the nasty old steward had been released. She frowned in displeased.

"I know you will forgive me one day..."

"I don't," 1

Kaz was shocked when he heard that, thus he lifted his head and looked at the alpha, he stared at Cane, the person that he had known ever since he was little. He was not sure he had heard him right.

"P- Pardon me...?" Kaz stuttered.

"I still have not yet forgiven you, Kaz and you will still be in the dungeon if it's not for my mate asked me to release you." Cane paid him no mind, as he continued his discussion with Will. (1

"But... I thought... it is..." Kaz stammered even more, he didn't believe what he heard.

"You can leave. I am in the middle of discussion now." Cane shifted his attention and stared at Kaz darkly, which made the old steward trembled in fear.

Kaz nodded vigorously and then resigned himself, but before that, Hanna approached him. Her eyes were ablaze with annoyance.

"How it feels to be saved by my missy, the person, who you disrespected so much?" Hanna asked sharply, she didn't have any qualms to rub it on Kaz's face. "How many times my missy has to save you for you to be grateful? When you were slave and now you are a free person, you still be a burden for my missy to save you time and time again." Hanna was gritting her teeth. She couldn't understand, why they released him? "Do you still want to look down on her?" 8

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533 KELLAN WILL BE A GOOD CHOICE 1

"Hanna, I am not here to look for a fight..." Kaz said in small voice, he sighed deeply, he rushed here to find the alpha immediately before he could take a proper meal, this was because of how important he needed to thank the alpha.

But, the way Cane reacted and what he said completely threw him off guard, he didn't think the alpha would say it was actually the luna, who asked for him to be released. But, why? After what he had done, it didn't make sense if she was the one, who instituted to release him from the dungeon.

Didn't she want a revenge after how he treated her? Didn't she feel bitter toward him and the other for favoring the woman, who was pregnant with the alpha's firstborn, even though she was the luna? It didn't make sense in Kaz's mind. 1

"I will never forgive you for what you have said and what you have done to her, Kaz." Hanna looked very furious, while the old man could only lower his head. Initially, he respected Hanna more than he did to Iris, because before they learned the truth about Iris's involvement, the member of the Howling Wolf pack, would see Hanna as their savior, while Iris was Gerald's daughter. 1 And for some reason, that belief engraved so deep, it was hard to be changed. It touched their subconscious level, where they didn't even

think about it, as if that was the hard truth for them and it was true for Kaz, Maria and some more pack member.

"All of that was a misunderstanding," Kaz said tiredly. With the alpha's rejection to talk to him, he felt someone just stabbed his heart. It was so painful to see he lost the alpha's trust and favor. "Your missy was too sensitive..." 4

Kaz immediately stopped himself when he heard the way Hanna growled dangerously. She balled her fists and looked like she was going to attack Kaz right there and then, apparently his skull was very thick, so he was not able to accept the reality. He couldn't even hear properly what the alpha said. It was Iris, who had asked him to be released and here he was, having not even an ounce the feeling of gratefulness for her missy. 2

Not to mention, he tried to play down how hurt Iris's feeling was...

If she was allowed, Hanna really wanted to claw Kaz's head and give him a lesson or two, she was sure, she could take down this old steward by herself.

However, Kaz noticed her wrath and immediately walked away from her. He said nothing and left the training ground. Hanna was not as kind as he thought she was.

"Hanna," Cane called her over. He saw the altercation between the two and how tensed his mate's personal maid was.

But, because they were too far and they talked in low voice, he couldn't hear the conversation between the two of them. 1

Hanna lifted her head and saw the alpha, she immediately changed her expression and walked over, but it was hard to hide her feeling, not to mention it was almost impossible for her to hide anything before Cane's observation.

Once Hanna stood in front of the alpha, she tried to avoid his eyes, but she obviously couldn't avoid his question.

"Why are you so angry?" Cane asked. He stared at Hanna closely and saw the maid was trying to hold back her temper in his presence, but Will put his arm around her shoulder to make her relax a little bit. The warrior was still very quiet.

"I am sorry, alpha. I didn't mean to talk harshly to Kaz," Hanna said.

"Why are you so angry?" Cane simply repeated his question. He couldn't care less whether she talked harshly to Kaz or not.

"It's... nothing."

"Hanna, I will not repeat the same question," Cane said sternly this time, his voice demanded an answer from her and Will's body stiffened, as he slightly stood in front of Hanna out of instinct to put himself between her and the alpha.

Hanna finally lifted her head, sensing the situation went south because she didn't give the alpha a proper answer, thus with small voice she told Cane her grievances.

"I am sorry, alpha, but I don't like the steward. I don't like the way Kaz talked to my missy when he informed her that Sofia occupied the luna's bedroom because she is pregnant with... your child." Hanna bit her lip, but then she continued. "I don't like it when Kaz talked to my missy as if she was stupid just because she couldn't hear."

"Elaborate that." Cane's eyes turned very cold and Will literally put himself between the alpha and his woman now. 1

Hanna then proceeded to tell Cane the way Kaz talked to her missy that night when they just arrived in the pack house and how he talked down on Iris, thinking she couldn't hear him, he talked in a very degrading way.

Hanna didn't try to make the old steward look so bad in front of the alpha, but this was how she felt and she had been holding this grudge ever since then, only because everything that happened, she forgot about it a little bit.

However, when she saw Kaz again, the anger resurfaced and she felt so wronged for Iris's behalf.

"I don't like the way he talked to her as if she was a child! She couldn't hear, but it didn't mean she was retarded!" Hanna ended up crying, not because of the sadness, but because of how angry she was. 1

Some time, when you were too angry and agitated, you couldn't help, but cry.

On the other hand, Cane remembered what Iris said in one of her outbursts that day when she unintentionally hurt his wolf spirit. The first time he learned how hurt she was...

'Why they don't feel sorry to trat me badly in thefirst place?!'

'Just because I am deaf, doesn't mean I don'tknow what they are talking about! I am not stupid!I am not an idiot! Why they degraded me and thought I am not smart enough?! I know what they are talking, I am not stupid! I am a runt, but I am not stupid!'

Cane probably didn't understand why Iris came up with those words and didn't realize the depth of the words, he thought she only said whatever in her mind to vent out her anger, but now it did make sense.

Added that to the fact Iris kept calling herself as a stupid person when she messed up with the alcohol. It gave a sharp pan g in Cane's chest when he realized how deep the pain Iris felt.You might not realize how much your words hurt someone until that person changed because of it. 1

Iris froze in her place, she wanted to run away and avoid this person, but she couldn't move her body. She felt like she was being in one of her horrendous nightmares when she heard the words he used. It was such familiar words that she grew up with.

"Come here, you little slut!" Mason screamed, hisvoice filled with demand, as she called Iris over. He knew it was her, though it had been a long time, since the last time she saw her, but he knew it was his dear little sister. "COME HERE!"

Iris startled and her body moved on its own out of instinct. She might forget about him, until she heard his voice, but her body didn't. Her mind told her to leave, but her body obliged to his demand, like she used to do in almost her whole life.

"There you are... the little slut..." Mason said inhis hoarse voice, as he coughed hardly before he cackled in delight to see Iris in front of him. "You look well, Iris. Do you miss your older brother?"

Iris couldn't utter a single word, as her breathing quickened.

Her logic told her that Mason wouldn't be able to do anything to her in his current state, but there was something more powerful than her logic that controlled her right now. Trauma. Her mind froze.

"Why don't you come closer so your brother can see you clearly?" Mason said between his cackled and cough. He dragged his body, while both of his legs looked very awkward, as if they were twisted into the wrong direction, one of his arms bent into a weird angle too, while half of his teeth had gone.

He didn't look like the sophisticated Mason in the past, the man, who looked after himself so well, almost like he was a maiden instead.

But right now, a beggar would look even better than him. He was unrecognizable, but still, Iris knew it was him.

"Why don't you come closer, so your brother can see you?" Mason was holding onto the bar, pressed his face as close as he could, so he was able to get a better look of Iris. "You look so beautiful now. How long it has been since the last time I saw you? Have you given birth to that mutt's child?"

However, Mason then laughed so hard when he said that, as if he was saying the funniest joke ever.

"How he could impregnate you when we ruined his private?! He must have shared you with someone to get you pregnant!" he laughed hysterically. "Ah! forgot! The baby must have golden eyes to be passed as his child." Mason tilted his head, a devilish smirk on the corner of his lips. "Kellan will be a good choice."

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534 SATISFACTION 1

"Where is the luna?" Eron asked Jace and Ethan, who were waiting outside of the dungeon. The two of them watched Kaz leave almost an hour ago, but they didn't see Iris, they thought, she was still talking to the other women, who were thrown to the dungeon along with Kaz.

However, when returned with the sobbing Airi, Jill and the other two omegas, they were confused about Iris's whereabouts.

"What do you mean?" Ethan and Jace frowned with Eron's question. "She is supposed to be with you, right?"

"What? No." Eron shook his head. "Luna Iris said she will go out alone and told me to release them." He nodded at the four women, who looked so disheveled and cried silently.

Though they were not treated badly, but going back to the dungeon was not something they would have imagined, once they were free from alpha Gerald's clutch. It was terrifying and brought back a lot of horrendous memories.

"No, she has not yet come out," Ethan said dumbfoundedly.

There was only one way to go out of the dungeon and knowing the beta and the gamma were right at the entrance, Eron didn't think much when he left the luna to walk out alone.

"She must be still inside," Jace said.

"Maybe she got lost." Ethan immediately entered the dungeon, as this place could be confusing, since there were a few pathways that could lead you to different section of the cell.

However, their heart dropped to the ground when they heard a short, shrill scream from inside. It echoed throughout the corridors and then everything became quiet again.

"Shit!" Eron cursed under his breath, as the three of them immediately rushed in to figure out what was going on inside. Their blood became so cold, as their mind created the worst possible thing that could happen,

Meanwhile, the four women still stood at the entrance of the dungeon, was not sure what to do. They needed to thank the luna because she was the one, who had asked the alpha to release them, Eron had emphasized this to them.

Eron said; if it was not because of the luna, the alpha probably had forgotten about them and they would be rotten inside the jail.

"Should we wait?" Airi asked, she stared at the dimly lit dungeon. She didn't want to stay there any longer, but then they still needed to thank the luna.

On the other hand, Jace, Ethan and Eros found Iris was sitting on the ground, in front of Mason's cell, she stared ahead with blank expression.

"Iris!" Ethan was the first, who reached her and immediately dropped to his knees to check on her. "Are you, okay? Are you hurt?" He came closer because he smelled something suspicious, though it was very faint and he needed to be so close to be able to tell. "You are bleeding!"

"What?!" Eron came to check on Iris as well. "We need to take her to see Grace!"

"I am fine," Iris said in light tone, as if she was talking about something that she didn't have interest with. "I am in my monthly cycle."

"Oh." Eron and Jace then went quiet, as they understood what was that. They looked a little bit awkward,

"Are you sure, you don't have hurt somewhere? I heard a scream a while ago." Ethan was still worried. The scream didn't last for long and now when he thought about that, it didn't sound like Iris. "It was not you, who were screaming?"

However, it was Jace, who answered that. "I think it's him, who screamed earlier." The beta was standing in front of Mason's cell, blocking Iris's view toward her brother.

"What happened with him?" Ethan stood up and checked the bastard.

"He is dead," Jace said coldly. In one look, you could see life had left Mason's body. His eyes opened so wide, as if he was in so much agony and his body twisted into a weird position. 5

"But... how?" Eron asked, he was about to come and see Mason's condition when Jace stopped him.

"Take the luna out of the dungeon. This is not the sight she wants to see." Jace took off his cloak and covered it around Iris's body, as his tall figure still blocked the mortifying view of Mason's dead body from her sight. "Are you, okay?" Jace stared deeply into Iris's blue eyes that were slightly dim.

"Yes," Iris replied calmly, which made Jace feel something was off with her, but he brushed it off as she was in so much shock upon seeing her brother's dead

body. After all, people had different way to react to such shocking event. "I am fine."

"Good." Jace nodded. "Now, go back to the packhouse with Eron, okay?"

"Okay."

Jace helped Iris to stand up and Eron took her out of the dungeon, leaving the beta and the gamma behind to deal with Mason's lifeless body.

"What do you think the cause of this?" Ethan asked, once Iris and Eron were no longer there and they couldn't hear this conversation. "I am sure, he was fine and was still pretty alive. I have been so busy, so I have not yet paid a visit." Well, the gamma used to vent out his frustration with Mason, but because recently he had been spending his free time near the river, Mason should be alive without his presence.

"I don't know. I will investigate this," Jace said. "Report this to the alpha. I will ask the guards about this."

"Right away," Ethan said and then he left as well.

They didn't need more trouble. Actually, it was pretty fine for Mason to die, but the way he died all of sudden needed to be clarified. They wouldn't want this piece of shit caused them trouble even after he died, in whatever form.

"It's weird..." Jace muttered to himself, as he opened the cell and checked on Mason's dead body.

On the other hand, Eron took Iris out of the dungeon, while the luna was very quiet, she looked like she was thinking about something else and he was afraid to disturb whatever things that was in her mind right now.

"Luna Iris!" Jill was the first, who approached Iris and immediately cried, apologizing for her behavior and the way she treated her, followed by Airi and the other two omegas.

They looked remorseful and thanked her for saving them from the dungeon. How much it meant for them and how they really appreciated what she had done for them. However, after a long cry and gratitude and also a bunch of apologies from the four of them, Iris only replied with a single word and then left.

"Okay."

Iris walked away from them, as if she didn't even care what they had said. Probably that was right.

She would have been thrilled upon hearing such words full of remorse and how they were very grateful for what she had done for them, but not right now. Her mind reeled to the event that happened not so long ago. She was still trying to discern what actually happened.

"Luna, where are you going?" Eron followed Iris closely and the other six warriors joined him along the way. "Your bedroom is over here."

"No. I want to go to the orphanage," Iris said calmly.

"But..." Eron held his tongue, because there was something about the Luna right now that made him stop himself from arguing and simply followed her.

Iris needed to go to the orphanage and meet with Haco. She needed to ask about this matter.

She saw it, she saw Mason's wolf, she saw the wolf was so vicious and badly injured, just like their human's side. She could feel it in her anger upon hearing what Mason said about her and Cane. How he suggested Kellan to fuck her and impregnate her, so she and Cane could pass the baby as the future alpha of the Howling Wolf pack.

Of course, Mason wouldn't say something as simple as that, he threw a few more nasty remarks and laughed to his lewd jokes.

'How is it, Iris? Do you like it when you play with him?' Mason asked, his eyes lit up with amusement that had been long dead. He looked crazy, but of course, he knew what he was talking about. 'Do you like it when he played with you? I saw it, Iris. I saw it how you cried like a baby when he touched you. You shouldn't have cried, didn't you like it when he played with you?' 2

Mason knew and he watched what Kellan had done to her. He watched everything, as if it was an entertainment for him.

'Unfortunately, I don't have the same taste like him. I prefer to beat you up than to touch you. You should be grateful for that.'

'No one will believe you if you say anything about that. Kellan has such impeccable image. No one will believe you.'

That was when Iris saw red and... killed him.

The first time she did it with alpha Gill, it didn't kill the nasty alpha immediately and the second time was when it happened with Cane and she was grateful, he was fine in the end, thus this must be the first time her attempt had succeeded.

Now she learned more about Na's power, she got a better understanding about this.

Iris was not sure how she felt right now, but there was this tiny satisfaction deep inside her and the five swords cracked even more... 7

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535 WHAT HAPPENED IN THE CAPITAL

No one knew about this kind of power that Iris held, aside from Haco and Cane, everyone also was still clueless why the lycan suddenly appeared and managed to take over Cane's body when it had never happened before.

The reason why it could happen was because Iris weakened Cane's wolf spirit, which gave the access to the lycan to dominate Cane's body.

The same thing happened with alpha Gill when Iris hurt his wolf spirit, which rendered him useless and unable to shift into his beast.

But right now, Iris got a better understanding of Na's power within her and her intention was clear. She wanted Mason to die.

For what Mason had put her through and all the slaves that he had tortured to their death and misery, Iris wanted him to die. This quick death was not something he deserved, but with his death, Iris managed to learn something; she held a power to kill a shifter without even touching them!

Iris had never really thought about this before, maybe deep down, she knew what she could do, but she was not completely aware of the extent of the damage it could cause. The news thrilled her, as she realized, there

was nothing she needed to be feared anymore. No one could hurt her and Kellan could meet his demise just like Mason. 2

The more Iris thought about it, the more enticing it was for her and she felt like she was sucked into a rabbit hole. She could kill anyone, who displayed her and the more she thought about it, the more she felt the comfort and safety she had never felt before. 3

As someone, who used to be the bottom of the power display, holding this kind of power gave her a reassurance. 2

The more Iris thought about it, the darkest her mind and the more the five swords cracked...

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"Luna!" Eron tapped her shoulder, snapped her back from her reverie, as all her dark thought disappeared, as if it was only something that crossed her mind without any meaning.

"Yes?" Iris looked at him with confusion. She blinked her eyes to clear her mind, as she faced the reality, she was in.

"I have been talking with you, but you didn't seem to hear what I said." Eron looked worried. "Are you, okay? Should we go back to the pack house?"

Iris looked at her right side, they were already at the entrance of the orphanage. "No. I want to see Haco," she replied in the same way and then walked into the building.

It didn't take long for Iris to find Haco, as the old sorcerer was dozing off against the window. He used to sleep very often recently and tended to be very tired after doing something easy.

After the attack, where he used so much of his power, it seemed, it made his health deteriorated pretty quickly. Therefore, he had been told not to do it and Cane took away all the magic stone from his possession. This was for his own good. He didn't need it anyway at time like this.

From the look of it, if his condition kept being like this, he would have less than half a year rather than less than a year.

"Haco," Iris called his name softly, as she nudged his arm, while the seven warriors kept their distance from her. They were not too far, so they could immediately reach her if something happened, but they were not too close to hear the conversation between her and Haco. "Wake up, please. There is something I want to ask."

Before, she would have let him sleep and didn't want to bother him, but this time was different, she was in dire need of explanation, even if Haco didn't have any, she wanted to know what he was thinking about this matter.

"Haco, please, wake up." Iris shook his arm to wake him up, but only after fifteen minutes, the old sorcerer opened his eyes. "Iris?" Haco narrowed his eyes and Iris was glad he didn't forget about her like before. It was a dreadful feeling to be forgotten by the person you cared about. "What are you doing here?" He rubbed his face. "Where are we?"

"We are in the orphanage," Iris replied, while Haco looked a little bit disoriented, but then he nodded, seemingly didn't want to think about such trivial matter.

"This orphanage looks a little bit different..." Haco mumbled. "Why do you look for me?"

"There are a few things I want to ask you." Iris looked so gentle when she talked with Haco. A murderous thought was forgotten at this moment, as if such thought had never crossed her mind at all.

"Hm?" Haco tilted his head. "What things?"

"Haco, I just killed Mason," Iris admitted it openly and told him what she had done. Meanwhile, the old sorcerer only raised his brows and didn't seem to be sympathized with her older brother, he didn't even try to fake it.

In the end, Haco simply nodded, as if saying; he deserved that. But, that was not the thing Iris wanted to tell him.

"Haco. You told me if the wolf spirit died, the human side could still be alive, but Mason died." Iris wanted to make sure about this information.

"Iris. that's could happen if..." Iris, that's could happen, if both sides were in good condition, of course, if you killed the spirit, it would affect the body, in

Mason's case, his body couldn't endure the pain. He was as good as dead if I could say."

Iris nodded, understood with the explanation. "In that case, if I can heal the spirit, I can heal the body too, right?"

"Well, the logic is like that, but I don't have such power and my knowledge about the first Serafim is based on scripts that I read more than five decades ago." Not to mention Haco had started to lose his memories gradually, thus he couldn't rely on that,

"If I can heal Joel's wolf spirit, I can heal him too, right?" Iris could grasp this concept when she killed Mason's wolf spirit. She could feel the spirit struggled in her grip and how she was well aware of all the pain and the injured that Mason sustained once she got a hold of the spirit.

However, her anger got a better of herself and she didn't have the capacity to look into it further before she squeezed the spirit to its death. The feeling when she killed the spirit almost therapeutic and this... scared her. How could she find a comfort of killing someone.

But then, Iris justified it. Mason deserved it. 1

Surprisingly, his death didn't really weigh on her mind and her main focus was how to heal Joel if she could help the young warrior with anything.

"I am not sure with that and can't give you a definite answer. I am not a healer and my power is so different with yours." Haco could only help her with theory, while the rest, Iris needed to figure it out herself. "If you really want to know, you can try."

That was the easiest way, but Iris doubted herself. "What if I accidentally hurt him even more?" The thought that she could accidentally kill Joel terrified her.

Haco thought about it for a while, but then he spoke clearly. "I think the result will be based on your intention. You didn't kill alpha Gill because that was the first time you saw wolf spirit, there was a high chance you have not yet grasped the power completely, which resulted you could only hurt him.

While with Cane, you don't have any intention to hurt him, you only wanted to get away from him, not killing him, but with your brother, your intention was

very clear and you got a hold of your power better than before." Haco shrugged his shoulder. "This is my theory." 1

Iris contemplated about it for a while before she decided. "I will go to see Joel," she said. 1

"Hm. Go." Haco nodded and then yawned again. "Don't forget to tell Avid her wife was looking for him." He closed his eyes and started dozing off again. 1 However, his last sentence gave a pang in Iris's heart. She swallowed with so much difficulty. She was not sure what moment Haco was remembering when he said that.

Avid was dead and Haco forgot about that. 1

"Mason died?" Cane narrowed his eyes when he received the news from Ethan. "What the cause of his death?"

Ethan looked complicated when he told him about what had happened. "Grace has been called and we still need to wait what the cause of it."

"Where is Iris?" Cane walked away from the training ground with his gamma followed behind him.

"Eron must have escorted her back to the packhouse." Ethan then blocked Cane's way, as he stood in front of him. "Cane, there are a few important news that you need to know. I received them only now."

Cane stopped walking and saw how serious Ethan was, a rare sight to be seen, which meant, this was very important. "What is it?"

"Koda lost the war, he and his people retreated, but one of our people said, his great grandchild is being cursed, though this information has not yet confirmed. Arthur managed to find Aderan and the queen, right now they are in a safe place and..." Ethan frowned. "Prince Kellan fled to the Celestial Moon pack. He took his people to help with the monster attack and the Serafim's entourage has arrived this morning."

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Cane listened to the report emotionlessly. His expression didn't change at all, but in truth, this was how he used to be whenever Iris was not in the picture. He would always have this cold and callous aura around him, as if he was aloof to the world.

"What are you going to do now? Koda lost the battle and Alan has reclaimed his position as the future king of the continent with the help of Golden Light pack and the royal sorcerer." Ethan frowned deeply. He could sense more trouble in the future. "Moon Dew pack, alpha Gallot sent people to help with the royal as well when one of the royal sorcerers managed to escape and deliver the message to him. It's still unknown what the royal offered to him, but in the end, he agreed to help them, which is the main reason Koda's defeat."

Golden Light pack was the biggest pack, before Cane claimed all the packs in the south, where their pack member used to be the royal guards and warriors. Therefore, their force couldn't be taken lightly.

While Moon Dew pack had various people from this realm, since it was the place, where the black market was located, no matter how awful alpha Gallot was, his connection was not something you could look down upon and it would really help with power struggle.

"What about Celestial Moon pack? Where they are standing?" Cane had not yet received any letter from alpha Derick since the last time and now he got news that Kellan had fled to that pack.

It was easy to predict that Kellan would escape to the north pack, since Howling Wolf pack and Celestial Moon pack were his biggest support in the past when he was still the crown prince, but because of the route, it was way easier to reach the north than to the south of the continent.

"There is still no declaration from alpha Derick." Ethan then added. "This is the most recent news. Our men used the fastest hawk, so at the very least, all of these happened yesterday."

Cane was deep in thought and Ethan didn't bother him, knowing his alpha must be thinking of their next steps.

Currently, the continent was divided in three, where all the pack in the south was completely claimed by Cane and the capital city was under the control of Alan and people from the Golden Light pack and Moon Dew pack. Koda and

his Red Claw pack joined hand with Winter Moon pack to put his baby great grandson to be the next king, in which made Koda his regent until he came to age. Of course, the idea came from Cane when he sent him back to the capital city to deal with the royal after the death of the king.

However, Celestial Moon pack had not yet declared their stand, as they were still struggling with the wave of monster attack.

Without the king, whoever had scattered Asturi Stem in the north area, would have stopped their action immediately and the monster wave should be decreased soon. Alpha Derick failed to catch the culprit, who had done it. Moreover, all of that was Cane and his theory only, since the former caught Alan in the black market to purchase the Asturi Stem from Lou.

"If there is a message from Koda, tell him to find me himself." Cane only gave that instruction after he was thinking for a while.

"Do you think Koda will send you a message? Will he ask you to help with the battle against the royal?" Ethan frowned, but then he stopped himself. He knew Cane wouldn't answer such question, it was only his habit to ask for more detail.

However, to his surprised, Cane actually gave him a brief explanation. 3

"Koda is under the assumption our pack is on his side and to have seven pack in the south to be his ally, is a great booster for their chance to strike back, the only reason why he could understand why I didn't send any help is because he saw it himself the seven packs have not yet unified and I am still working on it." Cane paused. "Hint him that I need time to prepare the seven packs to be his back up, but be vague with your words. It will give us time without any interference for some time."

Cane needed to decide whether he would take the Silver River pack and Diadem pack within his territory or not. His next step would be depended on it.

"Oh... okay..." Ethan was flabbergasted to receive such explanation. He was in awe that Cane actually explained thing to him, instead of simply giving him an order to accomplish like usual. It would be a pain in the ass to get anything out of his mouth.

Was this because of the luna's effect? 2

However, Cane's next words snapped the gamma back to the reality.

"You will be part of the wolf warrior during our journey to the Silver River pack, you will take Oliver and Dean's role as well because I will send the two of them ahead of time to check the situation in the Silver River pack," Cane said, which made Ethan widen his eyes.

Wolf warrior was those warriors, who would run in their wolf form during their journey, usually, there would be two leaders for two groups of the wolf warriors, as each leader and group took turn to run in their wolf form and riding a horse alternately.

Initially, it was Oliver and Dean, but without the two of them and Cane appointed Ethan directly, it meant, he needed to take the role and will spend the whole journey to the Silver River pack in his wolf form without a break, unless they stopped for the night!

"Cane! How can you be so cruel?! What have I done wrong?" Ethan wailed, his voice full with grief, but a glance from Cane was enough to remind him of his sin for taking Iris to the tavern the other night, thus he immediately clamped his mouth. 1

On the other hand, Cane didn't say anything and turn around to find his mate.

"He is holding a grudge... I thought he forgot about it already," Ethan grumbled. 2

The gamma had been trying his hardest to avoid Cane and when he thought the alpha had never summoned him and there was no punishment that came to his face, he actually lowered his guard and approached him on his own.

But actually, Cane intentionally did that. He was messing with his mind by giving him a hope that he actually could escape his punishment. 1

"Should I change my loyalty toward the lunainstead? She looks more like a safer option." Ethan contemplated that. Iris was too kind and she would never give him such cruel punishment. More so, she was way easier to be pleased... 4

Iris knocked on the door. She wanted to visit Joel as often, but she couldn't do that because there were a lot of things she needed to do and take care of.

"Joel. I bring you this." Iris poked her head into the room and found the young warrior stared at the window.

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537 I WANT TO STAY IN MY BEDROOM

As a warrior, Joel had his own bedroom in the warrior quarter, this was one of his pride and joy to occupy this little bedroom, which could only fit with a bed, a table, a drawer and a chair.

However, this room would always look clean and comfortable, as Joe I would find time among his busy training schedule to keep it neat.

Yet, if he was no longer a warrior of this pack, he was required to leave this room. This was the rule, and this would break Joel even more.

"Joel, I bring you this." Iris entered the room because she didn't hear anything from inside after knocking for ten minutes and found the young warrior was staring at the window. As luck would have it, his window showed a training ground for the young warrior, in the age of twelve to fifteen.

Not so long ago, Joel was part of them before he started his training with the older warrior and was given this little bedroom, a symbol that he was capable enough to defend his pack. A testament that he would be a great warrior one day, like he always dreamed of.

But, everything crumbled and shattered. Without being able to use his legs, he wouldn't have been able to defend himself, let alone anyone.

"Joel?" Iris called him. She had a book in her hand. She promised to teach him how to read and write, but because of the situation, they had not yet started.
"Joel?"

Joel startled and then turned his head to look at Iris, he was surprised to see her inside his bedroom. It seemed, he really tuned out the whole world, until he was not aware of his surroundings.

"Lu- Luna Iris..." Joel stuttered.

"I have knocked for a while before, but you didn't answer me, so I came inside." Iris gave Joel an apologetic look, as she stared at the sickly wolf spirit. His wolf was so young and it was the color of brown. The spirit looked almost like the black wisp that came from Cane, only this had a shape.

"It's okay, luna... I didn't hear that." Joel tried to look cheerful like his usual self, but Iris could see how he struggled to even keep his smile and this broke her heart. "Please, have a seat, luna. I am sorry, I can't get out of the bed." 1

Iris waved her hand to dismiss that and then showed the book in her hand. "You told me that you want to learn how to read and write, right? Why don't we start it before I go to the Silver River pack? After that, Hanna will help you to continue with your study."

Iris tried to be excited with it, but she could see Joel was not as enthusiastic when he asked her to teach him.

"Okay," Joel said. He smiled softly, but Iris knew it was out of politeness.

It hurt her even more to see how life slipped away from his eyes. He looked like he was about to breakdown, but as a man, he couldn't do that. It was a weakness for a warrior to show that side of them, almost like a sin.

Iris stared at the young wolf spirit. She was not sure how to do it and was even more afraid if she ended up hurting him instead.

However, Iris still could feel the thrill of killing Mason and how his spirit struggled in her grip, but at the same time, she felt connected with the spirit as well, as if she could feel every inch of it.

The pain, the emotions, the injuries... she felt everything within such short time.

It was a weird feeling, yet she was familiar with it, as if she had done it a few times before. It came to her naturally, almost like when she could sense the magic stone and the black magic. This must be the feeling that came from the first Serafim. Na.

"Oliver came to visit a few hours ago, before he left for the Silver River pack," Joel said when Iris didn't start with her lesson. He knew the luna only came to cheer him up, but he couldn't help this feeling of helplessness. "He said, he had prepared a small house in the town for me and I can live there as long as I

want." His voice started shaking when he continued to speak. "He said, I will love it. The house has a fireplace and nice bed. It is bigger than this room."

Iris knew immediately what it meant, let alone Joel . It was a nice way to tell Joel that he was no longer part of the warrior of the pack and for him to give up his bedroom in the warrior quarter, it was the final confirmation.

"Or, I can live in the pack house. He has arranged a nice room, bigger than this and close to the kitchen, so I will not have a hard time if I was hungry in the middle of the night. I used to get hungry and wake up to find something to eat after a long training..."

This time, Joel couldn't hold back his tears, his shoulders were trembling as a rush of emotions hit him so hard to think there would never be a training for him now. He wouldn't be able to do something that he loved the most, something that he took pride of.

Words wouldn't be able to describe what kind of turmoil that raged within that young body.

"Oliver said I can choose and both places are better than here." Joel sobbed softly, his jaw clenched tightly. "But, I like this small bedroom. I don't want to move out," he whimpered and started to cry. "Oh, Joel!"

Out of instinct, Iris sat down on the edge of his bed and hugged him, she caressed his back, while he rested his head on her shoulder, crying so hard. The sound of it was akin to a stab in Iris's chest. His whole body was trembling and she couldn't help, but cry as well. 1

"I don't want to move from my bedroom..."

It almost felt like Joel was saying, it would be better if he died in the mountain with all of his friends than to live this worthless life.

Joel was a talented and a promising warrior, but then he was still a fifteen years old boy, who only started to see the world and find his own way of how to live his life.

However, everything came crushing down now and his life looked so bleak to say the least.

Iris hugged him a little bit tighter, as if she was trying to prevent this young man from falling into pieces. She felt his pain and the dept of his emotions and it completely crushed her.

But at the same time, she could feel his wounds. The spirit was so close, she could only raise her hand and touch it.

Still holding the crying Joel in her arms, Iris could see the tip of her fingers exuded white light. This was the same light that consumed those spirits of the fallen warrior. 3

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