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Chapter 651

651 THE WITHERED FLOWERS Cane knew that Iris was a sleepyhead, she could literally sleep anywhere whenever she felt like it, even on the moving horse. She still managed to sleep soundly. Her pregnancy seemingly increased that ability. From what Aliana told him, Iris happened fall asleep during her dinner and she needed to wake her up to continue eating. Right now, she fell asleep, while listening to Lou's report, as if he was giving her a bedtime story. "I can't with the two of you!" Lou grumbled. He had exhausted his energy when he blew up the magical device and created a portal to come here, that was why, he barely had enough strength to lift his fingers, let alone walked out of the bedroom and avoided these shameless couple. Yet, his eyes softened when he saw Iris's side profile. She indeed slept well.

"Continue," Cane said, he covered pushed Iris's face lightly against his chest, leaving Lou with the sight of her au burn hair only, which made the merchant gave the alpha a nasty look. Cane knew what he was doing and even though they were in civil term, it didn't mean he would allow him to stare at his mate. His blood boiled with the thought any man had some idea about his mate. He could also feel the anger from the lycan and the urge to tear Lou apart, or gauged his eyes. The lycan would really go cold blooded and ruthless when it came to Iris. "What else should I continue? I have told you everything and done what you said," Lou said, extremely annoyed because he felt like he was bellow this alpha. "I don't think even with what you promised me about the expand of my business, it will be worth it. Damn it. I shouldn't have gotten involved in this messy situation in the first place!" He only wanted to gain profit and expanded

his business to the other continent, but he got himself tangled in this power struggle. The worst thing of it was; he had to listen to this man's instruction only to survive from being bitten by the royal. The only comfort Lou had was the fact he could be close with Iris. He would find a way to get this woman for sure, only then everything he had done would be worth it. "You can leave, while you can." Knowing there was nothing he could gain more from Lou, Cane decided to leave with his sleeping mate. He had told her that she needed to rest, but she became stubborn and came all the way here anyway. Lou rolled his eyes, he wanted to grab Cane and make him stayed for a little bit longer, but he didn't have enough strength to do so. At the very least, he wanted to be

close with Iris, but unfortunately for him, Cane saw his intention from miles away. Sabian was right when he said Lou shouldn't get involved with Cane, thinking he could outsmart the alpha.

"Where should I leave when the royal wanted my head? Geez, that stupid Alan would love to play with my head." Lou knew what Alan had done in his secret chamber to those poor people, who became the victims of his twisted mind. Remembered what he had said and done to that man, Lou knew better not to let him get a grip of him, which left him with only one option, which was; followed this cunning alpha. "You would love to play with him too," Cane replied simply and he heard Lou cursed in low voice. "I will meet you in garrison tomorrow." "Can't you see I am injured? At least give me a week or a month to recuperate after doing such a wonderful job. Don't you know it hurt my heart to blow up my own creation?" "Don't be late." Despite Lou's wails, Cane didn't seem to care and that was the only thing he said before he left the room with Iris in his

arms. His mate was sleeping peacefully, even after Lou's shrill scream out of frustration with him. She nuzzled his chest and clutched the front of Cane's clothes, didn't care to her surroundings. Meanwhile, the six warriors behind them found this sight very endearing. Their alpha finally found his happiness again and now the luna was pregnant with their firstborn. It was as bad as it sounded, but Otis, Reed, Asher and Kian became a little bit more accepting of Iris's existence and the fact she was their luna, not only because she was their alpha's chosen mate. She was carrying the next heir after all, the lineage of the northern family would continue. Cane slowed down his steps when he saw Zale was sitting next to the sleeping white bear, while holding a bucket of flower in his hands. "Where have you been?" Zale asked when he saw Cane and the other. He immediately stood up and his eyes fell on Iris. "Is she

sleeping?" He subconsciously lowered his voice. "Watch the way you addressed the alpha and the luna, boy!" Reed reprimanded him, but Zale didn't seem to care. He still not yet learned. "I come to give this flower to luna." Zale showed his flower. He used to get Iris flowers every day, but because of this strange black rain it was very hard to find fresh flower for her now. "Give it to Aliana, she will put it in the room," Cane replied. "But, I want to give it directly to luna Iris." Cane continued walking. "Then you can wait until she woke up." He then entered the room, while Dyne closed the door and frowned at Zale. "You really need to learn a proper etiquette, how can you talk very brazenly with the alpha?" Dyne didn't like how brash this young wolf was. Yet, Zale simply sat down next to Lil Thing and wait until Iris woke up. He loved to see

her smiling whenever he gave her fresh flower and thanked him. It was around dinner when Iris was woken up by Aliana, she shook her body lightly, because she needed to eat something. She didn't have her evening snack, since she slept throughout the afternoon until evening, but then it was hard to tell whether it was day or night with this kind of weather. Thankfully, they got the night right when Cane shifted into his lycan form. The lycan was very docile and kept nuzzling Iris's stomach and was in his good behavior, as they innocently slept throughout the night. "Where is Cane?" Iris asked sleepily. She yawned and rubbed her eyes. "The alpha has left to garrison." Aliana fixed her curly hair, which a little bit unkempt and then gave her a glass of water. "Here, drink first. Your meal will be here." "I am sleepy," Iris complained, she wanted to skip meal and fall asleep again. "You are always sleepy. You can't fall asleep

again. Wake up and eat your dinner first." Aliana chuckled to see Iris pursed her lips. Iris favorite things to do was sleeping and asking whether Cane was around or not, she didn't even read any book recently. "Okay..." Iris tried to stay awake when she ate her meal, while Aliana entertained her with what the orphan children were doing and how happy Celia was when she got a new friend. Joel was not around because he went to the garrison, while Zale liked to be left alone and Haco's condition was getting worst now, which made Celia was very sad, thus having new friend helped her. "Zale has been waiting for you outside, he brought you flower like usual." "Outside? Since when?" "Since noon." "And he is still waiting out there? Why don't you take the flower?" He said, he wanted to give it directly to

you. "With that, Iris called Zale to come inside the room. The young boy had his head hang low, he looked defeated and Iris thought he was upset with her because he had to wait for a long time. "I am sorry, you have to wait for hours," Iris felt bad for him, especially when she saw the sadness in his face. Zale shook his head. "No, luna, I don't mind to wait for you for hours or days. But..." He moved uncomfortably. "The flowers are not beautiful anymore, luna," Zale said in small voice. "I should have watered them, so they will last for long." He hid the flower behind his back, he was disappointed because the flower was no longer as pretty when he finally could give them to Iris. "Let me see it," Iris said gently, she was sitting on her bed, while Zale was standing not too far from her. "The flowers are ugly now." "I thought you want to give the flower to me, it means, that flowers belong to me,

right?" Iris smiled when she watched how Zale looked awry. Slowly, Zale showed the flower to Iris and they indeed had withered. Newly fresh picked flower should be able to stay for another day, but this one withered very fast

after Zale picked them."It's okay, they still looked beautiful. I candry them and make a bookmark from it." Iris tried to lift up Zale's spirit and the young boy looked elated to hear that.However, a second later, Zephyr barged into the room and immediately announced the thing they had feared the most."The battle just started! The royal wariormade a move, we have to get ready in case we have to leave!" Zephyr exclaimed in dark voice.

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652 IT'S ALREADY STARTED!It has been days every since Redmond arrived in the Moon Dew pack and he almost lost his life when he met alpha Gallot and handed him Cane's letter, which demanded his responsibility for the fraud that one of his mistresses had done against the Howling Wolf pack for announcing the baby in her stomach was Cane's.Cane wanted a heavy settlement or else, he would march his people to Moon Dew pack and a battle couldn't be avoided. After all, what happened was an insult."Sixty percent shares of the Black Market?!Is he crazy?!" Alpha Gallot ripped apart the letter and commanded his warrior to drag Redmond out and cut his head, he was going to send Redmond's head to Cane!"No! Wait! Wait!" Redmond growled at thewarriors, who were about to catch him."I am just a messenger! Why did you punish me?!"Do you think the alpha cared about that?"

One of the warriors mocked at Redmond, as he grabbed his collar, proceeded to drag him out of the pack house and behead him in the yard."Wait!Don't you want to know the father ofthat baby?!" Redmond was still trying to buy himself time, so he could talk more with alpha Gallot."She is a slut! Why should I care who is thefather of the baby?!" Alpha Gallot was very clear with Sofia when he instructed her to get pregnant with Cane's baby, but she actually went behind his back and got pregnant with someone else?! The audacity! That woman must be very stupid if she thought, she could pass a random baby as the the descendant of the royal blood! "It will be better if she died the moment she gave birth to that trash baby."Redmond's jaw clenched tightly when he heard that. It took him some time to get a control of himself again."I know! What a slut!" Redmond exclaimed."But, do you really want to kill me when youhave the opportunity to turn the table

against Cane?! Have you forgotten, what pack I am from?!"The way Redmond casually addressed Cane without his title intrigued alpha Gallot. He raised his hands to stop his warriors from surrounding Redmond. More so, alpha Gallot just realized that Redmond was indeed from Blue Moon pack, he met him a few times before in the past when he visited that pack, though he didn't pay attention to him, but his red hair stood out. "Explain yourself?" "Alpha Gallot, if you dislike Cane, how do you think I feel about him?" Redmond's eyes flickered. He then continued. "He turned some of my pack member to be slave and has the audacity to demand my loyalty and use my fellow warriors as the guard for his pack!" Redmond was seething. "Do you really think I want to see him subduing another pack?" Alpha Gallot let out a derisive laugh. "You think too high about him! Do you really

believe he will be able to win the battle against my pack?!" He asked in mocking tone and the rest of the warriors followed his cue to laugh at Redmond's face for his declaration. Yet, Redmond didn't immediately give a reply, as he waited for the thunderous laugh to subside a little and dropped the fact they had completely forgotten. "We are talking about the alpha, who killed all the southern alphas and made himself as the only alpha in that region. At the very least, he took control over thousands of warriors in the south. Do you really think you can handle it?" All the laughter died out almost immediately, as you could hear the pin drop silence in the main hall. The black rain poured down this pack as well, which made their mood become even gloomier than before they tasted a little bit of joy to mock this warrior. "Are you trying to tell me, you are going to betray your alpha?!" alpha Gallot growled at Redmond, he found this as a humiliation,

but he couldn't act rashly with this warrior, because he saw a potential. "He is not my alpha, I don't pledge my loyalty to him." Redmond was telling the truth. He had never pledged his loyalty to Cane. Alpha Gallot squinted his eyes. This was a news for him because he assumed all the member of the Blue Moon pack, especially their warriors had pledged to Cane. "Do you really think you can fool me by saying you are willing to betray Cane, since you are going to die now, when you have been following him like a dog all this time?" alpha Gallot scoffed. "You are not smart enough to fool me!" "I stay with him all this time to find an opportunity to send him back straight to his slavery days. Do you really think I am not holding a grudge against him?" Redmond took a step closer toward alpha Gallot, so the other alpha could see the hatred in his eyes. "A slave became an alpha? What a joke. He should stay as a slave alongside with his pack member. I

want to put them in their place. They are more fun when they were slave. Have you ever tasted any women from the Howling Wolf pack? They are better than most slut."Redmond grinned devilishly.Of course, alpha Gallot had tasted some of them when they visited the Blue Moon pack during the Howling Wolf pack's slavery days."What you said, still not convinced me."Alpha Gallot sat back on his chair and tilted his head, waiting for Redmond to come up with something to convince him."Even Gerald's daughter is scared to go against Cane."Redmond scorned. "She is an idiot, naïve and stupidly gullible. What do you expect from a sickly runt like her?" "Well, that's not what I heard." Alpha Gallotleaned his back against the backrest of the chair and pulled one of his women, who was standing by his side to sit on his lap."I heard she has a healing power or something like that. She healed one of the warrior's legs."

"Do you really believe such rumor?" "Rumor?" Alpha Gallot laughed and kissedhis woman on the lips, he bit her li p so hard, it was bleeding. "Let's say I have trusted people in so many places." "Let's say Cane have the same thing."Redmond smiled harmlessly at Alpha Gallot. "Do you really think you can outsm art him?" "How dare you saying something like that tothe alpha?!" One of the warriors snapped at Redmond, he looked like he was going to attack him, but alpha Gallot glared at him and Redmond continued to talk."I have been with him long enough to knowa lot of valuable things about his secret. Cane is smart, but he trusts people very easily. Haven't you heard about how he is very infatuated with Iris? Get her and you will get him." "Do you really think he trusted you? Don'toverestimate yourself." "I should have gone to Red Claw pack firstbefore I met you, to deliver an important letter to alpha Colter, it contains with their

battle strategy." Redmond crossed his arms in front of his chest."Do you really think he will entrust me with such an important task if he didn't trust me?" "Keep talking." Alpha Gallot was interestedand pushed away the woman from his lap, while she whimpered and immediately stood behind him again. Her bleeding lip had healed, but blood stained her beautiful dress.Redmond smiled wickedly."Before that, I want you to tell lady Cyan I will accept the offer. I know you can find a way to contact her."Alpha Gallot narrowed his eyes with the mentioned of lady Cyan, not many people knew what happened to her after the king died.That was the conversation between Redmond and alpha Gallot days before, on the first day Redmond arrived in this pack.However, ever since that, he had been locked up inside a room, while waiting for any news. Neither he could go out no r he

could meet with lady Cyan. "Shit!" Redmond cursed under his breath, while staring at his meal. He didn't have any appetite. "Damn it! At least, if you want to lock me up, give me a woman to accompany me!" "Why do you look very surprised?" Dexter asked. He nodded at the chair in front of him. "Dexter." Alpha Nolan looked shocked to see this sorcerer was here. "How can you be here?" "I am glad you are still keeping the medal I gave to you." It was not only Lou, who could create a portal, a powerful magic user could do it, even though their method was different. In alpha Nolan's case, as long as he held the medal that Dexter gave to him, the sorcerer could find him anywhere, anytime. Alpha Nolan didn't take it seriously at the beginning, but now he needed to be more cautious again, because this man could come silently when he was asleep and killed him without anyone knowing it. He needed to throw the medal. "There is an order from the king," Dexter said lightly, as he fished out a black dagger from his pocket, even the hilt was the color of black. "Use this on Cane." "Do you want me to kill him?" "No, of course not." Dexter shook his head. "I want you to stab his eyes with this." "Stab his eyes?" Dexter ignored the confusion in alpha Nolan's eyes. "It's already started." As if on cue, alpha Nolan heard a few warriors shouted the same thing. "They make a move!"

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There were total of four huge holes in the Great Walls, which made the fortress was useless, the holes were the magical devices built, but right now, it was ruined.

Decratic stood not too far from it, his expression was ashen, while Kellan stood next to him, he didn't say anything, but would occasionally glance at him.

Other people saw Decratic as Alan, their king, even though they were a little bit confused with how young he looked, yet there was no one dare enough to question this, neither they dared to ask how prince Kellan, who had been crippled for a decade suddenly was able to walk again.

Some rumor said, it was because of the help of the current head of royal sorcerer...

Other warriors knelt before their king, trembling in fear because they failed to prevent this thing to happen.

"Kellan," Decratic called him, in which Kellan immediately came closer to him.

"Yes, my king."

This was another weird sight for all the warriors there, because as long as they knew, prince Kellan and the current king was not in a good term.

"Lead the Golden Light pack warrior to Diandem pack. Send my word to Dageus...kill them all." Decratic tilted his head and gave a disdainful look on those warriors. These pests couldn't even work... "Leave all of you."

Kellan nodded solemnly. "Yes, my king." He then proceeded to lead fifteen thousand warriors from the Golden Light pack, marched toward Diandem pack.

Meanwhile, Decratic was left alone. He stared at the hole and touched the rubbles.

Magic.

He could sense the remnants of the magic. Every magic would leave traces...

If he discovered it a little bit late, it would

have disappeared, but this trace of magic was enough for Decratic to track it down.

A vicious smirk appeared on the corner of Decratic's lips, but a second later, his figure vanished into thin air.

There were a lot of commotion out there, informing them to be prepared for an attack, because the border warriors were making a move on them.

The first line warriors were engaged in a battle at this moment and it wouldn't take a long time before they went berserk into their garrison.

"Do you want me to stab his eyes? Not to kill him?" Alpha Nolan ignored the commotion out there, because right now, he had his own battle too.

He had never thought that this sorcerer would come to visit him all of sudden. They supposed not to meet until he brought Iris to territory border. The plan was very simple. Somehow, Alan wanted this woman. The luna of the Howling Wolf pack.

Alpha Nolan had heard the dispute between Alan and Cane, thus the plan to kidnap Iris did make sense, knowing how much the alpha favored this runt. He had warned Cane before not to show so much affection toward Iris, but that young alpha simply didn't want to listen and kept doing what he wanted.

Even though in the original plan, Iris was going to be kidnapped, but the accusation wouldn't go toward alpha Nolan, in that case, he could continue to stay within Cane and alpha Colter's party, while maintained the relationship with the royal.

Alpha Nolan's plan was to see which side had the bigger opportunity to win, only then he would decide, which party he was going to side with.

More so, if Iris was not around, he could shove one of his daughters to Cane. He loved Leane, being with someone that was connected to his first mate, would be something nostalgic.

However, Dexter came here and propose this new plan, in which, wouldn't allow

alpha Nolan to stand in two boats for long. Shit!

"Yes, I want you to stab his eyes. Both of his eyes." Dexter nudged the dagger closer toward alpha Nolan, because his opponent didn't take the gift, he gave to him.

"You don't want to kill him?" alpha Nolan could understand if Dexter ordered him to stab Cane and kill him, after all, he spent a lot of time alone with him and he had so many chances to do so, but to specifically stab his eyes...

Even if he managed to do so, what was the point?

"No. You will not be able to kill him anyway," Dexter said, this time he stood up and handed the dagger into his hand. "You will do it, right?"

"You are very specific, it will be difficult to accomplish." Alpha Nolan was trying to keep his position, as part of both parties, until he was certain, who would win this war. "You want Luna Iris, right? I think it will be easier for me to get her."

Dexter chuckled. He shook his head. "You don't need to worry about that. Someone else will get her, since you are very incompetent."

Alpha Nolan held his tongue back from lashing out, he needed to be level-headed in this game of power struggle.

"What do you mean?" Alpha Nolan glanced at the black dagger in his hand. It felt heavier than normal dagger.

"You are asking too much, don't you think?" Dexter raised his brows. He stared deep into Alpha Nolan's eyes. "Don't be silly, Nolan." Dexter patted his shoulder. "Just because you fooled Cane and Red Claw pack, it doesn't mean you can fool me and my master."

Dexter couldn't read people's mind like Decratic, but he could control them, yet in this matter, he didn't need to use his ability to know what kind of idea that fledged across Nolan's mind.

After all, everyone had their own greediness and it was eerily common in this realm. If someone could betray his companion for you, it didn't mean, they couldn't betray you. It was only a game of benefit in the end.

"Your son is very sweet." Dexter smiled harmlessly. "He is smiling at me when I gave him a candy. If he grew up, he will be a great alpha like you."

Alpha Nolan widened his eyes, anger fledged across his eyes. "Don't you dare to touch my son," he hissed through his gritted teeth, holding back his wrath to kill the sorcerer before him.

His son. His only son!

After all the daughters that those sluts gave to him, finally he got a son! How dare they threatened him by using his son?!

Alpha Nolan should use the same logic when he warned Cane about his affection toward Iris, where the woman could be his weakness. He should

have learned that by himself, because the entire people knew how much he obsessed to have a son and now he only had one!

"If..." Dexter emphasized this word. "...he grew up."

The game was over for Nolan.

And right at that time, Jax entered the tent. "Alpha, what is your order?" he asked in low voice, as he closed the curtain behind him, while so many people shouted in the background to get ready for a battle.

Nolan turned his head to see Dexter, but he had gone. He vanished in a blink of an eye, even Jax didn't have a chance to see him.

"Alpha?" Jax glanced out there, they needed to go out and relay the order, but it had not yet decided, which part they would help. "Your order?"

"Bring our people to the rear and press Cane's warriors from the south."

With his warriors in the south and the border warriors from the north, Cane's warriors would be stuck in the middle and fought against both sides. More so, by positioning his five thousand warriors in the south, they could use the gate of the pack as their fortress, if they couldn't hold

back Cane's warriors.

It was not a secret there were barely warriors in Diadem pack, which meant, it would be easy to seize the area as their base for a meantime, until the royal warriors finished them all.

Without his help, Cane's warriors wouldn't stand a chance against the royal warriors, especially when the warrior from the Golden Light pack joined the fray.

"Yes, alpha!" Jax's eyes lit up, but he turned around again before he walked out of the tent. "Can I have that bastard gamma?" his voice filled with malice. "Please, alpha. He owed me this." Jax showed the scar on his face.

Apparently, Eth an had clawed him very deep, it left a scar, though there was nothing horrendous, since his healing ability took care of the worse, but still, the thin scar was there.

"Do as you wish." Alpha Nolan didn't care much about it, but then he added. "Sent someone to secure Iris. I want that woman."

If Dexter really wanted that woman, he had to make sure he got her first, to ensure the safety of his son. He wouldn't hesitate to decapitate that woman if that dark sorcerer harmed his heir!

"Yes. Alpha!"

And with that, Jax left to mobilize their warriors.

Decratic watched a man, as pale as snow, laying down on the bed, sleeping soundly. His red cloak hugged his body loosely.

He remembered this man from Alan's memories. He supposed to be the merchant, who built the magical devices.

"So, you are a magic user..." Decratic talked to himself. He approached the sleeping man, killing intent filled the air.

However, before he could walk closer toward Lou, the merchant suddenly opened his eyes and glared at him.

"Alan?" Lou's voice was dark. "How can you be here?"

Decratic smiled harmlessly at the merchant. "Lou, isn't it?" He walked closer, but Lou didn't budge, still reeling with the fact he was here.

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654 IT'S A FAIR FIGHT

The withered flower dropped to the ground when Zephyr hurried them to leave the pack house, while in the distance, they could see fireworks, which indicating for them the situation became out of control. This was the sign for them to leave, to take the luna to a safe place.

"Winter Moon pack's warriors closed the gates and killed our warriors!" Kian informed them, he just shifted into his beast. It was very inconvenient for them to not be able to communicate through mind link.

They had trained to overcome that, but still, it was a hurdle whenever they were in their beast form to communicate with each other more clearly and accurately.

"Winter Moon pack..." Reed hissed viciously when he heard that. They had been informed about the potential of betrayal from the Winter Moon pack, but they wished it wouldn't come to that point.

Yet, the truth said otherwise.

"What is it? They betrayed us?" Iris frowned, as Aliana helped to put her cloak over her shoulders and rushed out of the room, while Zale followed closely behind her.

"Apparently so," Asher replied.

Meanwhile, Zephyr, Eron and Dyne shifted into their beast and went ahead to secure the path for Iris to leave Diandem pack house safely.

"What about the other?" Iris looked around her and she couldn't see Celia, Haco or any other children from the orphanage.

"Don't worry, luna, someone must have gotten them to the safety." Eron reassured Iris. "We will meet them on the way to Bloody Wolf pack."

Probably, Lil Thing could sense something was wrong and the tension in the air, it finally opened its eyes and moved its lazy bum to follow Iris and the other people toward the secret exit.

However, half way there, Lil Thing suddenly

followed them and went toward different direction.

"Wait! Lil Thing!" Iris caught the white bear's movement from the corner of her eyes and stopped walking, she was about to get Lil Thing back, but Aliana stopped her.

"No. We can't go back!" Aliana tightened her grips on Iris's wrist, just in case she was going to go after the bear.

"But, Lil Thing!" From afar, Iris could hear the commotion. Without a doubt, alpha Nolan had led his people to seal the gates of the pack and if they didn't move quickly, they would be trapped.

If alpha Nolan had decided to betray Cane, it meant, Iris would be the first target that he looked for, since she could be a valuable piece to torture and inflict pain on Cane, knowing how much the alpha favored her.

"I will go to find it!" Zale could see how much Iris was worried about Lil Thing, so he wanted to ease her anxiety and bring back that furball back to her. He could see the luna was rather fond of the white bear.

"No!" Iris said sharply, as she caught Zale's wrist before he could leave. "You will not go anywhere!" She said sternly.

Yes, Iris was worried with Lil Thing, but the lazy bear could fight better than Zale. The creature was ferocious enough to protect itself.

"Let's go, we don't have time!" Aliana hurried them all to move again.

Reluctantly, Iris had to leave Lil Thing behind. She felt very bad, but they couldn't afford to look for it. Meanwhile, she held onto Zale's hand tightly, just in case the young boy would run off to find Lil Thing.

The ten of them moved quickly toward the secret exit, but then Zephyr's beast growled viciously, followed by Eron and Dyne's in their beast form.

Someone was there with ill intention...

"How can you be here?" Lou frowned when he saw Alan was inside the bedroom, he was still exhausted, but his mind was sharp enough to determine there was something

wrong with this whole situation.

More so, there was something completely wrong with Alan. He supposed to be not here. Lou could feel the traces of magic around him.

Someone teleported him here? Or... he teleported himself? the frown between his brows deepened. The latter was not possible. Alan was not a magic user.

But then, why there was someone stupid enough to tel eport this imbecile here?

Should I kill him?

This would be a great chance to get away from the fi erce punishment. More so, he would contribute a lot, no, Cane owed him a big time he killed Alan. This imbecile had been a scourge for them all. Who was the idiot, who had put him on the throne?

"Lou, isn't it? The merchant..."Alan talkedin languid tone, as he moved closer toward Lou, didn't seem to care with the killing intention that fledted across the merchant's eyes.

He approached Lou's bed and sat down

next to him, as he stretched his hand to touch his head. At the same time, Lou was thinking of a way to kill Alan. It should be a clean one, because in his current state, he wouldn't get a second chance. No matter how a waste of breath this man was, he was still a shifter, Lou wouldn't stand a chance, once he shifted into his beast, while he didn't have the energy, neither magic stone, to cast a spell on him.

However, what happened next was something that he had never expected would happen to him. He felt this cold feeling crept on his skin when the tip of Alan's finger touched his head. As if winter had come only for him and a second later, memories that he had buried so deep into the back of his mind came to the surface.

The room he occupied blurred in his sight, but at the same time he saw another image. It was him when he was little, around the age of seven or eight, his body bruised and his head was bleeding, while boys around his age or older, mocked him, spat on him and said something horrendous.

This was the core of his childhood memory, something that he wanted to forget, something that he desperately wanted to get rid of his head, but a single touch of him brought back all the memories!

This was magic.

And this man was not Alan!

Lou realized it, but he couldn't do anything when this magic user with the face like Alan dug all of his worst nightmare.

Another image that appeared in front of him was when his mother was being prosecuted right before his eyes. They burned her alive, Lou could hear her scream in pain and how the fire licked her beautiful face, while she begged them to stop. She was wearing her favorite red dress when it happened and the fire burned it too in a second.

"No... no..." Lou whimpered, his whole body was trembling, he was sweating profusely.

"Hm... hatred, revenge, trauma, denial..." Decratic talked to himself, seemingly enjoyed what this merchant could offer to

him. He was not a simple merchant, he was a complicated one. "Interesting..."

Lou felt suffocated with all the memories that came to the surface without him being able to stop it, but then suddenly everything came to stop and the room came to his sight again, clearer than ever.

"Prince Alan?" Nala was shocked to see Alan was there. She retracted her claws and stood there dumbstruck.

Earlier, she came to let Lou knew they needed to leave because the Winter Moon pack barged the entrance gates, apparently they had betrayed alpha Cane, but when she came, she heard how Lou screamed in pain.

The first sight that Nala saw was this man's back, he was sitting on the edge of the bed, seemingly did something to Lou and it was the cause of his pain.

Therefore, without a second thought, she attacked him.

But now, she was dumbfounded to meet with Alan. What he was doing here? But,

more importantly, how he could be here? This didn't make any sense at all.

"Prince Alan?...How?" Nala was still reeling with the presence of Alan when he stood up and approached her.

However, before Alan could touch her, Lou had moved very fast and used the fruit knife on the side of the table to stab him on the neck. The sharp steel

pierced through his throat and blood spurted out from the wound. The color was black.

Nala screamed because some of the blood sprayed on her face and the sight of it was simply too terrifying for her to handle.

Yet, she didn't have time to have a mental breakdown because Lou had grabbed her hand and ushered her out of the room.

"You... you just killed the king..." Nalablabbered.

"He is not the king! He is not Alan!" Lou couldn't comprehend what happened, but his instinct told him to stay away from this man.

Before they left the room, Nala glanced to

see Alan for a second and the sight was terrifying. She thought, he would drop dead to the ground, but he actually pulled the dagger from his throat like it was nothing, he didn't even flinch.

"What... what's that? Who is that?"

"I don't know! Stop asking and startrunning!" Lou snapped and Nala shifted into her beast, so she could run faster. "Great! Now, I hope I can turn into bird!" The merchant grumbled.

People ran around to all direction and Lou needed to stop a few times to catch a breath and every time, Nala would stop as well. On the fourth time the merchant stopped, she shifted back into her human form and helped to support him, so they could continue to move.

"You can ask for my help, you know, whyare you being very stubborn?!" Nala reprimanded the merchant because instead of asking for her help, he clamped his mouth, holding dearly to his pride for not asking her to help him.

"Help?" Lou scoffed derisively. His wholebody was still trembling because of the nightmare of his past that he had to go through less than ten minutes ago. Whoever that creature was; Lou would kill him for sure to intrude his memory!

"Stop being an ass."

"I don't need help." He didn't need any help. He would end up hurting even more whenever he asked for help.

"You stupid ass merchant!" Nala growled. He was very heavy, but she couldn't leave him alone. This was annoying.

And with that, the two of them bickered, as they walked to the safety. For Nala, it helped her, because apparently, being upset filled her with energy and for Lou, arguing with her helped him to distract his mind from his past.

But when they were about to reach the meeting point, where they would meet with Sabian, two warriors from Winter Moon pack stopped them.

"Go and kick their ass," Lou said, pushed

Nala slightly to fight the two warriors, which made the woman seethed.

"Can't you be more shameless than this? You asked me to protect you? When you are the man here?!" Nala couldn't believe it. She had never met someone like Lou before. He was being a coward, but it didn't seem to bother him at all.

"Can't you see? I am not in the capacity to fight them. On top of that, I am not a shifter, you are the shifter. It's a fair fight to fight with your own kind. I am just a merchant." Lou nudged Nala's shoulder again. "Go."

"You don't feel embarrassed at all when you asked me to protect you when you are the man here?"

"No." Lou shook his head innocently.

Yet, their argumentation was not a fun sight for the other two warriors, as they had more important thing to do. They charged ahead with the intention to kill Nala and take Lou as a captive, as per their alpha's order.

However, when they came closer, Lou, who looked extremely exhausted, suddenly moved very quick and drew a small dagger that he happened to get when he fled from the room, but he missed the target.

"Shit!"

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Chapter 655

655 HAND OVER THE LUNA!

Sofia saw the commotion outside and knew it was the cue for her to leave. Someone had told her something like this would happen and she needed to prepare herself and the baby.

Rye. Redmond was adamant with that name before he left and Sofia actually loved the name too, but she fussed over it a little bit, didn't want to admit that.

And now the baby was staring at her with curiosity in his eyes, which took after Redmond. Maybe it was only her petty side, but she was a little bit annoyed because the baby took after Redmond so much, as if to declare and shred the last bit of hope for him to be another man's baby.

'I carried you for nine months, but you come out look exactly like your father.'

That was the best Sofia could complain about her baby, but everything else was perfect. He was a bundle of joy for her.

Unless he was hungry and needed to be

cleaned, he wouldn't be fussy.

Sofia knew Redmond went out for a mission from alpha Cane, a mission related to alpha Gallot and the fraud he did against alpha Cane about the baby, but not only that, the situation in this pack couldn't be said as safe. She didn't know the detail, but she knew the upcoming battle against the royal and it happened now.

Someone knocked on the door in the middle of her preparation.

"W- who is that?" Sofia immediately took Rye from his crib and held him tightly, her instinct sharpened, as she tried to sniff the air, just in case this was not someone from Cane's pack.

"This is me, Joel." Joe I knocked on the door again and Sofia recognized his voice and scent. She was too preoccupied earlier and didn't realize him sooner. "Open the door, we need to leave now."

Sofia immediately opened the door and saw the young warrior, he looked taller than the last time he came here to warn her about

what might happen.

Joel was not alone, he came with another young warrior from Riverside pack. They looked like the same age, but Joel was taller than him.

"Are you ready? Don't bring unnecessary things," Joel said. He disliked Sofia for what she had put Iris through, but then he was commanded to escort her to the safety, more so, he respected Redmond enough to not show any hatred and hostility toward this woman and the innocent baby.

Joel learned that it was Redmond himself, who had killed Lyle, his second in command during the battle in the Howling Wolf pack and how he stood up and fought against his own pack member, his own warriors, who turned against him.

"I need to bring that bag." Sofia pointed at a bag that laid on the floor, which she was just done preparing before Joel knocked on the door.

"Finn, take that bag and let's go." Joel shifted into his beast form and led the way,

while the other young warrior stayed in his human form.

"Do you want me to carry the baby, so you can move faster?" Finn asked Sofia politely.

"No, it's fine. I will carry him." Sofia thanked him for his nice gesture, but she would be more at ease if she held Rye close to her.

Finn nodded and they continued moving toward the safety.

Aside from the Luna's warriors, Cane had created smaller groups of warriors to escort some people if things escalated this far.

Two people would escort Sofia to the safety, because Cane had promised Redmond about his woman and his child's safety. Even though Joel and Finn were young, but the two of them were the best warriors in their age and often times, their enemy would lower their guards down, thinking about an inexperienced young shifter like him.

Meanwhile, Arthur, Mal and another three warriors would escort Haco, Celia, Zale and

the other four orphan children.

"Where is that young boy?" Arthur asked. He counted the children, but he missed one more.

"Zale went to see Luna Iris. He must be with them," Joyce replied. She saw him brought a bucket of flowers, something that he used to do.

"Okay, let's go," Arthur said. If Zale was with the Luna then he must be fine, because the Luna was protected by the best warriors.

One of the warriors helped Haco to stand up, but the old sorcerer couldn't even walk.

"He is very sick. You need to carry him," Celia informed the warrior sadly. She was very sad to see Haco like this. It almost felt like he died before her eyes, but the process was very slow and painful.

The warrior bent his body and carried Haco on his back. This old sorcerer was very skinny now, he weighed nothing.

"Come, I will carry the baby," Arthur stretched out his hand to ask the baby from Joyce's arms and the little girl handed him

over. "We need to move now."

Mal and the other two warriors shifted into their beasts and led the way, as the children followed them and Arthur and one more warrior brought the rear.

Meanwhile, there was the last small group that Cane had created to help Lou escaped if things went south, since the merchant was not in good shape. It would be a loss for Cane if Lou died, when he was still useful.

Clad and Leros looked for Lou, but they couldn't find him in his bedroom, but they found a strange pool of black blood on the floor.

"What is this?" Clad frowned, as he touched the blood. It smelled like one, but it didn't look like it. It was thicker than normal blood...

Miles away from the chaos in Diadem pack, a certain red hair was going to bore to death when he had been locked inside this nice bedroom for days. He felt like he was going to go insane, if he had to wake up to this boring gloomy sky, which made it so

hard for him to track down time, whether it was day or night.

Finally, on nth day, a warrior came to his boring room and informed him that someone would come to visit him.

Not long after, lady Cyan graced him with her presence. She looked beautiful as ever, though she was no longer young, but one could tell she carried herself extremely well, which made her existence demanded all the attention from the people inside the room.

"Lady Cyan," Redmond said, he knelt down.

"Raise. I heard you want to see me." LadyCyan stood in front of Redmond, her expression was devoid from any emotions.

"I want to know if your over months ago isstill valid?" Redmond stood up and looked at lady Cyan right in her eyes, where she could see his determination.

"You changed your mind?" lady Cyan asked,there was this small smile on the corner of her lips, as if she mocked him.

"Yes. I changed my mind."

"Do you think I will believe you easily?"Lady Cyan walked toward the window and opened the curtain, which showed the gloomy sky. They had not yet gotten any sense of light for weeks now.

"What make you believe my words?"Redmond turned his body and stared at lady Cyan's back. She was wearing white dress, as if she was someone pure and innocent.

"What can you do to make me believe yourwords?" Lady Cyan threw the same question.

"I will tell you a secret about Cane."Redmond didn't even address Cane by his title, something he used to do in the beginning, but he did it lately.

"Secret? What secret?" Lady Cyan turnedaround and showed some interest. She didn't travel this far to meet with Redmond if she couldn't get anything worth it.

Unfortunately, unlike her brother, she couldn't create a portal and appeared in a place miles away, yet she still had an ability

that Dexter didn't have.

"The lycan." Redmond squared his shoulders, knowing what he was going to tell Lady Cyan. "The lycan is Cane. He has been deceiving all of you. He is the lycan all along. The cursed creature, which had caused an uproar and killed prince Vemion."

Lady Cyan raised her brows. She didn't look surprised, because in fact, she didn't. She had already known about Cane was being the lycan. "Only that?"

Redmond narrowed his eyes. "You don't look surprised."

Lady Cyan shrugged her shoulders nonchalantly. "The lycan has been lowkey and that creature is not very interesting anymore. The Serafim is here, I am sure Cane will not be stupid enough to reveal it when the people from the Holy Kingdom is here. That matter can wait." Lady Cyan approached Redmond. "And then what else you can offer?" She tilted her head. "You were very cocky when you rejected my offer in the past, but now you want to take it? What has changed?"

"Revenge." Redmond stared right into Cyan's eyes. "I will tell you the plan that Cane has created with Red Claw pack. You can take them down with this information. This is very crucial."

Lady Cyan lifted her brows and smirked. "Let's hear what you are going to say."

Zephyr, Eron and Dyne growled, as they sensed the intruders, they picked their scent first because they were in their beast form, while the rest sensed this intruder later on.

"Stay behind me, Luna," Aliana said, she stood in front of Iris, while Reed, Kian and Asher circled her, they put Iris and Zale in the middle because Iris felt the need to keep this young boy close to her, her instinct told her to protect him, since he was only a child in her eyes.

Iris ignored his attempt to take the role of protector like the other grown up warrior. She didn't want something bad happened to him.

"What are you doing here, Argean?" Aliana asked. Argean was the gamma of the previous alpha of Diandem pack. "You should be out there, aiding our alpha."

"He is not our alpha." Grory emerged from behind the tree, he stood next to the gamma. "You are very naïve to think I will be glad to serve someone, who had killed my alpha as the new leader of the pack."

"Your alpha is very stupid to think so," Argean chimed in.

None of them looked surprised with this, since they watched closely the way Cane didn't trust them both, thus they followed their alpha and now it was proven right.

Iris narrowed her eyes when she heard that. She was unhappy with the way they talked about Cane, but only then they realized, it was not only the two of them, but there were more warriors, who rebelled against Cane.

At the very least, there were fifteen warriors, who shared the same thought like the beta and the gamma. They crept closer

toward Iris's little group, in their beast form.

"Do you really think you can use our secret escape route for yourself without us knowing it?" Argean asked in cocky tone. "This is our pack. We know better about this place than you do."

That was right, they were born and grew up in this place, they knew every nook and cranny of this pack.

"Great if you knew this place better, like you should. Now, move out," Aliana said in boring tone.

"We will let you leave if you handed the luna over!" Argean spoke loudly, while the beasts that surrounded them growled threateningly.

"You can move away now, or we will kill all of you!" Zale snapped back at Argean, which made the gamma's face turned ashen.

"Good job, kid." Reed rubbed Zale's head, but the young boy swatted his hand away, because he didn't like to be treated like a little child.

At the same time, Iris was very calm. She could see their wolf spirits and felt them. These spirits were so fragile.

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Chapter 656

656 A VICIOUS SMIRK

If they needed to leave this place, they needed to do it quickly, because the warrior from the Winter Moon pack had started to besiege the whole area, they closed the gates and used the pack member to threaten Cane and his people to back off.

Meanwhile, the remaining warriors inside the gates tried to fight them off with no avail, since they were being greatly outnumbered.

At the same time, small groups of warriors that Cane had assigned, started to move as well. Cane had expected this, but the scale of chaos was bigger than they predicted.

Inside the pack house of Diandem pack, there were two secret passageways that would be used by those groups, Cane had formed, to escort the people out.

The first group would be the seven warriors that protected the luna.

However, they stuck here because of these people blocked their way. Not all warriors

from Diandem pack betrayed Cane, but definitely the former beta and gamma along with the other fifteen warriors shared the same sentiment about fighting against their new sovereign.

Alpha Nolan would be behind all of this, because these people wouldn't be brazen enough, to go against Cane without any back up.

"Hand over the luna and I will let all of you go!" Argean said in loud voice. He took a step closer, but Zephyr, in his beast form, snarled at him. The beast was ready to tear him apart.

Meanwhile, Zale looked very vicious, he was full of a killing intent, even for his age.

"Do you really think you can leave unscathed from this kind of betrayal?" Aliana narrowed her eyes. "The alpha will definitely kill you once he gets a hold of your neck."

"Only if he is alive to do so," Grory scoffed. "Do you know your alpha is in dire situation? Currently, he and his people

stuck between the Winter Moon warrior and the Royal warrior. He can't bring his people to take shelter inside Diadem gates because alpha Nolan has conquered this pack. Do you really think he can survive?"

All of them were seething and Iris was fuming. Her hand that held Zale's tightened without her knowing it when she did what she needed to do.

It happened so fast and none of them realized what was going on when Grory let out a shrill scream in the end of his nasty speech, he dropped to his knees and clutched his chest tightly, as if his life was being sucked out of his body and he was having a hard time to breathe.

It was excruciatingly painful. The warrior had gone to a handful of battles and sustained some serious injuries, but those experiences were nothing compared to this. The agony was slow and harrowing, as if he was being shredded to pieces, while still alive.

Grory felt it happened for a long time, while in fact, it only happened for a mere few

seconds.

"What is going on?!" Argean fell on his knees as well, as he watched in horror how Grory's face turned blue and fresh blood oozed out of his mouth. Something was extremely wrong with him!

Grory didn't die right away, but he kept bleeding and his eyes dimmed, as if his life left his body, even though he was still alive. That was when you knew the spirit beast inside of the shifter had died...

"Black magic... Black magic..." Argean mumbled to himself when he watched Grory's current state. "This must be dark magic!" he roared angrily. "Someone must have cursed him!" He stood up and glared at the warriors that surrounded their luna. "One of you must be a dark sorcerer!"

On the other hand, Eron, Aliana and the other warriors were dumbstruck, they didn't even expect something like this would happen. They didn't even know what was going on and what the cause of Grory's pain.

They were utterly speechless when Argean accused them for using dark magic when there was no magic user among them.

"Kill them! Kill them all! There is darksorcerer among them!" Argean roared his order to the other fifteen beasts, who took his side and shared the same craziness like him to betray Cane. "Kill them all!"

Grory current condition frightened Argean, as he wanted these pests to be killed, just in case it would be his turn next.

And just like that, it was indeed his turn, because a second later, he let out a wailing sound, as if he was being slaughtered when he fell to the ground, his body convulsed wildly, while fresh blood came out of his nose and mouth.

All of them watched in horror upon what happened to Grory and Argean. By the time Argean stopped wailing, fresh blood still came out of his mouth. The two of them were still very much alive, you could see from the way their chest moved when they were breathing, but there was no sign of life in their eyes. They were dead inside.

"Wh-what's going on...?" Aliana was dumbfounded, this was the first time for her to witness this disturbing sight and her first instinct was to cover Iris's eyes, so she didn't need to witness it.

Yet, when she looked at the luna, Aliana's heart skipped a bit, as she saw there was a little smirk on the corner of her lips, her eyes glinted with malice, almost like she enjoyed this horrid sight.

Did she just see thing?

And miles away, another sword had broken...

"If you really want to fight them, can't you do it properly?!" Nala growled at Lou, she chastised him for his failed attempt to kill the warrior and now, they were being hunted down by two angry beasts.

"Can't you stop talking for at least a week? You give me a headache!" Lou pulled Nala into one of the rooms and locked the door behind them. He tried to push a cabinet to block the door, but he simply didn't have

enough strength to do so. "Use your energy for something useful and push this cabinet to block the door!"

"How can you ask a woman to push something heavy?!" Nala asked incredulously.

"Then, who I should ask?! There are only the two of us here!" Lou snapped back at her. "Stop acting all lady like, we are going to die if you don't stop your bad habit of complaining over small things!"

Cursing under her breath, Nala pushed the cabinet. This was the first time she really bickered with a man, because she feared most of them and they wouldn't tolerate such behavior, but strangely enough, this merchant brought the worst of her and she couldn't explain why she couldn't keep her anger level in check. This man was simply annoying whenever he decided to be a jerk!

"Can't you give me a hand?! This is very heavy!" Nala grunted when she moved the cabinet with her shoulders. Though it was not a big cabinet, but they used solid woods, which was heavier than usual

woods.

Meanwhile, outside the door, the two of them could hear how the two beasts finally found the right room, where they were in, probably because they heard their loud argument.

Grumbling, Lou came over and helped Nala, both of them pushed the cabinet to block the door, in time when the beast managed to make a hole on the door.

"Damn it! Why your kind is very strong?!" Lou hissed. He slumped down on the floor, once the door was blocked, but even though they managed to be safe now, it didn't mean, they could stay here forever, they needed to get out and join with the other.

It wouldn't make any difference for Lou if he fell into Alpha Nolan's hand, now they learned he had sided with the royal.

"I will take that as a compliment..." Nala was breathing heavily, she sat down next to Lou. This must be her first labor work in her whole life, if you didn't count harsh sex as

one.

"Now think of a way to get out of here alive," Lou commanded her.

"What?!" Nala scrunched her nose and looked at the merchant with disdain. "You just told me to move this big cabinet and now you ask me to think also?!" She literally growled at him, something that she wouldn't have done if this merchant was one of the men in her life.

Lou literally commanded her to save his ass.

"I am very tired, okay. I can't think." Lou closed his eyes, sweat appeared on his forehead and he looked so pale.

Despite his annoying personality, the sight of him right now made Nala softened a little bit. She was worried this merchant would die and she wouldn't have someone to support her. Her life would be more miserable than this.

"Okay, okay..." Nala held her throbbing head. She tried to think of a way to get out of this situation, she stood up and looked

around, trying to find something, anything that could help them, even though she was not sure what she was looking for. "Wait what should we do...?"

Meanwhile, outside of the room, they could hear how determined the two beasts to get them and inside the room, Lou's eyes turned sharp, he looked around, as if he was waiting for something, as he kept rubbing the ring in his finger.

Damn Sabian! He takes very long! I am going to haunt him for the rest of his life if I died here!

For a moment, Lou was reminded of that man that look like Alan, but obviously it was not him, since he could use magic. Shifter couldn't use magic!

Who was that?

It was Zale, who initiated the first attack, while the rest of the warriors around him were flabbergasted upon seeing what just happened before their eyes.

The young boy pulled his hand away from

Iris when she loosened up a little bit and then shifted into his beast, which snapped them out of their shocked and the fight broke out.

Technically speaking, they were being outnumbered, but somehow, it was easy enough for them to kill their enemy, even Zale managed to kill one.

Meanwhile, Aliana stayed close to Iris, just in case there was a beast that managed to escape from the protection of the warriors, in this position, it allowed her to observe Iris a little bit more closely and she was sure, the luna had something to do with how easy their enemy were killed.

Something was off with the way she watched everything unfolded before her eyes without even blinking. Aliana used to know her as a timid person and hated violence, but right now, Iris looked very indifferent...

It didn't take long before they managed to kill the fifteen beasts, especially when Joel and Finn joined in.

"What's going on here? Weren't they the warrior from Diandem pack," Finn asked, bent his body politely toward the luna.

"Luna, are you, okay?" Joe immediately approached Iris to see if she was harmed. "You look a little bit pale.

"It's okay, I am fine," Iris said gently, she smiled to reassure the young warrior. He got even taller now.

"Let's go, we need to move now." Zephyr shifted into his human form and Reed took his role to stay in his beast form.

"Why don't you go also?" Iris asked when she saw Joel and Finn fell back, she held Zale's hand tightly again now, afraid this young boy would run off again like before.

"We-we will go after you," Joel replied, a little bit stumbling with his words.

"Why don't we go together?" Iris insisted and saw the reluctance in their eyes, but it was Aliana, who let her knew.

"They are tasked to protect Sofia and her baby, luna. It will be inconvenience for you if the two of you in the same place.

As if on cue, they heard a soft cry from a baby.

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Chapter 657

657 A GOOD KARMA FOR HER BABY

Joel and Finn were well aware of what happened between Iris and Sofia, everyone from the Howling Wolf pack knew about this.

That was why, Finn told Sofia to hide behind a tree, before joined the fight earlier with Joel. The only enemy around them were the fifteen warriors from Diandem pack, based on that Finn and Joel felt find to leave Sofia and the baby for a while, after all the target was not them.

If they were not being stopped by Grory and Argean, they wouldn't have met with each other, but now they were here, Iris could choose whether she was willing to see Sofia and the baby or she could go ahead first and avoid them.

The soft cry from the baby filled the air and Iris touched her stomach out of instinct. She would be a mother too and it felt really ridiculous if she risked their life for being

petty.

"No, let's go together. Call her over." Iris wasn't sure what she felt right now, it felt what happened in the Howling Wolf pack happened for so long time ago and she had nothing but indifferent.

Yet, the only reason for her to let Sofia joined her group, probably because, no matter what, the baby was innocent and the little one was Redmond's and despite her feeling to ward Sofia, Iris didn't want to harm innocent baby and Redmond's flesh and blood, the baby was his firstborn and Iris knew how important a firstborn for a shifter.

Not to mention there was Joel. Iris wanted to make sure Joel and Finn were fine.

"Are you sure, luna?" Joel asked, a little bit reluctant. "We can..."

Iris shook her head and cut his sentence. "We need to move quickly, right? Let's go, it will be dangerous if we stay here for long."

"Oh, okay. Alright." Joel and Finn nodded, the two of them went to where Sofia was

hiding and returned not long after with her and the baby.

This must be the first time for Iris to see Sofia again and to see Redmond's baby. From what she heard, Sofia gave birth to a baby boy and she could see how his red hair peeked from his swaddle. The sight of the baby softened her heart.

Meanwhile, Aliana watched the change on Iris's expression and now she was starting to doubt herself, whether she saw it wrong. The way Iris smirked earlier, as if she was enjoying the pain that happened to Argean and Groy. Was it her? Did she the one, who had done it? Did she the one, who had inflicted the pain?

One thing for sure, Iris was not shocked at all to see the two warriors suddenly wailed in pain and bled profusely, even when no one touched them.

Black magic.

Did the luna really use black magic? But, that was not possible. She was not a magic user... no. She had the strange ability, which

was on par with a magic user. Did she really do that?

The other warriors had the same question like Aliana, but they couldn't voice it out because there were more important things they had to do and focus on right now. They put aside their curiosity and weird feeling regarding what happened earlier, because right now they needed to guard the luna to the safety.

On the other hand, Sofia kept her head down, she didn't dare to meet with Iris's eyes, as she kept her baby close to her chest. She was very quiet, as they proceeded to go through this secret passageway.

She knew enough to stay as far away from Iris as possible.

"What is that? What is that sound? Why do they stop?" Nala came closer toward Lou, she was listening the sudden silence behind the door. Those warriors that had been trying to barge into the room, abruptly

stopped their attempt.

"Help me up," Lou said, he stretched out his hand, asking Nala to pull him up, so he could stand up.

"You are very heavy!" Nala protested, but she helped him anyway. Lou then pulled her away from the door and not long after, the cabinet moved on its own. "What is that? How it happened? We need to stop..."

"No. Stay." Lou kept Nala by his side and he was breathing heavily. Dang it! Cane should have created a better plan than this!

Not long after, the cabinet was completely moved aside and Sabian entered the room. "Master! I am sorry for being late. It is hard to locate you!" But then, his eyes fell on Nala and he went quiet.

For a moment, Nala tried to comprehend this and finally it clicked on her mind. "You are a sorcerer?" She couldn't believe it. She had spent time long enough with Sabian, but the idea of him to be a soccerer had never crossed her mind.

Nala then shifted her attention toward Lou

beside her and blinked her eyes when she saw how calm he was. "You knew about this. You knew he is a soccerer." This was not a question, but a statement.

"He has been tailing me for decades, I will be a fool if I don't know he is not a sorcerer," Lou replied lazily.

Hearing that, Sabian wanted to cry. Tailing him? Why his master made it sounded like he was a puppy? More so, he was not the only sorcerer in this room, just because Lou was too exhausted to use magic and he currently doesn't have magic stone in his possession, it wouldn't discount the fact he was a magic user himself.

"We need to leave now, the warriors from Winter Moon pack have been fighting to take control this place, it will not take them so long to finally get

what they wanted."Sabian came over and took Lou's weigh from Nala, helped them to move a little bit faster. They needed to reach the secret passageway before this place was completely sealed.

"Where is Iris?" Lou's first concern was her.

He wanted to make sure Cane's plan worked well on his mate.

"I think the luna has been escorted rightaway to the safety. She has seven personal warriors with her and the lady that attend to her, I heard, is a good fighter too."

Nala's eyes dimmed when she heard that. Why Lou would care about Iris? She was not even his woman and that woman didn't care about him, but why he was being very concern about her well being? Why the two men she had interested in was having a strong feeling about that runt?

Nala couldn't hold back her bitterness, she was appalled by how Lou and Cane cared so much about that woman. What quality that Iris had that she didn't? Why she always became a second thought?

"Make sure to treat your wound," Lou said suddenly to Nala, as he nodded at the blood on her forehead."I don't want to see scar there."

Nala wiped the blood and touched her head."You don't need to worry about that.

My healing ability has taken care of it." Nala was being a little bit snippy with Lou. "That's a good thing to be a shifter."

Lou ignored her comment and tone, as he glanced at her forehead and nodded. "Good."

Somehow, Nala noticed how Lou hated to see scar, probably that was why the merchant had never really been in a good term with Cane and he couldn't stand the sight of him for long.

When Iris and the other arrived at first checkpoint, they met with four merchants, who had dealt with Cane and Lou about the grain. Their expression looked very ashen. From what Iris learned, they had been wanting to leave Diandem pack before this battle broke out, but Cane didn't allow

them, just in case they would write another letter to cancel everything and backed out from their deal.

That was something that possible to happen and Lou agree with that decision, since he admitted himself without any trace of shame at all that it would be something he would do if he were in their shoes.

"So, the luna is here finally, we can movenow, right?" one of the merchants said in sarcastic tone when he saw Iris. He arrived in this checkpoint first and they needed to wait for Iris before they could go to Bloody Wolf pack.

"Watch your mouth," Zephyr growled, all of them were not in a good mood at this moment and the murky sky didn't help at all. It was very depressing without any sunlight for days. When this strange phenomenon would stop?

Zale helped Iris to enter her carriage, but before that, she realized there were only two carriages.

"She will be in the same carriage with me?" Iris asked Aliana. She sat down comfortably inside. This carriage was the one they took from the Riverside pack and Haco had put spell around it, so the conversation from inside wouldn't be able to be heard for the

people outside.

"No, Luna, she will wait for her carriage." Aliana glanced through the window. "I think they are a little bit late." She knew who she referred to.

"It meant, Joel and Finn will stay behind with her?"

"Yes, the two of them were assigned to protect her and the baby." Aliana nodded. She felt a little bit worried because the carriage for Sofia should be here, but they couldn't see it.

"Ask her to come inside," Iris said.

"Pardon me?" Aliana was surprised.

"This carriage is spacious enough for her and the baby." Iris didn't want to repeat this. She still strongly disliked Sofia, thinking she was covering her mate, but this was not the time for that.

Aliana was surprised when she heard that. For Iris to be the one, who suggested the idea, knowing what Sofia had put her through when she was in the Howling Wolf pack, Aliana felt she saw another side of her

luna that people had to know.

She must have seen it wrongly when she saw the way Iris smirked earlier.

"Are you sure, luna?" Aliana wanted to make sure that Iris was really fine with her decision. "You don't need to do that. Her carriage will be here."

"I am fine, call her inside. We need to leave immediately right?" Iris was worried about Cane, she prayed he would be fine. He promised her that he would be fine and he had everything under his control.

Iris didn't know the detail of his plan, since he didn't want to share it with her, but whatever it was, she really hoped it would work.

"Don't be too kind." Aliana tried to persuade her. "You don't need to sacrifice your own comfort for her."

In this cruel world, being too kind could be a double edge dagger for you. It could be a strength, but it could harm you too.

Iris caressed her stomach. "I know." She smiled gently. "I invite her inside not

because I have forgotten what happened..." After all, Sofia believed she was carrying Cane's baby at that time. "I only wish I can accumulate a good karma for my baby." In her mind, she was simply helping a helpless baby.

Aliana understood, she bit her lip when she watched the way Iris caressed her stomach gently and the softness in her eyes. She knew how it felt....

"Okay."

Aliana then came out of the carriage and informed Joel and Finn that Sofia could come inside the carriage with the luna.

"Are you sure? Luna said that?" Finn was also surprised. He glanced at Sofia, who was listening to their conversation. She had been very anxious, because she wanted to leave. She was afraid there were being ambushed like before and they harmed her baby.

"Yes, let's move quickly," Aliana said, she beckoned Sofia to follow her. Sofia looked hesitated, but then she didn't have another choice.

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Chapter 658

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The letter that Redmond supposed to deliver to alpha Colter from the Red Claw pack, was in lady Cyan's hand right now. This letter contained with some important de tail about how Cane would counter the attack from the royal warriors.

Lady Cyan sat down on the head table, while alpha Gallot stood in front of her, waiting for her instruction.

There was no one else inside this room, but the two of them and silence that had lingered in the air was a little bit uncomfortable.

Alpha Gallot heard what happened in the Howling Wolf pack and the rumor about how lady Cyan had killed the king with black magic. The king's body couldn't be found, because the monster from the Goffa Mountain had devoured his remains.

It was a horrendous thing to hear, especially for a sovereign like king Aeon, to have his life ended in such cruel way. There was no ceremony for him as well, because after that, the power struggle started almost right away.

Alpha Gallot was not really sure what was going on, but the thing was; lady Cyan held so much power now, despite anything and no one could confirm whether she was indeed a black magic user or not. She looked as calm as ever, but this calmness reached the point, it was very disturbing. Her presence was intimidating and demanding your full respect and attention.

"Bring your warrior to aid the warrior from Golden Light pack." Lady Cyan put down the letter and lifted her head to look at alpha Gallot. "Bring that man with you too."

'That man' that lady Cyan indicated was Redmond. He accepted lady Cyan's offer and now he would work to destroy Cane and all the pack in the south.

Lady Cyan then scribbled something and handed it over to alpha Gallot. "Tell him to bring this letter as a reply from alpha Colter to Cane."

Alpha Gallot lifted his brows. He smirked viciously. Now they knew Cane's movement and his trusted man betrayed him, they could play with his strategy and messed things up for Cane and Red Claw pack, since they were the only people, who stood in their way.

Winter Moon pack had turned their back against them and no matter how cunning alpha Nolan was, he couldn't play both sides again.

"Are we going to raid the south?" Alpha Gallot's eyes glinted.

"Yes." Lady Cyan had planned everything and weighed pros and cons of the situation. Since the Serafim was here and the knights from the Holy Kingdom would arrive at the harbor in Winter Moon pack, it would be better if they were going all out and handled Cane and the south first. That man had been a scourge.

But before that, of course, lady Cyan would expose him first. He was the lycan.

Her master told her not to kill Cane,

because he was the one, who would deal with him. Lady Cyan was not sure how he would handle it, but she had no doubt, Cane was dead the moment her master set his eyes on him.

The lycan was a cursed creature after all, probably by extracting him from Cane, Decratic would gain more power. If her father only managed to halfway do the job, her master would definitely be able to finish it.

Cane, Iris and the Serafim... Decratic would deal with these three people.

"Kill everyone, but let Redmond hands over Cane by himself to prove his loyalty." Lady Cyan's plan was clear. She was going all out and brought a full war to Cane and his people.

Even if he had the lycan, he wouldn't be able to handle such scale of war.

Lady Cyan was not war strategist, but seeing their current situation and how they had an upper hand against this alpha, even a child knew how to play this game.

This was an absolute win for them.

"Shift! Or they will be killed!"

Arthur and Mal shifted into their human form and growled at the warrior from the Winter Moon pack, they were being surrounded and couldn't manage to reach the secret passageway when a dozen warriors caught up to them.

Abel, the five years old boy from the orphanage had his tender neck between a wolf fangs, he was crying because of the pain, while one warrior in his human form, raised the baby from the orphanage above his head, he was ready to throw the baby girl to the ground. Another warrior held the two years old girl from the orphanage by her neck, she was suffocated, her face had turned blue, as she struggled to breath.

Meanwhile, Joyce, Celia and Leena were crying out of fear for the the other two children.

"Release them!" Arthur snarled. Nea didn't move now, her little body hang limply in the

air, while the warrior still held his tight grip around her neck.

"Put her down! You kill her!" Mal roared viciously, he wanted to go and kill the warrior, who held Nea, but if he moved, there would be another warrior, who snatched one of the girls and probably they wouldn't hesitate to kill the other two.

It was only Arthur and Mal, who survived this, while the other three warriors with them had died during the battle.

Meanwhile, Haco was sitting on the ground, quietly. He seemed not to be able to comprehend the situation and stared at them blankly. He had completely lost his mind at this point.

"Put her down, you bastard!" Arthur growled. "Put her down!"

They should have been able to reach the secret passageway if it was not for Haco, who threw a tantrum and wanted to go back to get his precious pocket. They didn't know what that damn pocket was, but this old sorcerer runaway from them to get his

precious thing, which he forgot to bring in the first place.

Celia told them it might be magic stones, because she had never seen what was inside, since Haco not allowed her.

Only if they had dragged that old soccerer, they wouldn't meet with this situation! Arthur and Mal threw a nasty look toward him, while Haco was not aware with the hatred that was hurled at his direction.

"Do you want me to put her down? Fine." The warrior loosened his grip and Nea's body dropped to the ground lifelessly.

"Nea!!!"

"Arrgh!"

"NOO!!!"

Celia, Joyce and Leena cried harder when they saw Nea didn't move. They could see bruises started to form around her neck.

The three of them wanted to reach the poor little girl, but Mal held them back. It could be them next if he let these children came closer to the warriors.

"Ops. I think I accidentally killed her." The warrior nudged Nea's body with his feet, but she didn't move at all. She didn't let out a whimper or anything that indicating what he said was not true. She died.

Mal and Arthur felt this anger in their heart, their whole body was shaking because of how upset they were.

They hated this warrior from the Winter Moon pack, they were as bad as their alpha, but it didn't mean, they didn't hate Haco. If the old soccerer was not crazy enough to get the things he forgot, they wouldn't be in this situation. The innocent child would still be alive now, so did the three warriors.

Their life wouldn't be in danger!

"Let go of the other two!" Mal growled at them. "You promised not to hurt them!"

"Did I?" the warrior asked in mocking tone. "I have never said that, right?" he asked around to his fellow nasty warriors and they gave him the answer he wanted to hear, while laughing.

"Do you really want this baby?" the warrior,

who held the baby asked, laughing viciously. "Come and get it!"

Before their eyes, they watched the baby was being hurled across the garden. As if it was not cruel enough, the warrior actually aimed a tree. He wanted to smash the baby against that tree and all of the warriors found this funny.

Everything happened so fast and neither Arthur nor Mal had time to process it, let alone to do something to help the baby. Even if they could, they were too late. They wouldn't be able to reach the baby in time.

All they could hear was the baby's cry helplessly, her face turned, her tiny hands grabbed the air, looking for comfort.

Her cry would forever scar them for life and the only thing Arthur and Mal could do was to cover the other three children's eyes from witnessing the horrifying sight when the little one's body collided against the tree.

However, before the worst could happen, they saw a flash of white and before the

baby could make a collision against the tree, something big and fluffy cushioned the impact and caught the little one in time.

Lil Thing slumped its back against the tree, while holding the baby in his big arms, putting her on its stomach.

A single glance from this sight, one might think this huge creature would have crushed the little one with its big arms, but if you looked closely, the baby was unharmed.

The little one snuggled against the fluffy bear and eventually stopped crying when she felt the warmth.

"Lil Thing!" Celia cheered to see the whitebear, so did the other children.

However, their happiness didn't last for long, because of what happened, the beast, who had captured Abel, crushed his neck. Blood spurted out from the poor little boy and Arthur and Mal didn't have time to cover the sight from the three children.

They watched this horrendous sight, but there was no scream, there was no tear,

they were trembling greatly and started to hyperventilating.

"Don't look, don't look!" Arthur said in panic, as he blocked their sight, but it was too late. They wouldn't be able to unsee what they already saw.

Meanwhile, the white bear put down the baby on the ground and rushed toward the beast, who had killed baby Abel. He was only five and in his short life he had fought and survived in the orphanage, but now the imbecile had taken his life.

Three beasts came toward Lil Thing, but they were not fast enough and the beast, who had killed Abel didn't stand a chance to fight an angry beast like Lil Thing, as it easily ripped his hind legs and maimed his limbs.

The three beasts halted and watched in horror when their fellow warrior was literally being shredded into pieces by this white bear.

The beast shifted into his human form and whimpered, asking for help, yet none of his

fellow warrior was brave enough to come closer. The way Lil Thing attacked this warrior was very brutal, this kind of atrocity was something they had never witnessed before.

The warrior was still asking for help when Lil Thing skinned him alive, by this time, he had lost his arms and legs, but his healing ability kept him alive to endure this excruciating pain. Only when the warrior was no longer moving and there was no more skin on his body, Lil Thing ripped off his head and threw it away.

Its white fur coated in red and the sight of this creature was truly dreadful. The ferocity it showed was something that could make anyone saw it felt the cold to their core.

Once it was done with the warrior, the white bear approached Abel's body and nudged him, as if by doing so, it could get its little friend back, but unfortunately, the wound on Abel's neck was too severe and he was too young, his healing ability was not yet developed well.

After that, Lil Thing whined and moved toward Nea's body, it did the same, nudging her body and let out small whimper because its little friend didn't move.

Lil Thing licked her face and nudged her body again, still, no response.

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Chapter 659

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Thankfully, Arthur and Mal covered the children's eyes, because what Lil Thing did next was something that would forever haunt the children. They might end up to fear the white bear if they witnessed this.

Arthur and Mal had never seen with their own eyes how ferocious Lil Thing could be, they only heard about it and thought those people were exaggerating, since they witnessed how silly the bear was and how gentle the creature with the little one. Not even once, it did something to harm the children, no matter what they did to it.

The children whimpered against Arthur and Mal with their eyes close, while Haco sat down on the ground, watching the whole thing, without any change on his expression whatsoever.

But, because of the common, there were more warriors came and Lil Thing wouldn't be able to fight them all simultaneously

without any help.

"We can't stay here!" Arthur said, he looked around and currently, they were about to be surrounded. There would be no way for them to leave this place once it happened. "Get the children to the secret passageway and I will get the baby and Haco!"

Mal did what Arthur told him, he asked the children to close their eyes and keep it that way until he said otherwise, because he didn't want them to see this horrendous sight.

Meanwhile, Arthur got the baby and grabbed Haco's hand, forced the old sorcerer to stand up and ran. "Lil Thing, let's go!"

Arthur tried to get the white bear's attention, but it only glanced at him and let out a low growl, before it charged forward, where he had to fight ten to fifteen more beasts, which happily ripped every inch of its body, where they could get their fangs or claws of.

This was a hard decision, but he had no

other choice, when Arthur turned around and left the white bear. He had the baby in his arm and this old sorcerer with him, he had to make sure they survived and get to the safe place.

"Where is Lil Thing?" Celia asked, because she heard its growls was getting further away. "Where is Lil Thing?" She opened her eyes and looked around, but she couldn't find it, yet before they entered the forest, she caught a sight of it.

Lil Thing had around five beasts on its back, tried to chew it alive, while he fought more beasts, which tried to take it down.

"No! Lil Thing!" Celia cried, but Mal caught her hand and dragged her away.

"We need to leave!"

"I can't believe I am in this kind of situation!" Nala hissed disdainfully.

Currently, Lou, Nala and Sabian were inside a water tunnel, as they were so desperate to find a way out from this stinky place.

Lou glared at Sabian, who stared at his own fingers timidly. "But, this is a perfect place..." he said in low voice.

And for the first time Lou and Nala were on the same page, as they replied to him angrily. "This is not!"

"I have never been in this nasty place!" Nala growled in frustration. She had never been so dirty like this, if you didn't count being with so many men because they lusted her and became the previous king's sex slave as one, then she indeed lived in luxury.

"Argh! My cloak! This is stinky!"

Sabian could only heave a deep sigh, in this matter, the two of them were very similar. They were very sophisticated to say the least.

No wonder, despite their bickering, they actually got along well.

"But, this smell will cover our scent from the shifters..." Sabian tried to defend himself, he felt very wronged by the two of them when he had tried his best to keep them alive.

He found this water tunnel when he roamed around the area and got down here once because of curiosity. He was actually surprised because this water tunnel was actually very well built, but he had not yet gotten a chance to explore. He only knew, it would lead them out of the pack house, since they couldn't go to the two secret passageways, since those exits had been blocked.

"Shut up!" Lou and Nala shouted at Sabian, rendered the latter speechless.

"If you don't run away, we have been out of this pack, you know..." Sabian grumbled under his breath.

"What did you say?" Lou narrowed his eyes at him, but Sabian immediately shook his head.

"No-nothing."

The three of them kept going, following the current water.

They were tired, hungry and stinky. The only thing that illuminated their path was the luminous pear in Sabian's hands.

Tiring from bickering and complaining, Lou and Nala finally shut up and walked in low spirit.

Meanwhile Clad and Leros, who supposed to look for Lou, were being caught by the Winter Moon warriors and right now, they were sitting in the pack square, along with the other pack member of Diandem pack. They tried to keep lowkey, because once these warriors knew they were the member of Howling Wolf pack, they wouldn't be treated so nicely, as to sit among people in the open area, while the rain poured down on them.

"Look," Leros said, he nudged Clad's shoulder and nodded at his right side, where they could see four warriors dragged something big and placed it in front of them. "Is that...the white bear?"

Clad narrowed his eyes. "I think so." He frowned so hard when he saw the condition of that creature. It must have gone through the nastiest fight. "Is it... dead?"

Black rain started pouring down again from the dark sky and Iris could hear the pitter patter of the water that hit the roof of the carriage she was in.

Iris hugged herself and covered her body with warm blanket, she couldn't afford to get sick right now.

She needed to look after herself more carefully, but she missed Cane so bad. She wanted to hear how he was and how thing was in the battle field. She prayed so hard, everything would go as he had planned.

She promised herself to keep their baby safe, therefore, she stopped protesting to stay, because finally she understood that she was not only put herself at risk, but also their baby in danger.

Therefore, all she could do was to trust Cane's judgment and didn't burden him by worrying about her when there were a lot of things he needed to think and do right now. It was a critical moment.

Iris snapped back from her reverie when she heard the baby was crying softly and

Sofia was woken up, she tried to calm her baby and breastfed him.

"What is his name?" Iris asked.

Aside from the two of them and the baby, there was Aliana, who was sleeping at the corner in sitting position. She looked very tired, while out there, Iris could see Joel, Zephyr, Eron and Dyne in their beast's form, their beasts were a silhouette in this foggy black rain.

Meanwhile, Reed and Asher sat on the front, they controlled the horses, acted as a coachman. Kian and Otis were sitting at the back of the carriage.

"Rye," Sofia replied, her expression looked worried, as she checked on her baby. She still avoided Iris's eyes.

"Beautiful name," Iris said. "It must be you, who gave him the name."

"No. It's Redmond." Sofia blinked her eyes. She masked her worry for that man very well, even though every time she saw their baby, she prayed that he would be safe, though she didn't want to admit it and she

stared at her baby almost all the time.

"I am surprised he could come up with a beautiful name," Iris said.

"He suggested Redmond Junior at first," Sofia replied, her eyes slightly turned gentle when she talked about him.

It seemed there was this tacit understanding between them. Sofia knew Iris had already known about the father of her baby, since the very beginning and the reason why she was not informed earlier.

All the schemes and traps that those alphas had against one another was very sickening. In a way Sofia could understand that. She didn't hold Jemma's death over Iris's head as well, because she realized she was not that sad about losing her anymore.

Probably, living as alpha Gallot's mistress and witnessed countless servants like Jemma died, deep down, made Sofia accept the servants were only

good when they were useful, after that, other people could replace them, even though they had been together for years. Life was cruel and harsh for women in order to survive.

"I like Redmond Junior," Iris said and for the first time, Sofia lifted her head and gave her a disapproving look, but then she lowered her head again and stared at her baby, the little one was being fussy and refused to be breastfed.

"What happened?" Iris could see the concern in Sofia's eyes.

"I think he gets fever," Sofia mumbled, she placed her hand over his head a few times and she was sure, her baby got fever. His body temperature was slightly warm than usual.

Unfortunately, Grace didn't come with them, because the moment they got the signal to leave, someone had escorted Grace to the frontline, because her healing ability would be extremely demanded there.

"Come here, give me the baby. I think I can help." Iris stretched out her hand, but Sofia looked at her for the second time, this time a little bit longer. "You don't really

think I will harm the baby, right?" Iris frowned.

"I didn't say that..." Sofia mumbled and lowered her head again, but she didn't give the baby to Iris and she didn't want to pursue the matter.

If Sofia wanted to give the baby and let Iris try, she would give the little one to her, but if she didn't believe Iris enough to hold the baby, it was fine with her.

The baby started crying now and no matter what Sofia did, there was nothing that could comfort him.

"What happened?" Aliana rubbed her eyes sleepily. "Why the baby is crying?" She stared at Rye worriedly. Afraid if the baby was injured or something.

"I don't know." Sofia shook her head.

"Hungry?"

"I have tried to breastfeed him, but he doesn't want and keep crying. I think he has a fever."

Aliana moved closer to Sofia and check on

the baby. She was right, the baby was having a fever. "He has a fever," Aliana confirmed that.

This time, Sofia looked at Iris again and was hesitated when she spoke. "Can you... help my baby?" She felt very awkward to talk with Iris and Aliana frowned, because she didn't show the respect Iris deserved after what she had done for her and the baby.

On the other hand, Iris didn't care much about it, this was not the first time, her effort went unnoticed, she had handled the worst case of ungrateful people and what Sofia did, didn't even touch the surface of it.

Iris stretched out her arms again to get the baby, this time, Sofia handed her son to the luna and Aliana had this conflicted feeling. Iris was too kind for her own good, but then she couldn't hope for the luna to be petty when it came to an innocent baby.

Iris held the baby closed to her chest and she saw Redmond's firstborn for the first time. He looked like the replica of his father, especially how they shared their red

hair, seeing this, Iris wanted to chuckle, but then she let out her healing power. She had a good grip of her power now and could use it as she liked, the same thing like how she strangled the wolf spirit, she could do it as easy as breathing now.

However, the carriage suddenly stopped and they heard vicious growls from outside.

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Chapter 660

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"This creature is still breathing!" One of the warriors informed the other, as he kicked the body of the white bear so hard. Its white fur had turned dark in color, coated by countless blood of the fallen warriors it had killed and its own blood.

"This thing had killed so many our people before it could be taken down! Shit!" Another warrior kicked Lil Thing as well, but the big bear didn't budge.

"I thought this silly bear could only droll and sleep."

Winter Moon pack's warriors had not been around for long to know Lil Thing and what this silly creature was capable to do.

"Seventy six," One of the warriors growled and spat on the white bear. "It killed seventy six warriors from our pack and injured dozen of them. We are going to skin this monster alive."

"No. Alpha Nolan wanted to see it. He is interested with this creature," another warrior chimed in.

And there were more in their conversation that Leros and Clad listened to it dutifully. They kept their head low, just like the rest of the pack member of Diadem pack, who were being gathered in the pack square. They needed to squeeze their body against one another under this black rain and cold wind.

They were no longer sure, whether this was day or night. They lost track of time.

"Why there is still no reaction?" Leros asked Clad in low voice. He watched one of the warriors from the Winter Moon pack closely and knew there was no sign whatsoever. "It supposed to be seen around this time."

"Let's wait a little bit longer, I think we didn't time it correctly." Clad pushed Leros's head down when one of the warriors walked past them. "Maybe they didn't have the same reaction."

"Honestly, I am not sure if it will work. Don't you think the alpha believed in that senile sorcerer so much?"

"I heard he is good before he turned senile."

And with that, their conversation was cut short, because they couldn't risk to be exposed in this situation. Alpha Nolan would only keep the pack member of Diandem pack as hostage, but of course, he would do more if he figured out there was pack member of Cane.

However, Leros and Clad were not the only people, who listened to the conversation among the warriors about what they were going to do with the white bear, because under the water tunnel, behind small bars on the ground, that used as a drainage, three people listened to the same thing.

"Master, they caught Lil Thing." Sabian widened his eyes when he saw the white bear. He knew his master had given the furball to the luna and would complain about its existence all the time, but he himself had raised the creature, since it was only a size of a palm.

Nala glanced at Lou, his expression was unreadable and she didn't dare to disturb his line of thought. Fortunately, she knew when to stop.

"Master, should we..." Sabian lost his voice when Lou gave him the coldest glare, which shut him up before he could finish his sentence. He felt like his heart went on his throat.

"How many magic stone do you have?" Lou asked coldly.

"Two. One water magic stone and the other earth magic stone."

Two was not enough to create portal and more so, earth magic stone was weaker than the other magic stones, especially when Lou's element was fire, his magic element didn't suit well with earth magic stone, though he still could use it, but but it was hard to reach its potential, since he was the opposite element.

"Are you going to rescue that bear?" Nala asked. She was slightly taken aback when Lou threw a sharp look at her. "With what?"

Exchanging the magic stones?"

"Not now, Nala. Don't complain about this."

"I am not." Nala swallowed back her complain. The look on Lou's expression was very terrifying, she looked for death if she was trying to piss him off right now. This was not the time for that.

"Give me those damn stones!" Lou said sharply to Sabian, who hastily handed the stones to his master.

"Master, what are you going to do? You can't fight them all." Sabian stole a glance at Nala, who stared at Lou with a frown between her brows. She was not yet aware about the fact that Lou was a magic user too.

Sabian knew his master very well. He hated to be labeled as magic user and only a handful people, who knew about this identity of him.

There were so many layers on him that made it hard to understand this man, even after he spent years followed him.

"Can you shift into beast already?" Arthur asked Celia and Joyce. Usually, shifter would be able to shift into their beast form around the age of nine, the earliest it could be when they were seven years old, but it was a very rare occasion.

Alpha Cane himself shifted for the first time when he was eight years old, a year early than anyone around his age.

"I can," Celia replied.

"No..." Joyce shook her head sadly.

Meanwhile, Leena was only seven by this time, so there was a high chance she couldn't shift too.

"Fine." Arthur nodded. "Joyce, hold the baby, okay? I will carry you two with me and Celia, you can run in your beast, but stay close with us."

Celia nodded.

While Arthur carried the two children, Mal would carry Haco. He handed the baby to Joyce, despite how young she was, she could hold the baby just fine.

Their carriage had been destroyed and the warriors that waited for them had been killed brutally. Therefore, if they wanted to go out of this place as soon as possible, this was the only way for them.

Arthur, Mal and Celia shifted into their beasts and because the young girl was only recently able to shift, she took a little bit longer to fully in her beast form.

Arthur, in his beast form, lowered his body so Joyce and Leena could climb on top of him. They were still crying because they lost the other two children and Lil Thing didn't come with them.

They survived the orphanage, but when they thought, they were safe and there was no more harm befell on them, this happened. Joyce was the saddest, because she was the one, who took care of all of them when they thrived to live in the middle of the chocolate situation in the capital city.

But now, when they finally had hope, it was ripped off their hand brutally. They were not being safe at all. They still could die and

no one could really protect them.

Joyce felt these grievances in her heart. She was very young, but she already tasted the cruelty of this world. The only thing she was glad of was her sister was with prince Kellan. She would be safe and have a comfortable place to live. She missed her sister so much, she looked for the day when they could meet with each other again...

"What is that?" Sofia was stiffened, she crept closer to her baby, which meant, she was moving right next to Iris without her realized it.

"Stay in the carriage, I will check outside," Aliana said, as she jumped out of the carriage.

"What happened out there?" Sofia couldn't hold back her curiosity and peeked through the window, but this black rain obscured her sight and the only thing she could figure out was; there was something, or someone blocked their way. "I hope this is not a monster... or Winter Moon pack

warrior."

On the other hand, Iris was extremely quiet, she held the baby tightly, but her eyes were not focus. She felt this mixed feeling that left her restless. She couldn't even hear what Sofia was trying to say to her, her ears rang painfully and this restlessness turned into a dreadful feeling, which gradually grew stronger.

Iris was not sure what would happen or what was going on out there, but if she could, she wanted to go away from this place as soon as possible. She didn't want to deal with whoever that was, who had stopped their carriage.

"What happened with you?" Sofia frowned when she watched how pale Iris was. She held her baby so tightly, which made her worried. "Give me back my baby." She took her baby from Iris's arms, thankfully, she didn't fight her for this and miraculously, Rye was no longer crying and sleeping right now.

It seemed, whatever Iris was doing to him, worked. The fever had subsided too.

"Are you, okay?" Sofia nudged Iris's shoulder. She was still uncomfortable in speaking terms with Iris, but was slightly worried about how pale her face was.

But at that time, they could hear some people called the king. It was the sound of the four merchants, but Sofia was not sure, since the sound of rain that hit the carriage roof confused it.

"The king? King Alan?" Sofia frowned, she held her baby close to her chest. "Did the royal manage to catch us?"

Sofia was well aware that Cane was working on favor of the Red Claw pack and he was not in a good term with then prince Alan, but right now, he was here? Did he bring the royal warriors with him too?

Would he kill them all if he caught them? Were they going to die?