

## **The Alpha: Claiming His Enemy's Daughter Novel Online Free,Chapter 211: CALLED THE KING OUT**

### **CALLED THE KING OUT**

The situation in the front yard was easily resolved after Princess Osana managed to tame the Crown Prince. From what rumors said, Alan was even more respectful toward his father's little sister than the King himself.

He was afraid of her because Princess Osana could be quite unpredictable.

However, what became Cane's main focus was not the appearance of Princess Osana herself, but the fact that Lou was in the palace as well.

How could that merchant wriggle his way into the royal family outside of the black market? Him coming here could just be a coincidence? The merchant pretended it was the first time he met with Cane and the rest, but his eyes were gleefully fixed on Iris, making the girl uncomfortable, as she walked close to her mate.

On the other hand, only Ethan was allowed to follow them into the main hall, to meet with the King, but because of the crime that he had allegedly committed, he was flanked by two guards.

Meanwhile, the rest of Cane's people were escorted to their respective rooms.

Iris glanced at Ethan a few times, but the Gamma didn't even show a shred of fear. He was at peace and even hummed a song while mumbling some lyrics here and there. It seemed he had come to terms that he wouldn't make it back to their pack, or even to the ceremony.

Actually, Iris wanted to ask Cane about this and what his plan was, whether he would save his gamma or he would accept the verdict without a fight. However, even though they were together on their journey to the capital city, they didn't exchange a word during that time.

And right now, it was not the right time for her to mention anything about it.

The palace was a very different place from the two pack houses that she lived in. This was way more grandiose and regal, as if every inch of it held power that you could never imagine. This place demanded respect, honor and reverence. How could a place hold so much importance...

Iris was in awe, but the magnificent place didn't seem to affect Cane and his gamma, as they treated this place so casually, especially the Alpha, he walked into the main hall, as if he owned this place.

Even though he bowed his head toward the King, it didn't make him any lower than the sovereign. He knew how to carry himself with dignity, even when the situation was not in his favor and the odds were against him.

Only when they were in front of the King, did Cane let go of Iris' hand that he had been holding.

Meanwhile, Princess Osana went to sit on the King's left side, leaving Lou standing next to Cane. Laluna stood next to Iris when Vemion walked up to the King, telling him that he had arranged the accommodation for everyone in Cane's party and the preparations for the ceremony were almost done.

As for Ethan, he was standing a few steps away from the King, with two guards by his side. He was forced to kneel, as one of the guards held his neck and pressed his head down. He hated to bow like this, but he kept his temper in check, because his outburst would only put his alpha at a disadvantage. Once again.

"I thought you will never come and straightaway ignore my decree," king Aeon said lightly, he was a little bit petty after being made to wait for several weeks. How dare a new alpha treat him like that?

However, Cane was neither servile nor overbearing. He did not lower himself by playing down the King's sarcastic remark.

"There are a few important things that I need to take care of and that took longer than I expected," Cane replied politely. He could feel Lou's eyes on him, as he stared at him with interest. His interest was obviously in what business that held him back.

"Is it more important than my decree?" The King scoffed. Alan was about to chime in, but he swallowed his words when he saw Princess Osana glare at him, shutting his complaint down with her eyes.

"Yes," Cane replied truthfully, which caused a round of gasps from everyone present there.

Aside from them, there were the King's own advisor and five men, who were the King's right hand men, also the Royal Beta, who was sitting on the King's right side.

Cane's reply was so bold as it was a little bit inappropriate to say there was something more important than your sovereign, as the King's word was above anything else.

"What's more important than a decree from the King!?" King Aeon slammed his hand against his armrest, anger emitted from his whole being, which made the room fall into a dead silence, one could even hear a drop of a needle inside this main hall.

Iris jolted when she felt the rush of enmity and she felt afraid for Cane's sake, yet the Alpha didn't even flinch when he faced the wrath of the King. His voice was so calm when he replied.

"The Riverside pack has been hosting a sorcerer that wields dark magic. A few weeks ago, a lycan was spotted in the Goffa mountain," Cane answered smoothly, bringing up the lycan first to deflect the suspicion toward him.

Another gasp could be heard inside the main hall, as they looked at him in disbelief.

Of course, they heard those rumors, but because the King had been ignoring the news, they didn't have any other choice, but to never mention anything about this.

However, Cane came and talked about it straight to the King's face. At this point, how could King Aeon avoid the topic?

Seeing how King Aeon couldn't find a word to refute him, Cane took this opportunity to press this matter further.

"My King, you are wise and fair. I have punished the people that touched dark magic, isn't it only right to call Alpha Gill from the Riverside pack to question the activities of dark magic in his pack? I heard many rumors about it on my way here."

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### THE ALPHA PLAYED IGNORANCE

King Aeon had purposefully neglected the issue with the dark magic, though the rumor about it had spread across the continent and this sent a wave of fear among the people, he simply pretended that it didn't happen, which was expected of him, since Cane had his own suspicion that the king was behind it all.

There was no way alpha Gill would conduct such an act boldly and fostered a dark sorcerer without a certain goal.

Alpha Gill's aspiration was not that high and he didn't have any ambition that included the dark magic and put his whole pack into a jeopardy to engage in such taboo thing.

However, it was different matter completely if you put the king into consideration.

"My king, you are wise and fair. I have punished the people that touched the dark magic, isn't it only right to call alpha Gill from Riverside into question about the activity of the dark magic in his pack? I heard many rumors about it on my way here."

He mentioned the execution of Aria callously, as if it was nothing. He looked straight into the king's eyes and saw how those eyes flickered with the mention of the people that he had punished.

His guess was right after all, the spy that he planted in his pack had sent a word about it to him. The only thing that was left was to figure out who that person.

This vexed Cane to no end to foster an enemy spy and he didn't have enough time to look into the matter thoroughly, because he needed to be away from the pack often.

"May the king hear the voice of his subjects and uphold justice," Cane spoke smoothly, outsider might think he was very concern about the furor of the

public upon hearing about the black magic, but the truth was; he was going to downplay the matter about Ethan's offense against the crown prince.

However, Cane didn't stop there. He was going a little bit overboard now, because the king was still able to stay calm. He wanted to make a ripple on the calm water.

After all, the alpha came here not to hand his gamma over, but to cause trouble for the king.

"If the rumor being left without any response from the king, I am afraid people from the Holy Kingdom will hear about it."

"Presumptuous!" King Aeon slammed his hand against the armrest again impatiently, as he stood up in anger.

Anything about the Holy Kingdom was a sour spot for the king, because he had tried to put boundaries against them for years. He kept them at arm length because they could interfere with his reign.

And the rumor about the black magic user in his continent could make them come and did an investigation, which only gave him a headache and trouble. More so, that was the last thing that he wanted; to have people from the Holy Kingdom dug deeper about the dark magic.

Cane knew about that. He waited all of this information to come to his hand to deal with the king the best way he could to get his gamma out of the death sentence, which most likely would hover above his head, knowing how the crown prince held a grudge so well.

"I just stated the fact my king, pardon me for my boldness, but I am very concern about the rumor that has been spreading around." Cane lowered his head and acted docile.

On the other hand, Lou watched everything unfolded, his eyes grew interested on Cane and he was curious what the end goal of the alpha, yet he didn't forget about the existence of Iris as well. Both alpha and luna piqued his curiosity now.

Hunkered down behind them, Ethan was very quiet as he listened to the exchange between the alpha and the king. He seemed to know what Cane

was up to and his smile disappeared, he was no longer looked as carefree as before, as his whole demeanor became stout.

"You don't need to concern yourself about the state of this kingdom," King Aeon said begrudgingly. He looked so haughty, as he tried to regain his composure. "I summoned you here to question the act of your gamma!" the king countered Cane with the main reason he was here. He wanted to diffuse everyone's attention regarding the dark magic.

Enmity flashed in Cane's eyes for a few second, but when he raised his head again, it had gone, as his expression returned like his usual self; unable to read.

Beside the king, Alan smirked smugly, he had been waiting for this moment.

"An action to harm the royal family, can be counted as a treason!" King Aeon's voice boomed inside the main hall, he took the momentum to shift people's attention from the dark magic, because he knew his council would start to pestering him about this issue, now Cane had brought it up in front of them.

"I want his head on the spike!" Alan roared heatedly, as he stood up from his seat. "I almost died because of him!"

Iris became restless when she read what they said and glanced at Ethan behind her, but she couldn't gauge his expression, since he had his head bowed, the guard pressed his head down.

Meanwhile, Cane looked as calm as before, the accusation didn't ruffle him at all and for the first time in her life, Iris really wished that she could read his mind and what he was thinking to get Ethan out of this mess.

"May I know what my gamma had done wrong?" Cane asked innocently, as if he didn't understand why Ethan was being punished, despite he knew the whole story.

"You are still asking!?" Alan was furious now to see how Cane played ignorance and wasted everyone's time by that stupid question.

"I ask because I truly don't understand," Cane replied and this was the first time for him to acknowledge the existence of the crown prince.

## **The Alpha: Claiming His Enemy's Daughter Novel Online Free,Chapter 213: IN THE MIDDLE OF HEATED ARGUMENT**

### IN THE MIDDLE OF HEATED ARGUMENT

Lou really didn't know the reason why Cane played dumb. It could be said he was the first person, who instigated the enmity between Cane and Alan, though the two of them were not in a good term to begin with, but his interference only muddied the water.

On the other hand, princess Osana also stayed silence. This was her first encountered with Cane after he became a grown up adult, since the last time she saw him, he was only a boy in his teenage year.

"You are still asking!?" Alan was furious.

"I ask because I truly don't understand," Cane replied and this was the first time for him to acknowledge the existence of the crown prince.

"Look! Father!" Alan pointed his finger at Cane, just like a little boy, who telltale about other to their parent, which didn't please the king at all to see the way he carried himself, yet the crown prince couldn't care less about his image at this moment. "He wanted to deny the crime!"

"Collect yourself and sit down, crown prince!" King Aeon chided, which made Alan calmed down a little bit and sat down. He then directed his eyes at Cane, observed him closely. The last time, he lost his chance to get the mines, right now he would make up for what he lost at that time. "Explain yourself."

Cane smirked coldly inside. He didn't expect the king would be so impatient to get to this point. The king was open for persuasion, since there was something that he wanted from Cane and that was why the decree mentioned about punishment for Ethan, not a final verdict of death sentence, because he knew Cane would haggle his way to save his gamma.

"The crown prince has provoked my gamma, which caused him to lose his temper, but there was no imminent danger befell upon the crown prince. It was only a brawl."

Alan's jaw dropped, he didn't believe how Cane put it into that perspective! He almost died and Ethan was akin to a monster thirsted for blood! He was on the verge of dying, but he said it was only a brawl!?

If Alan was smart enough, he should expect that from Cane, since the king said a decade of slavery was only a bad experience, thus him being beaten up was only a simple brawl. Unfortunately, he was not that bright.

"It is exaggerated to punish a mere brawl between two grown up adult, with a death sentence. My gamma is still young, thus he has a hot temper." He highlighted the age difference between them.

"I almost died!" Alan roared angrily, he stood up from his seat again.

"How can you almost die, crown prince?" Cane tilted his head, as if he didn't understand with what he was saying, which annoyed Alan even more. "There were my personal guard and my luna's personal guard at that time, also countless warriors from Moon Dew pack. You were safe. Your advisor was there as well. He could vouch that they were not alone. A lot of people were there, right Sir Maleen?"

Corry was startled when he was put under the spotlight, but he couldn't lie. "Yes, there were many people there, but your gamma beat up the crown prince..."

"They were brawling, of course someone must have gotten beaten up," Cane replied lightly.

King Aeon finally interjected before his son could humiliate himself even more, because he could see what kind of game that Cane was playing and this stupid son of his played right in his hand.

Cane intentionally provoked Alan, so he lost his temper, thus the council could see how incompetent the crown prince was to carry himself in such situation. He failed to remain calm under the pressure.

"Sit down!" King Aeon growled at Alan, which made him clamp his mouth and sat down again, like a petulant child. "So, you admit your gamma had harmed the crown?" he cut straight to the point, because Alan failed to focus on the focal point in this matter.

Cane was silence for a while before he admitted it. "Yes." He couldn't deny that if the king put it in that way.

"Guard! Take gamma Ethan away! I will give his punishment tomorrow!" That was how it should be done! Alan shouldn't have gone roundabout in Cane's games and argued with him in the first place!

King Aeon looked satisfied, but before the guards could take the gamma away, Cane apparently had not yet done.

"What about the insult that the crown prince threw at my gamma? Shouldn't he deserve punishment too, especially after the insult that he threw at me."

"When did I insult you, you mutt!" Alan roared angrily, but what he said only proved Cane's point.

Cane smirked, but he had done provoking the crown prince, as he got down to the business with the king. "Not only that, alpha Derick in the north said there are strange activities from the monsters in his pack and the sorcerer there found out the remnants of the Asturi stem, they said the substance could aggravate the monsters."

King Aeon's eyes flickered with surprise when he heard that. He didn't know they manage to find the remnants of the Asturi stem, since he didn't get any report from his spy about it.

But, of course, he didn't get any information about it, because Cane was only bluffing, yet seeing the king subtle reaction, he was sure now.

However, beside him, slightly standing behind, Iris caught something weird from Cane's hand, there was a dark wisp came from his palm and if you were not standing close enough, you wouldn't notice this.

Iris looked around silently, but no one noticed this, because all of their attention was on the argument between Cane and the king.

Iris was not sure what dark wisp was that, but she felt ominous feeling about it, thus out of instinct, she clasped her hand with his, which made Cane stopped talking and looked at her.

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### THE END RESULT HAS NOT YET DETERMINED

By the time Cane mentioned about the Asturi stem and the monster in the north, he knew what he was up to. He had discovered about what he had done in the north and now he was threatening him slyly.

At this point, neither Alan nor the king knew the Asturi stem that they were looking for was already in Cane's hand.

The king could see the subtle hint that Cane gave him, but Alan, of course, he was oblivious of all that. He was too mad because Cane talked about meaningless thing.

"Asturi stem is not a common substance, my men and I has been tracking down the buyer to help alpha Derick to figure this out."

Celestial Moon pack was the only pack in the north and they were in constant battle throughout the years because of the monster wave, heaven only knew what alpha Derick would do if he learned and held the evidence that the king had been playing with the member of his pack's lives by aggravating the monster.

Some people were a little bit confused about why the topic of the conversation changed drastically, though this was important to know there was someone tried something so dirty by using the Asturi stem.

"Do you think this is an outsider provocation?" Kade, one of the king's right hand men spoke. He was hailed from the Celestial Moon pack and was their representative in the court, so of course, he was way more vocal than the rest of the king's right hand men.

"It can be an outsider," Cane agreed casually and then he looked at the king with a hint of mocking smile in his eyes. "Or it can be an insider."

Lou, who was being forgotten, stared at Cane, he touched his chin and tried to think about what the alpha was trying to hinting.

However, before Cane could continue to speak, he felt Iris held his hand. She clasped his right hand with both of hers, which surprised him because she usually had never taken the initiative to touch him.

Cane turned her head, he looked at her questioningly, but her eyes fixed on their entwined fingers. Her little face looked very serious, which made him frowned. What she was doing?

But, Cane's attention brought back to the problem at hand when the king finally decided to take Ethan for a home arrest, instead of taking him to the dungeon. He did this to placate Cane, because he would have a long conversation with his nephew regarding what he knew about the Asturi stem and how far his investigation had gone.

No matter what, the king feared the north would rebel. After all, they were the only defense against the vicious monsters.

Not to mention, king Aeon could see Kade would grill him with this issue and wouldn't let it slide like they did to the rumor about the dark magic.

Yet, Alan was furious to hear that. That was not what he expected. "HOUSE ARREST?!" He stood up from his seat again and looked at his father infuriatedly. "Father! How can you say yourself as a fair king?! You should hold up justice for your son!"

This time, it was princess Osana, who had enough with the crown prince. "Someone come! Take the crown prince to his palace! He needs to rest!"

"No! I want justice! How can you put him in house arrest when that mutt almost killed the crown prince of this kingdom!?"

"How could he kill you when there were a lot of people around you!" Princess Osana countered. "Will you continue to humiliate yourself by saying you can't handle one on one fight?!"

Cane narrowed his eyes at princess Osana's reaction, as he calculated her involvement with all the king's scheme.

"Aunt!" Alan cried, but seeing the look on princess Osana's face, he needed to swallow his complain. In the end, he still had some dignity left, as he walked out of the main hall by himself. However, when he walked past Cane, he spoke in vicious tone. "This is not over yet."

Yet, the alpha treated him like air, he didn't even spare him a glance, as his eyes fixed on the king. There was a tacit understanding between them, as the king tried to gauge how much Cane knew about all of this.

"There are a few important issues come up! We will hold a meeting and I wish to see you as well, alpha Cane!"

Cane nodded respectfully.

House arrest. At the very least, Ethan would only get bored for not being able to step out of his bedroom, but it didn't mean the gamma's head was already spared, it was only a temporary solution, the end result would be determined after this.

Cane looked at the king and accepted his hateful glare.

Messing up the already bad relationship between the king and the north was the step that Cane took, as he would sow more discord between them.

This time, princess Osana stepped forward and talked to the king respectfully, as she officially introduced Lou.

"This is the merchant from Rosantine guild that I have mentioned the other day," princess Osana said, as he opened her arm to Lou. "He wants to invest on the research of magical devices."

Only then the king paid attention to the man in red cloak beside Cane. "Hm, so you are the merchant from Rosantine guild?"

"Yes, my king, it is my honor to be invited to the palace and meet you in person, thanks to princess Osana."

At this point, Cane had stopped listening to his surrounding, neither the business that Lou had in the capital city interested him, because he had different goal to be here, thus whatever this eccentric merchant wanted, had nothing to do with him.

Right now, Cane was staring at his mate, he squeezed her hand that clasped his lightly to get her attention.

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### **SHE DID NOT LIE**

'What is it?' Cane mouthed. He thought, she felt uncomfortable, because this was the first time she was in the palace and scared for Ethan.

But when she raised her head and looked at Cane, she only frowned and looked even more uncomfortable to talk. She glanced around, indicating that she couldn't talk here in front of many people, which was strange for her to act this way.

Cane looked at her for a while before he let the king knew that his mate needed to take rest.

"She is not like us, her body is way more delicate and a long journey in this harsh weather has taken a toll on her," Cane said smoothly. Everyone presence there knew that Iris was a runt and constantly fell sick, thus the king didn't have any reason to hold them back when the conversation with Lou didn't concern him at all.

"Vemion, take them to their rooms, it seems Iris is going to faint if I hold them back a little bit longer," king Aeon guffawed, but his voice laced with mocking tone.

Cane only smiled to hear that, but he said nothing at all, as they followed Vemion and Laluna out of the main hall, while someone had taken Ethan to his bedroom. He would stay there until further notice and when the king had decided what his punishment would be.

Because the two of them was alpha and luna, of course, they were given only one bedroom, especially when they had marked and mated.

It was a little bit awkward for Iris, since they didn't talk for weeks, but right now there was another important thing that she needed to tell him.

"What is it?" Cane asked when they were alone inside the bedroom. Along the way, Iris kept holding his hand, as if she was afraid of letting him go, but that was actually what felt weird for him.

She was not in imminent danger or the wrath of the king was directed at her, there was no reason for her to act clingy to him.

"This..." Iris raised her hand that held Cane's. "I saw a dark wisp came from your hand. I don't know what it is."

"Dark wisp?" Cane furrowed his brows when he heard that. "What do you mean with dark wisp?"

"This..." Iris slowly let go of her hand and both of them stared at Cane's hand to see what she meant by the dark wisp.

The dark wisp that Iris saw earlier was akin to a light smoke that emanated from Cane's palm and because she was not sure that was a good sight or not, she covered it with her own hand.

Yet, when Iris let go of his hand, there was no dark wisp. Cane's hand looked normal, which surprised her and then she began to panic.

"I saw the dark wisp before, I swear. I didn't lie to you." She was afraid that Cane would think she was lying to him. "There was a dark wisp, it was like a dark smoke, I don't know what it was, thus I covered it with my hand, I swear! I didn't lie to you."

Mason and her father had told her that she was a liar whenever she said that she was in pain or sick, thus it stemmed from there whenever she couldn't prove her words. Not to mention with the way the people from the pack looked at her with judgment in their eyes, thinking she was the same like her father, that she faked her sincerity.

Though it had nothing related to the problem right now, but it connected to each event in a way.

"I didn't lie to you!" Iris tried to explain herself again, because Cane said nothing.

She only stopped blabbering when he raised his hand and caressed her cheek lightly. "Okay," he said simply. "Go and take some rest."

And after saying that, Cane walked out of the room, he had something to take care of.

On the other hand, Iris felt dejected to be left alone like this, because she was not sure, whether Cane believed her words or not. Or he only wanted to end the conversation quickly and thought of her as a liar. Cane had never explained anything, neither he would say something more than necessary.

Iris felt so down, as she stared at the closed door. She walked toward this spacious and exquisite bedroom, which looked so empty, but a moment later, Hanna came to accompany her.

"Will say that you are alone and the alpha will not return until night," Hanna said cheerfully. Will told him to accompany Iris, which she gladly did.

But, of course, Will wouldn't have told Hanna about that without any instruction.

"This place is so beautiful, isn't it?" Hanna asked happily, as she brushed her hair and braided it again anew, Iris looked a little bit pale, thus when lunch time, she persuaded her to eat more, but she simply didn't have an appetite.

Iris's mind wandered to the black wisp that she saw from Cane's palm. Was she seeing wrong? Or was that the side effect of the dark magic that Aria had done to him?

There was no way Iris could tell, but Cane had to be more careful. They could accuse him of using dark magic, especially now when the rumor about it was on the lips of every people in the continent.

Later, when the sun set, Iris was too exhausted and fell asleep, while Hanna lit up all the candle and added more firewood into the fireplace, to keep this room warm.

She just tucked Iris in when someone entered the room.

"Alpha..." Hanna said respectfully when Cane walked across the room and stared at Iris's sleeping face.

"How long she has been sleeping?" He came to fetch her for dinner with the king and queen.

"She has been sleeping for an hour," Hanna replied. "Should I wake her up?" she asked.

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### HOLDING HER CLOSE TO HIM

"Should I wake her up?" Hanna seemed to know why Cane came over, she also heard there was a banquet that was held in honor for the alpha and luna.

"You may go," Cane said simply, as he stood in his place.

Hanna was about to say that she would get Iris ready in a few minutes if Cane could wait, but she swallowed it back and nodded respectfully to the alpha, as she walked out of the bedroom, leaving the two of them alone.

When Cane heard the sound of the door closed softly, he walked over toward the bed and stared at Iris's sleeping face. She looked very tired after a long journey. She had been so strong in the arduous way to the capital city. Not even a single complain escaped her lips, despite the extreme weather.

This must be the time she could sleep comfortably on the bed, not inside the shaking carriage after weeks.

Cane shook her shoulder lightly to wake her up, because the dinner was held in the honor of both of them, thus it was a courtesy for Iris to attend, but seeing how his mate was in deep sleep, Cane still didn't put more effort to wake her up.

He shook her shoulder lightly for the second time before he caressed her, soft, curly hair and then left.

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"What have you done to me?" Aria's voice was very grated when she spoke for the first time, she sounded like someone, who just ate sand. Her throat was burning and her eyes focused on Dexter's bleeding palm.

She repulsed by herself for craving his blood. It took everything in her to stop herself from drinking on his blood to sate her thirst.

Aria didn't know how long she had been like this or how many days or weeks had passed, since she was with this sorcerer, but the last memory of the gallows started fading away from her mind, as if it was something that had happened years ago, yet at the same time, the emotions of that day was still so fresh, she could feel the pain of suffocation when she couldn't breathe, as the rope tightened around her neck.

She still could feel the disappointment and misery that she felt that day when she couldn't see him for the last time. He didn't even grant her wish to see him in her last moment, but she still longed for him.

"Don't hurt yourself and come here," Dexter said softly, he treated her with kindness, if one could say, but there were a lot of things in Aria's mind and heart to see that.

The sorcerer's blood dripped on the white sheet, because Aria refused to get it. She looked at him with disdain in her eyes, but her eyes would flicker back to the blood. She was on the verge of giving up and took the offer, but then, she was always a stubborn woman to begin with.

On the other corner of this hut, Letto curled himself, as he watched the whole exchange, he tried to not attract attention to him, as he observed silently.

"Explain to me!" Aria roared, she hurt her throat, but she couldn't care less. Her whole body was shaking, she fought the urge to give up. "Why I am still alive?!"

"I will explain to you later when you have gotten better." That was the only reply that Dexter gave for her question.

"I want the explanation now!" Aria barked, but Dexter simply put his palm close to her lips, so she could taste his blood and that was all it needed for her to give in and started sucking out his blood hungrily.

The look of it was so painful and horrendous, Letto grimaced and winched when he heard the sound of blood- sucking noise from Aria, but all Dexter did was simply caressed her back and cooed softly at her.

"Slowly," he said.

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There was nothing eventful that happened during dinner because Cane didn't talk much. He was sitting there alone and the only leader without a mate by his side, while the other had their mate or mistress to accompany them.

"She is sick."

That was the only reply that Cane gave to them whenever they asked for Iris. Seeing this, the king ordered the daughter of his chief royal guard to be with the alpha.

Yet, Cane was so cold and callous, which scared the poor girl. She tried to make an advance and please him like the way the king and her father wanted, but one deadly look from him was enough to scare her out of her mind.

Cane looked like he was in a bad mood and he didn't stay longer than necessary. The king invited him to talk about the recent issue in the morning court and after that, he left. His excuse held the water because he had been in arduous journey for weeks, thus he needed to rest.

The king didn't hold him back, but he stared at his retreating back for a little bit longer before he talked something to his advisor in low voice.

On the other hand, Cane went straight to the bedroom. His head felt so heavy and if it was not necessary, he would have skipped dinner altogether.

He had made sure that Ethan was well behave in his bedroom, though he made a fuss that he disliked the fact that he was being locked and that made him anxious and fidgety, Cane managed to talk him down about it and the gamma reluctantly listened to him.

Once he was inside the bedroom, Cane peeled off his cloak and changed his clothes, he glanced at Iris, who was still sleeping soundlessly and then joined her on the bed.

He didn't know what Iris was talking about when she mentioned the dark wisp, but right now, he only wanted to close his eyes and stopped thinking of anything, while holding her close to him.

## **The Alpha: Claiming His Enemy's Daughter Novel Online Free,Chapter 217: MORNING DISTURBANCE**

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Iris woke up the next morning and found herself was alone, she looked the spot beside her and knew Cane was sleeping there at night because that side was slightly unkempt, but it seemed, he left very early in the morning.

Iris couldn't recall his presence, because she slept throughout the night and didn't wake up at all, she was very tired after their long journey and seemingly passed out after her head hit the pillow and felt the comfort of the bed after weeks sleeping inside the shaking carriage.

She rubbed her sleepy eyes and yawned, she felt like she could sleep again until noon, but then Hanna entered the bedroom with a tray full of breakfast, her face looked ecstatic to see Iris, as she giggled when she saw her hair, it almost looked like a lion's mane, as it framed her tiny face.

"Your hair looks cute," Hanna commented, as she put down the tray and sat down on the edge of the bed. She stretched out her hand and pulled her curls.

With this type of hair, she needed to pay extra attention, since brushing it too excessively only would make the curls even messier.

"Come, wash your face and eat your breakfast, we need to see the seamstress for your dress for the ceremony later," Hanna tugged on Iris's hand, trying to make her get off the bed. "You need to try on dress for tonight too, tonight is a new year! You don't forget about it, right?"

Because Hanna was the personal maid for Iris, thus all the rundown was given to her by the head servant from the palace.

The ceremony would be held two weeks from now and because tonight was a momentum event of the year, needless to say, there would be a big party to celebrate it, where the palace would open their gates to greet the commoner. This occasion only happened once a year.

"I don't forget," Iris replied sleepily, as she got off the bed and went to the bathroom. She didn't forget about new year, but because before this there was nothing interesting happened during the celebration of the new year, she didn't really look forward into it, she felt like it was only another day had passed. There was nothing special about it and Hanna knew.

"Tonight must be different miss, we can meet a lot of people from the capital and from what I heard, they will open the gates." It was easy for Hanna to blend with other people and meeting new friend always excited her, thus even

though this was the first time she was in the palace, she didn't feel awkward at all.

But, it was so different with Iris, hearing there would be a lot of people and even the commoner inside the palace, only made her even more nervous.

"Don't worry, I will be with you," Hanna reassured her, as if she could sniff her anxiety had increased.

Iris didn't say anything and let Hanna to take care of her hair, while she was having her breakfast, she also chose the best dress for her to go out, because right now she was the luna of the Blue Moon pack and also the mate of the alpha from the Howling Wolf pack. She needed to be presentable in front of all the people.

Iris was wearing white dress with glittered of gold on its hem and its high collar neck, coupled with fur cloak with the same color, while her hair cascaded down behind her back with half of it was tied up into a bun above her head.

Hanna was delighted that she didn't forget to bring this dress and manage to stuff it inside their luggage.

In this color, Iris looked regal and innocent at the same time, people who didn't know her would think she was a princess from a great kingdom. There was something about her that gave off the feeling of serenity, as if there was nothing could bother her.

With Hanna, she walked on the corridor to go to the east palace, where they would see the seamstress to try a few dresses.

But, when they were about to enter the carriage that would take them to the east palace, someone approached them.

It was Hanna, who heard his greeting, while Iris noticed it because she stopped talking and turned her head to bow respectfully to the person that came to them.

It was Lou, he was wearing his favorite red cloak with different design this time, which made him looked carefree and as if the cold wind didn't bother him at all.

"Long time no see red hair," Lou greeted Iris, which made Hanna frowned, this man shouldn't have greeted her missy that way. She was the luna of two packs.

However, she didn't dare to correct him, because Iris didn't say anything about it as well.

Since she witnessed the strange dark wisp from Cane's palm, she completely forgot about Lou's existence.

"It's great to see you, you look so gorgeous in that dress," Lou complimented her.

"Thank you," Iris replied politely, as she smiled softly at him.

"I guess, you will be going to the east palace, am I right?" Lou guessed it correctly, which made Hanna slightly uncomfortable, she had this instant disliked toward this carefree man. "Let's go, I will go with you too, because I need to discuss some business with princess Osana. You don't mind if I go with you, right?"

Despite the question, Lou had opened the carriage door for Iris and offered his hand to help her to get into the carriage, like a gentleman.

The east palace was the same palace, where princess Osana lived, thus Lou's excuse made sense.

"Sir, I don't think it is appropriate for you to ride the same carriage with miss Iris," Hanna tried to interfere.

However, hearing that, Lou only laughed. "This is a capital city, here is not that strict about the relationship between man and woman."

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### **IMPORTANT THING**

Iris was reluctant to be on the same carriage with Lou, because he made her felt uncomfortable, especially because of their last encounter and how demanding he could be.

However, for someone like Iris, it was so hard to refuse him, because he was not aggressive and overall nice to her, as he smiled gently, while holding the door for the carriage open, waiting for her to get inside first.

"Don't tell me that you are afraid to share a carriage with me?" Lou asked Iris when he saw how reluctant she was, while her little maid huffed behind her, extremely disliked him, yet he couldn't care less about Hanna. "Don't worry, I will not bite," he said casually, winked at her neck, where the shifter usually marked their mate.

Hanna took a deep breath when she saw that gesture, she wanted to reprimand him, but her position didn't allow her to do so. If this red cloak man was roaming around the palace so casually, it meant he was someone important and she couldn't afford to offend someone like him.

Hanna tugged Iris's sleeve to get her attention. "Miss, lets take another carriage," she said softly.

"Why?" Lou's expression was crestfallen when he heard that, he looked hurt, but of course, Iris could see through his pretense. There was mirth in his eyes. "You really don't want to be on the same carriage like me? I feel so hurt..."

Seeing this situation, Iris felt awry. She didn't want to be difficult and make a scene here, after all, it was just a few minutes ride together and Hanna would be with her, there was nothing that would happen.

Moreover, she didn't know for sure why Lou was here and she didn't want to create more trouble for Cane by offending him, since this merchant seemingly had a close relationship with princess Osana.

"It's okay, it's only a few minutes rides." Iris tapped Hanna's hand that was holding her sleeve, which made her didn't have any other choice but to let her missy.

In an instant, a smile, as sweet as a blooming flower, appeared on Lou's lips. He was a handsome man, almost looked more beautiful than average pretty woman and was very flamboyant. He was the opposite character of Cane. He emanated warm and carefree aura.

"I promise I will behave," Lou said in teasing tone, but Iris didn't read that, while Hanna glared at him stealthily.

Lou offered his hand to help Iris to get into the carriage, but she simply climbed inside without his help, which made Hanna felt a little bit better. At the very least, this man wouldn't take advantage of her missy easily.

Meanwhile, seeing how his offer was being ignored, Lou shrugged his shoulder nonchalantly and then entered the carriage as well.

However, when Hanna was about to climb inside, Lou closed the door and grinned at her. "You are a maid, you should take a seat in front with the coachman."

"She will sit with me," Iris retorted, she looked at Lou sternly, but the merchant feigned ignorance.

"There is something important I want to discuss with you," Lou said, as he lowered his voice and his expression turned serious. "I don't think someone like your little maid should hear this."

Iris furrowed her brows, she tried to guess what kind of important thing that he wanted to discuss with her, but she didn't have any idea.

And in the end, her curiosity got the better of her, as she told Hanna to seat in the front seat, which she obliged reluctantly, only then the carriage finally moved toward the East palace.

"What important thing that you want to talk about?" Iris felt uncomfortable because Lou was staring at her intently.

"I think Lil thing will be happy to see you," Lou said, he leaned his back against the backseat, as they sat down across from each other, the scenery out there was so beautiful, yet Iris didn't have time to indulge herself in it when her focus was on the merchant in front of her.

"What do you want to talk about?" Iris didn't want him to change the topic. Hanna said the East palace was not too far, only ten minutes ride, thus if this was really an important thing, ten minutes was a very short time.

"Do you know where I got Lil thing? The animal is a rare creature," Lou said again with a sigh. "I spent a fortune to get it, but then I realized I need more fortune to raise it, since that creature eats magic stone," he lamented.

"What do you want to talk about?" Iris almost lost her temper, which was a rare thing that could happen.

On the other hand, seeing her angry little face only amused Lou, as his smile became so bright. "Red hair, tell me, what are you? How can you find those magic stone? Tell me your secret."

Lou leaned over abruptly, which forced Iris to lean back, so their face wouldn't be so close. She could smell his scent in this proximity and the irises of his eyes.

"Stay away from me or I will scream!" Iris hissed, she pushed him away, which Lou obliged and leaned back on his seat again.

"You don't need to scream, I told you that I will behave, right?" He flashed her a harmless smile.

"What is important thing that you want to say?" Iris clutched her cloak subconsciously, though Lou didn't attempt to get close to her again.

"That's important thing that we need to discuss," he replied innocently. "How can you find so many magic stone inside the cave? I need to fight Lil thing for the magic stone because that creature kept snacking on it."

"Not telling you," Iris replied curtly, she was annoyed.

However, Lou had not yet done with her. "Why not? Red hair, if you tell me, I will give Lil thing to you!"

But, in the distance Lou heard someone screamed. "MONSTER!"

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### **UGLY MONSTER**

"Why not? Red hair, if you tell me, I will give Lil Thing to you!" Lou raised his brows, his eyes gleamed with excitement when he gave that generous offer, even though the generous offer benefited him more than Iris, since Lil Thing costed a fortune to feed it. As a merchant, of course, this was a bad investment.

However, before their conversation could progress, in the distance someone screamed in fear. "MONSTER!"

At the same time the carriage stopped and this alerted Iris. "Are we there yet?" She looked out the window, but the nearest building was still a little bit faraway.

Meanwhile, Lou creased his brows deeply. They were inside the protection of the palace wall, how could a monster could breakthrough the defense and enter the palace territory?

"Miss! Don't come out!" Hanna opened the carriage door hastily, as she talked to Iris in hurry, her expression looked panic. "Don't come out!"

"What is happening?" Iris poked her head to see outside and gasped in fear to see two trolls and dozen of Brinetallons fought against the royal guards in their beast form.

Her last encounter with Brinetallon was when she stayed with Cane in his lycan form and the monster breakthrough the defense of the Blue Moon pack, since then she learned a little bit about that monster and knew how deathly their venom was, especially when she had experienced to take care the victim of their venom.

One Brinetallon was enough to overwhelm four beasts, let alone a dozen of them.

"Stay inside the carriage, miss! We don't know how many of them! More royal warriors will be here!"

For now, they were protected by the royal guards, but it didn't take so long to see how those guards couldn't hold them back any longer, victims from the beast side started to fall one by one rapidly.

Meanwhile, Lou jumped out of the carriage and watched the fighting scene before his eyes. His eyes turned cold to see this, but he was exceptionally calm, there was no fear at all.

"This is not good," he stated the obvious and then approached the front seat to talk with the coachman. "Can't you take us somewhere else?"

The coachman was dumbstruck, he was petrified, until he couldn't think straight, only after Lou's question, he nodded his head profusely.

From the look of it, the guards wouldn't be able to hold back the Brinetallon for a long time and they didn't know when the royal warrior would arrive, thus it was not wise to stay here and wait for those monsters to kill all of the guard and attack them next.

"Get back to your seat, little maid," Lou said to Hanna, as he climbed onto the carriage again and it took off toward different direction. "Don't worry, I will not let you die, until I got the answer from you. So, can you tell me now?" The merchant looked relax despite the situation and this made Iris bewildered.

The coachman took them back toward the king palace, retracing the way, where they came from.

"Red hair, I am waiting for your answer here," Lou reminded her, he was not affected by the dreadful situation, neither he looked wondered about how the monsters could be inside the palace walls. "Don't let me wait for long, okay? I will not be nice when I am running out of patient."

Iris didn't answer him, but her blue eyes shone with irritation, answering his question was the last thing that she wanted to do, but he kept pestering her.

Yet, all of sudden, Lou leaned forward and hugged her, he wrapped his arms around her body so tightly and at the same time, she felt there was something bursting, her surroundings was blasted, but Lou pressed her face against his chest and the next thing that she knew, she was in his arms, as they were already out of the carriage, while in front of them there was a monster, around five meters tall with small red eyes.

"Damn it!" Lou cursed under his breath. "Red hair, you owe me your life!" he smirked, he surely would ask for repayment from her, since he was a man that was full of calculation.

However, Iris didn't hear that, she couldn't care less about what he said because right now, she was frantically looking for Hanna. She shouted her name and wriggled her body from Lou's embrace, yet the merchant didn't let her go.

Meanwhile, the carriage that they rode earlier had been crushed under the monster's feet, while the horse had runaway, but there was no sight of Hanna or the coachman.

Iris's heart beat so fast, as her mind was thinking of the most horrible thing that could happen to her.

"Hanna!" Iris called her name desperately. "Let me go!" She tried to push Lou away from her, but he didn't budge.

"Stop it will you?! There! Your little maid is there!" He pointed his finger at his left side, where Iris could see Hanna was already in his beast form, fighting against seven goblins! Along with another beast, which she assumed it was the coachman.

How could these creatures be here?! It didn't make any sense at all!

"Now, if you have calmed down, can you help me how to deal with that monster?" Lou nodded at the huge monster before his eyes.

Iris followed his line of sight and realized their predicament. That monster had small red eyes that didn't match with his monstrous body. His fist even could fit two grown up beast.

Iris startled, as she clutched onto Lou subconsciously.

"Now, you scared." Lou clicked his tongue, but he didn't let her go, instead, when the monster charged forward, he lifted Iris's body and carried her, while he runaway toward the woods.

Thankfully, because of the size, the monster couldn't run fast enough.

"Do you have any idea where your mate is?" Lou asked. "I don't mind protecting you, but he should deal with that ugly monster!"

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TAKING THE BRUNT

"Do you have any idea where your mate is?" Lou asked. "I don't mind protecting you, but he should deal with that ugly monster!"

This time, Iris read what Lou was saying, but she didn't have any idea where Cane was, yet even if she knew, she wouldn't bring this terrifying monster to him so her mate could deal with him!

"I don't know! I think we need to find the royal warrior! They must be on the way!" Iris said in panic, because they moved further away from the palace and went deeper into the woods. She didn't think they would find any royal warriors here.

The huge monster that chased after them simply crushed and toppled down all the trees that blocked his way, as it had enormous strength.

"Lou!" Iris tapped his shoulder to get his attention, as he carried her in his arms. The merchant didn't answer her at all.

Lou glanced at Iris and then grimaced. "Actually... I am lost. I don't know a way out of here," he said honestly.

They went deeper into this wood and unexpectedly, this place was wider than he imagined.

"We can retrace our way!" The monster left many destructions in its wake when it followed them, thus it would be easy to turn around and go back to where they had left Hanna. Iris was also very worried about her.

"You are right!" Lou grinned foolishly and then stopped running and turned around to face the monster.

On the other hand, Iris furrowed her brows deeply because Lou acted so weird, there was no way he didn't think about it, right?

However, instead of running back as the plan, Lou put Iris down and looked at her with apologetic look.

"But, the problem is... I don't have stamina to run back while carrying you," he said timidly, which made Iris's face turned red, seeing that, Lou immediately waved his hands dismissively. "I don't say that you are heavy! No! And I am also not weak!"

Iris pursed her lips and gave him a look. "I didn't say anything!"

"I can see it in your face, your expression is easy to read." He pointed her red face and then added. "I have a long journey also, you know, so my stamina has not returned yet and I am also not a shifter, who has enormous strength!"

It sounded like an excuse for Iris. "I can run, you don't need to carry me." This was the first time someone told her that she was heavy, though implicitly. She was still a woman after all and this made her self-conscious.

"I doubt you can outrun the monster," Lou said bluntly, which only annoyed Iris even further, although she did think the same.

But, a second later, Lou reached out to her and hug her again, as he threw his body to the side to prevent them from being crushed under the monster's feet.

Iris could feel the hard and cold ground beneath her and the rock that grazed her skin, but Lou took the brunt of their fall, as he hugged her tightly.

"Damn it!" he cursed under his breath when he saw there was a troll joined the other monster, he clicked his tongue in annoyance and immediately stood up. "Are you okay?" he steadied Iris.

"Yes, thank you," Iris muttered, she was shocked to notice the other monster here.

Lou's smile was blooming to see her scared expression. "Don't mention it, but you can give me your heart to repay me," he said cheekily, which made Iris looked at him angrily.

How he could make a joke like that in this dreadful situation?

But, actually, Lou preferred this red hair to be angry rather than scared.

"Hey, I saved your life twice, didn't I?" Lou still insisted with his joke, grinning from ear to ear, but Iris's eyes widened when the troll charged toward them.

"Watch out!" Iris pulled Lou aside, but the merchant didn't budge, as he shield her behind his back and faced the troll.

This time, all joke had vanished from his expression, as his face turned serious. He looked like someone else entirely in a split second.

"Lou!" Iris screamed when she watched how the troll raised its arm and swung it toward them with so much force. If they were hit, the impact would be unimaginable! However, Iris couldn't make Lou move! He didn't even try to dodge it. "Lou! Move!" Her voice laced with panic, as she closed her eyes, waiting for the pain.

However, with his free hand that was not holding Iris's, Lou stopped the movement from the troll. There was white light came from his left hand and created a barrier around the troll, trapped him inside this invisible cage.

Gradually, Iris opened her eyes because the pain didn't come and watch this whole scene. She immediately realized what was happening.

"You are a sorcerer..." she said in disbelief. She thought he was only a merchant from Rosantine guild, a human, since people from Karam continent used to do trade and aside from the Andel continent, it was rare to find any magic user.

Lou glanced through his shoulder and winked at her. "This will be our little secret, okay?"

Iris too surprised to learn about this, but they didn't have any leisure for a chat when the five meters tall monster charged toward them right at this time.

Seeing that, Lou let go of Iris's hand and did the same with the second monster that was trying to attack them, but this one had a monstrous strength, in which Lou's magic was not sufficient to stop its movement.

Easily, the monster broke free from Lou's barrier.

"Shit!" Lou cursed again, he tried for the second time, but his magic was not enough, just like he said, he was not in his good shape.

Therefore, he turned around and shielded Iris with his body to get the brunt of it, since it was too late for them to dodge it.

"No! Stop!" Iris cried, she looked at the monster right in its red eyes.

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