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"Why did you hug me every night and then acted like it's nothing in the morning?" Iris felt her tongue went numb when she asked the question. She didn't know where she got the guts to ask him about this.

But, she was always very clear with her emotions and everything about her. She hid nothing from him.

Therefore, his action and his capricious way to treat her, left her in apprehension. She kept questioning what he meant by that. She needed an explanation, so she would know where she was standing.

Did he want her? Or it was an impulse from the mate bond, especially when she learned about the reason why the lycan chose him. She couldn't even ask about it, because Cane barely gave an explanation to her for anything.

"You make me confused," Iris admitted when Cane didn't say anything. She had expected that, but she really wanted to know why he did that?

Cane was silent for a while, before he spoke, "You don't want me to hug you?" he asked straight to the point, but then, the answer for the question that Iris wanted was complicated, it was not a 'yes or no' answer and couldn't be simplified like the way Cane thought of it.

Iris pressed her lips into a thin line. She wanted to avert her eyes from his intense gaze and took back her question. She should have kept quiet and didn't say anything, but then, how long she could stand it?

The relationship between them was very vague and she didn't know what to expect and how to see him.

Cane made it clear for Aria that he only wanted her for his carnal desire, nothing more, but for Iris, the last time they did it was when she was in heat and every time they shared the bed, he didn't do anything, aside from holding her tightly.

Did he only want her because the mate bond gave him comfort and a shred of peace to his anarchic mind?

"I need you to let me know where I am standing. What am I to you?"

"You are my mate, the luna of the pack."

"Do you really feel it that way? Do you really see me as your mate?" Iris curled her fingers in the blanket, holding herself back from crying, because somehow, she was so upset. "Or am I still Gerald's daughter in your eyes? And you settle with me because of the mate bond?" And this heavy feeling made her felt so weak.

Cane could see the hurt in her eyes, but he didn't know what to do with her, neither he knew how to answer her question. What was she for him?

"Can we talk about this later?" Cane said in the end. He had a lot of things were going on today, which Iris was not aware of, and he was on the verge of insanity.

"When?" the question came as a desperate whisper. "You never explain anything to me and I am confused."

Iris didn't want to be into him, neither she wanted to fall in love with him if he didn't want the same thing, but with the attachment that they had for each other and the mate bond between them, that was not impossible, but then she didn't want to add love into the complication of the situation, because the depth of her love today, would be the dept of her pain tomorrow.

Cane was the only person that she had, someone that she could call as family.

The thought that she was so displeased with the sight of Cane carried Laluna and the way the princess stared at him, bothered her so much. It was jealousy, she was not so dense to not recognize it, that's why she was afraid with this development.

Cane couldn't give her a definite answer, because he didn't have one. He didn't want to have this conversation, which meant, he wanted to keep the ambiguity, because he didn't need to explain anything, neither he had to make a certain thing to be cleared.

However, that was not fair for Iris.

"You are my mate, I will treat you with respect." That was the fact. He had been treating her with nothing but the utmost respect in front of everyone, he even offended the king by turned down Nala's intention to be his mistress. "I did a lot of mistakes and let my pain got the better of me. I broke my promise not to hurt you, but I did, for that, I apologized. It will never happen again."

Iris knew that Cane was talking about how he lost his control in the library, but the memory of that day had faded away. Her subconsciousness made her forget everything that hurt her, as her way to cope up with reality.

Cane finally did apologize for what he did and explained things a little bit clearer, but Iris didn't find this satisfied. It was not his apology that she wanted and his explanation didn't answer her question. What was she for him? Where she stood?

The alpha then got off the bed and went to the wardrobe to retrieve something before he walked back and sat down on the edge of the bed, close to Iris, as he handed something to her hand.

It was a small dagger.

"This is silver dagger. You can stop me if you think I am a danger for you." Cane made Iris grabbed it. it was a white dagger, with intricated symbol in its sheath.

Iris's expression darkened. Cane didn't answer her question. "But then, your people will hate me even more for hurting their alpha." She handed back the dagger and got off the bed.

Her heart felt so heavy.

Iris took her cloak and walked out of the bedroom. She closed the door behind her and waited, but there was no sign that Cane would come after her and this made her mood even more dour.

Upset and hurt, Iris walked away aimlessly toward a garden. Little did she know, a certain black wolf had been following her surreptitiously.

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This could be said as the first fight that she had with Cane. Iris felt so hurt and was afraid. She usually did not act like this, but the question and her confusion had been sitting in her heart heavily. She only wanted a little bit clarity, was that too much?

Iris kept turning back to see whether Cane would follow her, but every time she would be disappointed, because no one behind her, except the guards that patrolled around this area. They paid no mind to her.

She lowered her head and felt this feeling weighed her down.

He didn't even care she went out alone after the monster attack. He didn't worry at all about her. So, was this the answer that she needed? She felt unsatisfied, but the more she felt like this, the more she felt down and guilty.

Why would she throw a temper tantrum like this? What did she expect from him? Cane didn't change, he was always like that, it was Iris, who was too carried away with her feelings.

Iris was upset with herself and blamed the mate bond for the feeling of attachment toward Cane and then the embarrassment came.

Why did she think Cane would care? It was not even a question in the first place. She should have known her position. It was not like he treated her nicely without hidden agenda, every move that he made, it was a calculative one.

He didn't take a mistress again because it would be a question if none of them was pregnant and since Iris had known his secret a little bit too much, thus it would be safe to keep only her by his side, not out of consideration for her.

If Cane could take the Blue Moon pack without her involvement, he would have gotten rid of Iris by now and paid no mind about her.

And there were more a few little things that proved that Cane did something in a very calculating way. There was no reason for Cane to keep her by his side, if she didn't bring those benefits.

"You should know that!" Iris scolded herself. She sat down on a long bench under the oak tree and stomped her feet on the ground, upset to herself. "How can I return now? How can I face him?" she murmured to herself.

Should she apologize?

Iris didn't mind to do it, but when she thought what she had said to Cane, she didn't think she would have a courage to talk with him and open the conversation first.

"What now?" Iris felt like crying. She brought this displeasure and embarrassment upon herself. She felt so stifled.

She had let him know her bottle up feelings, but she didn't feel relieved at all, it could be said that she felt even worse.

"What are you doing here?"

Iris startled, not because she heard the question, but because she saw his feet when she stared at the ground, while she scolded herself for being so stupid and naïve. She lifted her head and found Lou was staring at her in confusion, but then his lips tugged into a wide grin. The sight didn't make her happy at all.

"This must be fate for us to meet again!" Lou clapped his hand happily. He looked a little bit pale, but Iris didn't pay close attention to such subtle detail. "From the black market all the way to this palace, even though we are miles apart, but our fate has tangled together!"

Lou didn't know how his nonsense was true for the years to come.

"The alpha said you are sick, I am also sick." He pointed himself, as if this similarity was something that he could brag about. "See? We are fated to be together!"

Without waiting for Iris's respond, he invited himself to sit down on the bench next to Iris and continued to chat with her, though she was not really receptive.

"Tell me, why are you out here in the middle of the night?" He leaned his body, as he lowered his voice, just like someone, who was ready for a gossip. "Where is your mate? Don't tell me that you have a secret meeting with someone here, am I interrupting you?"

Iris glared at him. This man was insufferable!

Cane had said that she shouldn't meet with Lou and talk to him, but then if she avoided him, unless she returned to her chamber and face Cane, this merchant would plaster her everywhere. He couldn't care less about the norm.

"Don't talk nonsense!" Iris hissed. She was already in a bad mood.

"Ah! You are so feisty!" Lou didn't even take offense when Iris snapped at him. He took everything like a joke. "Oh, right! I invited your mate to discuss how I want you to repay me for saving your life," he said without being embarrassed at all to be a profiter. "Why don't you come to have an evening tea? I would love to have you, at least, you are not as scary as that man. His callousness makes my eyes hurt."

Okay. That was it. Iris didn't want to stay and hear his rambles. It seemed facing Cane now was not a bad idea, after all, she couldn't avoid him forever. It would be better sooner than later.

Without saying anything, Iris stood up and was about to leave when Lou grabbed her hand to pull her back, so she would sit on the bench again.

"Hey, where are you going? You have not yet answered my question, how can you find the magic stone, hm?"

Iris wriggled her hand, but he held her firmly. "Let go of my hand!" She didn't want to attract anyone attention, but if there was someone saw both of them alone in the middle of the night, they could get the wrong impression.

Iris thought to bite his hand if he didn't let go, but before she could do that, Lou freed her hand and stood up, he backed away a few steps so fast.

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THE SCARY ALPHA

Cane didn't really let Iris walked alone in the middle of the night, especially after the second attack of the monster, his conscience didn't allow him to do that, but he was not going to reveal himself, as he followed her in his wolf form.

He watched how frustrated she was and heard every murmur that she said, also how she called him annoying.

Probably, if it was not for Lou, Iris would never know that Cane was actually keeping his eyes on her from the shadow.

However, the merchant knew no boundaries, as he grabbed Iris's hand and forced her to stay when she was about to leave and before Cane's mind was able to decide what he was going to do, his body had moved first.

Cane let out a dangerous growled, as he emerged from the dark, his golden eyes shone brightly and a glimpse of him was enough to send his message crystal clear. The beast was ready to attack if he didn't back away.

Therefore, out of instinct, Lou let go of Iris's hand and backed away. After all, he didn't have enough energy to perform any magic right now, let alone to fight an alpha beast.

Cane prowled forward, his golden eyes fixed on the merchant, as he emanated a killing intent that was so strong, which made Iris turned around and found Cane in his wolf form.

She didn't believe her own eyes that he actually came after her. Or was this a coincidence? Did he want to go somewhere? Iris couldn't help, but questioning her own judgment whenever Cane did something out of ordinary.

"Alpha Cane," Lou greeted Cane, as he bent his body in exaggerated way.

Cane shifted into his human form, as he took Iris to his side, not even once he spared her a glance, as his angry dark eyes were on the merchant. His grip on Iris's hips tightened and this made her grimaced slightly. It was so obvious that the alpha was not happy with this situation.

"It's a coincidence that we meet here," Lou said cheekily. It was fate when he met with Iris, but it was a coincidence when it was Cane that he met. "May I know why you are here in the middle of the night?"

Even though Lou appeared so carefree, but he was very cautious to provoke this alpha, he had a very strong domineering aura and his killing intention could make one shivered in fear.

Cane didn't answer that, neither he gave any response, aside from staring dagger at Lou, which made him felt awry under such intense gaze, but then the alpha shifted his attention toward Iris and found she grimaced in pain. He

released his grip on her waist, but he took her hand and walked away from there without saying anything to Lou.

Yet, the merchant was simply looking for trouble when he shouted at him, since he didn't want to be left high and dry.

"Alpha, it seems the luna is fine now. Tomorrow, you will bring her also, right?" Lou asked in high spirit, hiding his displeasure because Cane took away Iris before he could get the answer from her.

Cane stopped and turned his head to look at him again. "She is sick." That was the only answer that he gave him. He insisted with that excuse. If he said Iris was sick, then she was sick. No question asked.

Hearing that, the corner of Lou's lips twitched. How could he lie so blatantly and without any shame at all?

But then, Cane added. His voice was icy, as if it was a warning. "I have told you don't touch what is mine."

That was the same statement that he gave Lou in the new year dinner and the merchant also gave the same answer.

"How territorial, typical of shifter." His lips tugged into a grin.

But Cane didn't want to waste his words with him and walked away with Iris close to him. The merchant made his blood boiled.

On the other hand, Iris was so terrified to see Cane, because he was exceptionally scary right now and his silent resonated well with the word danger.

She kept her head low, as she tried to match with his long stride. This time, Cane didn't slow down his step to accommodate her, thus Iris needed to half run so she could catch up with him.

"Alpha..." Iris tried to speak, but she felt Cane squeezed her hand, which rendered her to swallow back the word that she wanted to say. She wanted to explain that she didn't intentionally look for Lou, neither she knew that the merchant would be there.

It was a bad judgment in her part that she didn't leave sooner, but she swore that she didn't mean to stay with him.

Cane slammed the door harshly when they were already inside their chamber, but he didn't stop, as he tugged her toward the bathroom and rinse her hand under the running water. It was the same hand that Lou had grabbed earlier.

Iris was stunned by what Cane was doing, she looked at him in bewilderment, as he spoke viciously.

"You smell like him." The words sounded very vicious, laced with disdain, which made Iris flinched and lowered her head again. She fought back the urge to cry.

Not only Cane rubbed her hand a little bit harsh, but because she was afraid, confused and was at lost.

Once Cane was done, he brought her hand to his nose, smelled it and only satisfied when Lou's scent was no longer lingered around her wrist.

He stretched out his hand and put his finger under her chin to lift her head up, so she could see what he was going to say.

"I have told you to not meet him and talk to him!" Cane literally growled at her.

"I didn't... I didn't intend to meet him..." Iris stumbled with her words when she tried to explain the situation, which Cane knew since he was there too.

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Cane was well aware that he shouldn't direct his anger at Iris, since he watched everything and how Lou was the intruder, yet he couldn't get rid of this intrusive thought in his mind.

He had not yet gotten any sleep for two days straight, a lot of things happened in that span of time, which drained him emotionally and physically, but when he was looking for a shred of peace that could calm him down for a while, Iris brought up another problem for him to solve.

It was too much, he felt like he was reaching his limit.

"I didn't meet him on purpose..." Iris said in small voice, she was about to cry to prove her innocent. She was desperate to make him believed her, because she didn't want Cane looked at her with those judgmental gazes as well.

Even though she had never mentioned it, not even to Hanna, but it was so terrifying to be under those people's judgment about her.

Cane gritted his teeth, but he didn't say anything and this terrified Iris even more, because the last time that she provoked him and made him angry, he hurt her. Would he do that again to her now? Even though he had apologized for that?

A tear escaped Iris's eyes, despite her effort to fight it back. Mason always got even angrier whenever she was crying. He would say how ugly she was and how useless a woman, who only knew how to cry. How useless she was...

"I am sorry... I am sorry..." she was afraid that Cane would hurt her. He could do that and if he decided to do it, no one would be able to stop him.

She shouldn't have confronted him in the first place. She should have let him to hug her silently every night. At the very least, in that way, he didn't hurt her. She shouldn't have tried to have a conversation about the unspoken between them.

She shouldn't have antagonized him when he was already had too much in his shoulder to carry and a lot of trouble that was thrown his way.

The night became darker out there and snow started to fall again, made the temperature dropped even colder.

Cane closed his eyes and leaned forward to rest his head against her shoulder. Her scent overwhelmed him and he could feel her body stiffened with his touch. She was afraid that he would hurt her and he understood that.

Iris thought, Cane would start his assault. She closed her eyes, accepting her fate, but then she felt him moved away from her and when she opened her eyes, Cane had gone, leaving her alone there.

Tears started to stream down her cheeks one by one, as small sobs escaped her lips. It was not sure whether it was because of relief or pain that she felt,

as the sight of his retreating back looked very desolated. It stabbed her heart in a way that she didn't think was possible to feel this hurt.

She was the one, who was in predicament a few second ago, but why she was the one in agony to see him? There was this feeling that she couldn't understand, where she felt for him.

Iris wiped her tears away immediately and stopped herself from crying. It took a while, but finally she could stop the tears, as she rubbed her swollen eyes, so she she wouldn't cry again, before she walked out of the bathroom and the sight of Cane almost made Iris screamed, but she stopped herself in time.

"What happened?!" Iris rushed toward Cane.

The dark wisp was not only coming from his palms right now, but his whole body. It almost looked like black smoke obscured his figure.

Iris didn't think twice before she ran toward him, while Cane had this blank expression on his face. He stared at the dark wisp that surrounded him.

This was it. There was not helping it.

All hopes sucked out of his mind when he watched this wild wisp swirled in the air. It grew bigger. It would fill the whole room sooner and someone would know.

All of his plans to protect his people and give them a better life that they deserved would vanish, the moment someone knew about it. Once this fact reached the king's ears, it would be the end of everything.

Cane didn't fear death, he would gladly accept that, since what life offered to him was only pain and agony. He was suffered because he couldn't die. Because those people relied on him heavily. Their blind faith on him felt like a curse now. A curse that forced him to keep going, though he wanted to stop. He wanted this to end.

Gerald was right. He was still that helpless and hopeless boy, who knew nothing. His degrading and demeaning words rang in his ears again. It was so easy to believe it now.

Cane fell to his knees. His expression didn't change, as his dark eyes stared at the dark wisp that blanketed him. What would happen then? Would this wisp kill him? Was it poisonous?

He was so tired. He had reached his limit.

But then, Cane saw that auburn hair that blurred his line of sight and felt Iris's body pressed against him. She hugged him so tightly, her curls tickled his face and her scent was comforting. She had her lips against his neck, which surprisingly didn't repulse him.

Her body felt so cold, probably because she was out there for long time and this didn't sit well with him.

Out of instinct, Cane stretched out his hand and hugged her back, he buried his face against the crooked of her shoulder.

Wasn't she afraid of him? He could see tears and fear in her eyes. He knew what she was thinking he was going to do to her and the thought disgusted him.

Cane felt like he was no longer a victim, but a monster instead.

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DAMN YOU, CANE!

There is enough love in his heart to love every single piece of you.

For the most part, it will not show through romantic gestures.

It will creep through his subtle attempts.

It will be loud in his consistency,

And it will present itself as loyalty.

Many men are lovers who have no clue about romanticism.

-Him; Pierre Alex Jeanty-

A relationship was like holding sand in your hand, you should hold it delicately, so it wouldn't slip through your fingers...

And that was how Iris felt, the way she hugged Cane. She felt he was going to slip through her fingers. His sanity...

Somehow, Iris knew the dark wisp wouldn't hurt her, it didn't, because she had touched it the first time she noticed it and there was nothing happened to her, thus she didn't think twice when she rushed over and held Cane.

The alpha looked like he was going to fall apart and the sight scared her.

Iris used to see Cane as someone that wouldn't be bothered even if the sky were going to collapse, someone, who would calm enough to meet plot after plot, because he had his own scheme and had everything handled, under his control.

Therefore, the sight of Cane was so vulnerable like this made her heart shivered.

"Cane, it's okay... it's disappeared..." Iris said in soothing tone, as she watched the dark wisp gradually disappeared. "It's fine now."

Both of them didn't know how it worked, but now they convinced, Iris's presence helped with the disappearance of the dark wisp, just like how she calmed down the lycan and made it more bearable for Cane to go through the new moon, thus the dark wisp must have something to do with the cursed beast.

Iris caressed his back, but he didn't say anything, thus she tried to free herself from him, but Cane held her so close, he practically glued to her with his warm breath against her neck, his lips on her skin.

Seeing him like this, Iris stayed for as long as it needed, she didn't say anything and both of them engulfed in this silence.

Gradually, the dark sky turned a little bit brighter on the east, as the sun was about to rise, it was a beautiful sight to see and Iris wanted him to see it.

"Alpha..." Iris patted his back. Did he fall asleep? "Look, it's a new day."

It's a new day and a new hope...

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"Miss, you need to wake up, you need to eat your lunch, you have skipped your breakfast, I don't want you to get sick," Hanna said, she was trying to wake Iris up, since ten minutes ago.

But, she kept brushing off her hand and curled herself inside the blanket, if it was not for her health and her unique condition, as a runt, Hanna would let her sleep a little bit longer, seeing how tired she was, but she couldn't do that.

"Miss, you need to wake up now," Hanna said again with stern voice, though she realized Iris wouldn't be able to hear that. "Miss!" she shook her body a little bit hard, until Iris opened her eyes sleepily.

"Five minutes..."

"No, you need to eat and then you can fall asleep again after taking a walk."

Iris pursed her lips to see how stern Hanna's expression was. Her head was throbbing painfully, she didn't get enough sleep last night.

She couldn't imagine how Cane was. It would be three days, he didn't fall asleep at all. How he could manage that and was still alive?

Iris pushed herself from the bed and stretched out her arms to hug Hanna, which made her giggle. She still acted like she was a little child some time and this warmed her heart.

"I am glad you are okay," Iris murmured sleepily and Hanna kissed her cheek.

Will found her in that catastrophe and took her to the warrior quarter, where she stayed there with the other warrior, while he went to check on Ethan.

But, before Will returned, the alpha went to the warrior quarter and told Hanna to be with Iris. She stayed with her missy until she fell asleep, yet when she returned, Will had gone to another mission. She didn't have time to see him and Will didn't find her before he left.

"I am also glad that you are fine. Now, eat your lunch, okay?"

"Ugh... I am sleepy." Iris barely could remember how she ended up on the bed, she remembered after watching the sunrise with Cane, she rested her head and fell asleep. It was very comfortable and she couldn't resist her sleepiness.

It must be Cane, who had carried her to the bed and tucked her in, or else, she would have slept on the floor.

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"The alpha is here, master," Sabian informed Lou. "He is alone."

There was a flickered of dissatisfaction in his eyes when Lou heard that. Cane really didn't bring his mate with him and insisted with his lie to say that Iris was sick when she was perfectly fine. After all, the three of them had met last night.

"Okay," Lou said callously, but he didn't get up from his bed, as he stabbed the grapefruit with fork and put it into his mouth indolently.

This sight made Sabian furrowed his brows and grew anxious because he knew what his master was up to. "Master, don't you want to meet with him?"

"Nah, he can wait," Lou said nonchalantly. "I am not really interested to meet him without the red hair."

If Iris was not there, why would he want to meet with Cane in hurry? He could wait for another minute... or hour.

However, Lou should know by now that the alpha didn't play in his little, petty game, because five minutes later, a guard rushed into the room and reported what Cane had said.

"The alpha will leave if you don't appear within two minutes, master," he said in cautious tone. "He said he doesn't have time to wait."

"Damn you, Cane!"

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"Damn you, Cane!" Lou bristled when he heard that, he got off the bed immediately, his expression darkened, as he stormed to the garden, where Cane had been waiting for him.

However, his expression changed in a split of second before he met with the alpha and greeted him politely and remorsefully for having him to wait. The hypocrisy was so thick coming from him.

"I am sorry for making you wait this long," Lou said cheerfully, like his usual self. "You seem in hurry, though you just arrived five minutes ago."

He spoke about it so lightly, as if he didn't have any intention to make him wait for hours if he could.

However, Cane could see through his façade and replied to him simply. "The situation inside the palace is still not stable and the people in the capital is still panic, grieving and afraid. There are a lot of things to do."

An annoyance flitted passed Lou's eyes, but it vanished before Cane noticed it. What the alpha said, painted the merchant as someone that was too idle and ignorant in this chaotic situation, since he had a lot of free time.

Damn! Lou was there too in the morning court with the king, alright! Not only Cane that was busy!

"Yes, it is a difficult situation," Lou said lightly, still sounded cheerful, as if he didn't bother with Cane's jab. "Bring the tea!" he said to the servant.

However, Cane raised his hand to reject that. "Let's skip the tea part and get down to the business, what do you want?" he didn't have all day to accompany Lou. He barely wanted to spend another second here.

If it was not for the fact that this merchant indeed had saved his mate's life, he wouldn't be here at all and dealt with his antic. It was such a waste of his time.

"Oh, come on, you don't turn my offer down, right?" Lou furrowed his brows, he looked disappointed. "I invited you for an evening tea."

"I still have something to discuss with the king. I only have five more minutes, if you come earlier, maybe it's possible, but since you are late, I don't have much time for such leisure."

Sabian, who was standing a few steps away from Lou felt his heart lurched to his stomach when he heard the alpha's sarcastic words. Not only he insulted his master in such delicate way, but he brought the king's name in the same breath, which made Lou tongue-tied and couldn't retort.

The alpha even gave the time limit for the merchant to speak.

There was no way he would be able to hold Cane back if he brought the king's matter here, because if he did that, it would imply his matter was way more important than the king's.

Lou felt like he was about to flip the table or pour the hot water to his face.

However, he was way better than that to control his emotion. In the end, he smiled at Cane and spoke again lightly, as if it didn't bother him at all.

"Okay, I understood. My apologize for my tardiness earlier," he said wisely.

"So, what do you want?"

Lou gritted his teeth, but he kept his smile. He had seen how easy Cane provoked the crown prince, he didn't even seem to exert much effort and now, Lou could feel how annoying the alpha was. He was barely able to control his own anger.

Facing him a little bit longer than this, he would lose all of his patience and made a fool of himself like Alan did.

"I want to offer the same thing that I offer to the king."

"Magical device?" Cane didn't expect this at all. He thought this merchant would come with ridiculous idea of having one on one time with his mate, like his previous demand, but he actually wanted to have more chance to see Iris. He looked at him disdainfully.

"Yes. Your two packs' area is a dangerous area, surrounding by Goffa mountain, where the monster will appear so frequently, thus I want to venture my business there."

The magical device that Lou offered was a protection type, where it would be able to protect a large area and repel any monster that would come closer.

Right now, his progress to close the deal with the king looked so promising, thanked to the two attacks of the monsters that happened within a day and the panic that spread in the capital city among the people.

It helped the king to gain the people's trust to have a concrete action following the incident and now, Lou wanted to expand his business to another pack as well.

It would be Cane's honor to be the second place that would be installed his new device after the capital city.

"It's actually benefit you more." Lou shrugged his shoulder nonchalantly, as if he saw this as a charity for Cane. "I saved your mate and now I am going to save your people too. This is a good deal for you, a great one if I can say."

Lou was still holding a grudge by Cane's sarcastic statements earlier, thus he tried to make things even between them, at least, he wouldn't be too embarrassed after such insulting words that the alpha threw at him.

However, Lou was completely wrong, because Cane didn't seem to be affected by that. How could you get the satisfaction of insulting someone, when the other person didn't even feel like they were being insulted?

"Okay, you can start from the Blue Moon pack first, because the last attack of the monster happened there." Cane nodded. "When will you start?"

Lou's jaw dropped. "You accept that?" Why it was so easy? He had prepared himself with a long argumentation, but Cane accepted that so easily? And why he felt like he was working for him instead?

"You said it yourself that it is a great deal for me, so why should I refuse it?"

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"You said it yourself that it is a great deal for me, so why should I refuse it?" Cane snickered disdainfully to see Lou's façade slipped for a brief second before he regained his composure and acted unbothered.

"Great!" Lou clapped his hands, as if he were very happy with the deal. "I will give you the detail about it later and have another discussion about it."

"Okay," Cane said lightly and stood up. "If there is nothing more, I will take my leave." He kept the conversation with Lou as short as possible and didn't waste a second to be there.

And what even worst was the part when Cane left even before Lou could give him a reply. The merchant was too shock and angry.

He had said what he wanted as the price of saving his mate and he wanted a permission to expand his business in his pack and Cane gave it, so there was no more that they needed to talk about, while for the detail, Cane could let someone handle it for him, they didn't need to meet in person, exchanging letter would be sufficient.

"Damn it! Damn it! Damn you, Cane!" Lou roared in frustration and anger. He had been a merchant for years and even made a deal with the king, but why he felt like he lost a business when he actually got what he wanted?!

This alpha irked him!

The only comforting thing that could slightly calm him down was the fact that he would have more chance to see Iris, after all, she was the luna of the Blue Moon pack.

"Master, you need to calm your anger..." Sabian was afraid Lou would exhaust himself again, after all, they were running out of magic stone in order to regain his vitality back after the portal was hardly able to be closed.

"Scram!"

Facing with Lou's wrath, Sabian scurried away. He took all the servants and guards with him.

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"Alpha?" Hanna was surprised to see Cane when she came over to bring Iris's dinner.

Since they came to the palace, Iris preferred to have her meal brought to her chamber, because the dining hall was overwhelmed her, as there were so

many people there and none of them, she was comfortable with and most of them, she didn't even know personally.

"She will have dinner with me," Cane replied lightly, in which Hanna nodded respectfully and then retreated.

Cane then opened the door and found Iris was sitting near the window with a book in her hand. She was reading something, most likely a book about all the pack in this continent, she liked that topic recently and he noticed that.

"Hanna?" Iris's eyes lit up when she felt someone entered the room, because it was time for dinner and she was hungry.

The ceremony for her and Cane probably would be postponed, because the situation right now was still not stable yet.

However, she was surprised to see it was actually Cane that came over. This was the first time they met after what happened.

"Oh, alpha..." Iris immediately stood up and closed the book. It was not usual for him to come to see her in this hour, unless he needed something.

"Put on your warm clothes, have dinner with me." Cane sat down on the sofa and closed his eyes. He felt so tired.

Iris immediately went to her wardrobe and put on warm clothes and cloak, it was so cold! And it had been snowed since yesterday.

"I am ready," Iris said, as she nudged Cane's arm to get his attention.

The alpha opened his eyes and then stood up, he took her hand and both of them walked out of the bedroom toward the dining hall.

Iris didn't know since when it actually happened, but Cane developed this habit to take her hand or put his arm around her waist like he did right now whenever they went out together and slowed down his pace, so she wouldn't run after him. She knew it was not his normal pace, because those shifters tended to walk faster.

Cane also didn't mind if she snuggled closer to him whenever it was too cold for her, since his body was so warm.

Iris would look at his expression when she came closer, afraid he would be uncomfortable, but when he didn't show any reaction, she would nestle contently beside him.

The dinner went uneventful. The king was too busy and had his dinner in his bedroom.

While Cane chatted with the king's righthand men, as he kept placing more and more food to his mate's plate, Iris was chatting with Laluna reluctantly, as the princess kept secretively glancing at Cane.

Laluna was not the only woman that paid close attention to her mate and Nala did the same thing from across the room, since she sat down in the second long table, this irritated Iris. It rubbed her in the wrong way.

Therefore, she looked a little bit cheerful when they finally finished with dinner and walked back to their bedroom, as Iris left a promise that she would have an evening tea with Laluna two days from now.

She accepted that reluctantly out of politeness, but made sure Cane was not available at that time, because she read his conversation with the other righthand men that they would have another meeting with the king around that time.

"This is not the way to our bedroom," Iris said, finally noticed it was different path. She squeezed Cane's hand that held hers. "Do you want to go somewhere?" She remembered how they went out of the palace sneakily.

"Only to the garden," Cane replied. "What?" he asked when he saw a furrow between her brows.

"Cold." There was no brazier in the garden and it was snowing.

Cane let go of his hand, but he wrapped her inside his cloak, keeping her warm. "Walk with me?"

"Okay," Iris replied without a second thought.

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A KISS ON THE FOREHEAD

It was so rare for Cane to ask her to walk with him and after being so annoyed by the way Nala and Laluna tried to get her mate's attention and kept staring at him secretively, Iris was more than willing to walk with him.

Laluna wouldn't have a chance with Cane, but Nala was different story. Albeit she was not very familiar with the matter in the palace, but Iris was well aware that Nala had the king behind her and that old man could do something to force Cane to take Nala as his mistress.

Cane wouldn't have a chance to stand against the pressure, since he didn't have any mistress now and with the excuse Nala was given to him as a blessing from the king, it would put Cane into a perilous situation if he outrightly rejected her, if he did reject her...

The thought of that alone made Iris's mood became gloomy. She couldn't imagine how those women in this place were able to share their mate with other women and shouldn't even allow to show their discomfort.

Iris felt she was being greedy now. It was already great enough that Cane didn't want to kill her, neither he looked at her with hatred. He treated her well, even if that was for a show or whatever reason behind his hidden agenda, but now she wanted more... which was a wish that sounded so preposterous.

"I am sorry for what I said," Iris said in small voice, she looked down, staring at the snow under her feet, while walking beside Cane.

The alpha had been very quiet and said nothing, even after half an hour walked around the garden aimlessly. This place was beautiful, though it covered with white snow. It looked like a white world belonged to them, as there were no one here.

Iris was not sure why Cane took her here. Probably, he wanted to talk about what happened, but his silent confused her, because he was not the person that would shy away from a necessary conversation, or maybe she just didn't know him well enough...

"I am just confused with the way you treat me and I am afraid I will be caught up with my feelings. I don't want to step over the boundaries and make an assumption, which will complicate things between us or make matters worse for you." She wanted to say she wanted a clear warning from Cane about her position, like he did to Aria, but she didn't think it was wise to mention her in

this conversation, thus she had been beating around the bush. The type of conversation that Cane didn't really like.

However, the alpha didn't say anything, but he let her to talk what was in her mind, as he stared at her without her knowing it.

Somehow, it was so refreshing to hear Iris voiced out what she was thinking, instead of wrecking his brain to think what the true meaning behind someone else's words, as there would be an insult, a threat or a warning, behind their smile and gentle voice.

Cane had to be able to read between the lines and think of the counterattack, but with Iris it was different, he could put down his vigilant, because the meaning of her words would be the same, just like what she said.

It was a sincerity that he craved among all the manipulations surrounded him.

"I am sorry, I add trouble for you." Iris glanced at Cane and the alpha was actually staring at her.

Eventually, the two of them stopped walking. They stood under the tree, taking a cover from the snow that kept falling in this quiet night. It was so cold, but Cane was so close and Iris could feel her face heated up from being stared at.

She couldn't tell what was in his mind. Did she say something wrong again? Was he angry? But, she had apologized to him. Was that not enough?

After a long silent that felt like eternity, Cane finally spoke. He put his finger under Iris's chin to lift her head, so she could read what he said.

It was not much that he was saying, because it was only a short answer for her question.

"Let's work on this."

Iris blinked her eyes, didn't understand what he meant by that, she was afraid she interpreted the meaning of his words wrongly.

"What do you mean?"

Cane stared at her beautiful blue eyes. "You are my mate, the luna of the pack. That's where you stand."

It was an obvious answer. All of the people knew about that. "What about you? Do you really think of me as your mate?" Iris balled her fist, her heart thumped nervously, waiting for what kind of answer he would give her.

Cane was well aware what Iris meant by that, she wanted to know if she could develop feeling for him. The mate bond made things complicated between them, but smoothed some things as well.

It was not Iris fault to feel that way and for her to voice out her concern about how she should take this feeling, whether she could let it be or get rid of it, was something that Cane appreciated from her.

"Give me some time," Cane said. There were a lot of baggage that he needed to unfold before he could promise her anything, but he was sure about one thing. "I will make it right for you."

It was not a sweet promise about how Cane would love her with his life, or gave himself to her wholeheartedly, but he worked on this.

This was a baby step for both of them, a single step at a time to close the distance, the hatred, the diversity between them.

They would work on this and Cane was willing to give this relationship a chance, not only for a charade in front of the people, but the real one.

Obviously, it wouldn't happen soon, but in the course of time, they would make some progress, no matter how small it was.

Cane didn't give the same ultimatum like he did to Aria, instead he let her to have this feeling for him and he would work on his as well. After all, they would spend the rest of their life next to each other, in that sense, why not made things bearable for them, it would be a blessing if this worked in the end...

"You don't mind if... I act like your mate?" Iris asked in a small and cautious tone.

Acted like his mate. She put it in a nice way to say that it was alright for her to be affectionate with him and to think of him in a romantic way.

"Hm."

Cane stretched out his hand and leaned his body over. He tilted his head and his gesture was pretty obvious that he was going to kiss her on the lips.

Iris was stunned, she had never been kissed before and if Cane really did it, it could be counted as her first kiss. She didn't know what to expect and what to do, her face immediately turned bright red when he was so close to her and out of instinct, she shut her eyes tightly.

However, the alpha stopped when he was only a breath away to kiss her lips, instead, he kissed her forehead. It was not only a simple peck, but he lingered for a little bit longer, as he placed his hand behind her head, his thumb caressed her ear, which made her squirmed, because it was ticklish.

A kiss on the hand was a show of respect, a kiss on the cheek was a show of an affection and while the kiss on the lips showed desire and intimacy, a kiss on the head was a way to say 'you are safe here', it was a protection and respect...

Cane took a step back, but he still held Iris in his arms, as he stared at the girl, who looked at him sheepishly.

"Stay away from Lou," Cane said humorlessly.

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The first thing that shook the entire continent, especially the royal family and the people in the capital city was the news of princess Osana was being cursed.

Her skin wrinkled and peel off, just like a snake shedding its skin.

And before the king could think of a way to cover up this fact, the news about it had been spread so widely. He was furious beyond word and a healer was summoned to his chamber because his anger was uncontrollable and affected his body.

It was a rare case for a shifter to be sick, but the news about princess Osana was being cursed by the dark magic had a great impact for the king.

People began to panic and pack their things to escape the capital city, because the following of the awakening of the dark magic, it would be an outbreak of epidemic of disease.

Those, who had the source to move away from the capital city until everything became stable had already left the gates, while some of them stayed inside their house. They heard about how dreadful princess Osana's condition and it fed to their fear and anxiety.

Everyone knew it was a common knowledge, when news spread from lips to lips, the content would be exaggerated from the truth, yet they believed it nonetheless.

"Yes, I heard, princess Osana is hissing like snake."

"Her skin peels off and she soaks her bed with her blood."

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HE WORKED ON IT

Cane was stirred awake when he felt Iris was moving away from him. He was alarmed, his mind immediately went straight to the worse case possible, his body reacted, as if he was being attacked.

"What happened?" His lucid eyes scanned his surroundings, but there was nothing. He was safe and there was nothing to be worried about, at least, inside this room, the chaos out there didn't seep through in yet.

"I am going to get some food," Iris said sheepishly, as she pointed at their breakfast. "I am hungry."

Cane finally realized what was going on and he was overreacted for no reason at all. He then let Iris go and got off the bed to go to the bathroom.

Iris still could feel his strong arms that trapped her body, she still felt so warm being so close to him, but she couldn't hold back her hunger any longer... her stomach was grumbling uncomfortably. She didn't eat much last night and didn't think she could taste her food, because she needed to talk with Laluna, during their dinner, someone that she didn't like to have any conversation with.

The princess would make a way to talk about how lucky Iris was to have Cane as her mate, praising the alpha to no end, which irked her, thus at that time, she was trying to mask her annoyance and focus on that difficult task.

Iris munched on her meal when she caught her reflection on the mirror. Her hair! She looked so messy with her curls around her little face, it looked like mane of a lion. Ugh.

Somehow, her look made her self-conscious and she used her fingers to smooth it. Her hair would always look so messy in the morning, but this was the first time she got frustrated.

Right at that time, Cane came out, he was already changing his clothes, as he wore the formal one, which meant he would go out now.

"Why don't you eat your breakfast first?" Iris asked when she saw Cane, she tried to tame her hair by tugging on it helplessly.

"I am late," Cane said curtly.

Iris fell silent. She was very familiar with this curt answer and here she was when she thought they had made a progress, they circled back to the beginning again. She lowered her head and stared at the breakfast for both of them that Hanna had brought this early morning.

However, when Iris thought Cane would leave after giving her that short answer, the alpha actually approached her and kissed her head briefly, which surprised Iris. She lifted her head and stared at Cane, whose expression didn't change at all after that sudden affection.

"I heard you will need me for the last fitting for the ceremony dress." Hanna had told him before about this, because she thought Iris wouldn't bring it up, since she didn't want to bother the alpha.

More so, with the recent event everyone was very busy with another important problem, none of them would remember about the ceremony that probably would be postponed or canceled.

However, Felicity, the seamstress, didn't budge. She wanted to finish the job that she had started and even if the ceremony was canceled, she would have the dress ready when the time came. That was one of her antics.

"How do you know?" Iris was surprised that Cane knew about that.

Yet, instead of answering her question, Cane caressed her head and spoke briefly to her. "I will come at noon."

And after saying that, the alpha walked out of the room to tend the brewing problems that he had created. He didn't look panic, neither he flustered with the intensity of the chaos in the capital city and also inside the court. After a good night sleep, he felt even better.

Meanwhile, Iris stared at the close door for a while, as gradually a sheepish smile appeared on the corner of her lips, she touched her forehead, where Cane had kissed her. It was only a small gesture and it was not the first time he did that, but after last night conversation, it felt different.

Cane kept his words, he indeed worked on their relationship. And just like what he had said, he came this afternoon.

"Miss, the alpha is here," Hanna said giddily when she helped Iris to get into a dark purple gown. There was nothing fancy about this, as it was a simple gown with V shape collar, which showed her mark and her collarbones. It seemed Iris had to endure a little bit of coldness if the ceremony happened.

They were doing the last fitting for the gown not in their bedroom, it was another room inside the king palace.

"Yes, Ms. Felicity dragged him to different room." Hanna even looked more excited than Iris to know the alpha still cared enough for her missy to show up.

Recently, she had been very gloomy because she couldn't get in touch with Will. She didn't know what the reason he left without saying anything and he even didn't reply to her letter that she left to one of the warriors when they went out of palace to meet with him.

The warrior said Will received the letter, but said nothing, he looked so quiet and this made Hanna worried.

"You two will look perfect," Hanna kissed Iris's cheek, while her missy clearly looked happy. Once Hanna finished braiding her hair, she gushed over her. "Look, how beautiful you are. The alpha will fall head over heel for you. He will feel so lucky to have you in his life."

"Stop it," Iris chided lightly, she felt Hanna's words were too heavy and outrageous, but her personal maid only chuckled.

"Oh, you don't know what will happen in the future."

That was right, no one could predict what would happen to their relationship in the future, when all of it started with an ill fate filled with hatred, pain and a lot of traumas.