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The information they were searching for was ancient. If there was any, it would be buried deep within the archives. Rhea had sent word that they had some information from the sage, but they were scouring through the libraires to see if they could find what they needed. It turned out that Wyatt's parents were already searching for information on Slayer. His mother and grandmother both had premonitions of the future. They were already ahead on the searching game, though Wyatt was irritated his mother didn't tell him about it then.

The vampires created a special team to look over their vast archives with Jester heading it. Some of them were long forgotten in a tower that went underground. The tablets at the very bottom were either buried under dirt or water. It was this team's job to retrieve everything and interpret it. Some of it was in an old ancient language that required their special scholars to translate which would take time. They had a feeling that if the information existed it would probably be in one of those tablets.

Wyatt has been sending out scouts every day. They wanted to be ready the moment the demons were on the move. They were running drills and had a plan set for when that time came. He had also requested that the other wolves and their packs be on standby. He wanted them to be able to get to them quickly since there wouldn't be a moment to spare.

Other than all the preparation everything was fairly calm. Wyatt remained relaxed which kept the packs quiet. Seeing the alpha of alpha's in a calm state kept the other wolves in a tranquil state. If their leader wasn't afraid then they would not be either.

Ciana was at the vampire kingdom helping look through documents. She was also there in case they found any information. Susan, Jin, Renee and Freya were in town. They were picking out gender neutral outfits for the new arrivals. They cooed over the cute baby toys and gushed over the little shoes.

"Jason should be heading back this way with Sam. I am going to take a seat on the bench outside and wait for them." Jin said completely over the shopping already.

"I'll go out with you." Susan said. "Can you grab the things on this list for me?" Susan asked, handing a piece of paper to Freya and Renee.

Freya wanted to groan in displeasure, shopping wasn't her thing, but instead she smiled and nodded her head. She was disappointed Wyatt couldn't be with them. He was busy with the pack, and she understood that. They needed at least one of their leaders to be present. So even though she was reluctant to leave Wyatt she also wanted to show her support and excitement

over becoming an aunt. Jason and Sam agreed to come along as well. Jason wasn't letting Jin get too far from his sight. He was already protective but now that she was pregnant, he was absurdly overbearing and almost smothering at times.

"We will meet you out there in about fifteen minutes." Freya said as she glanced over the party supplies Susan wanted them to grab. How she wished she could have been the one to go and sit with Jin. But she had a feeling that Susan wanted to talk with Jin about something, so she was giving them this moment of privacy.

Jin sat down on the bench outside and looked up to the sky as Susan sat beside her. She swung her feet back and forth as she breathed in the fresh air.

"Um... Jin." Susan said quietly as Jin's green eyes turned and looked at her. "I wanted to talk with you about something."

Jin smiled and sat up. "What is it?"

"Well... the thing is... I hope this isn't rude to ask... but... Adam's birthday is coming up. And he has always wanted to go to one of those indoor skydiving places. With everything going on traveling is out of the question so I was wondering if you thought maybe you could simulate something like that with your powers? And if it would be safe? If it's a problem, then I completely understand. I just wanted to do something special for him." Susan looked up at Jin looking to see how she felt.

Jin grinned widely. "I think I can do that. We might need to set up like a round barrier or something, but I should be able to manage that. That is no problem at all for you to ask." Jin smiled over at Susan.

"I wasn't sure if it was rude to ask that of you or not. I'm really excited now. I want this to be special. It is his first birthday with us as mates." Susan couldn't help the giddy expression that formed over her face. Having the mate connection with Adam was wonderful. They already knew each other and were already friends. The mate pull just made love happen instantly.

Out of the corner of her eye she saw someone running up to them from behind. Before she could turn her head to look more, suddenly everything went dark. She struggled for a moment before she fell unconscious.

Freya and Renee walked out carrying their bags of items. They could see the car parked in front of them. Jason and Sam were leaning on the front of the vehicle. They rushed over and took the bags from the girls, tossing them into the back hatch.

"Jin still inside?" Jason asked with a smile.

Freya's eyes opened wide. She moved her head around and looked at the empty bench. "She had come out with Susan to wait for you..."

“Maybe they decided to get some drinks?” Renee brought up thoughtfully. It was warm out and it made sense.

“You are probably right.” Sam said as he began to look around.

Freya felt a chill race down her spine. She walked over towards the bench. She could see some torn material from Susan’s clothes. There was no other evidence except for one... a faint smell of putrid flesh. She didn’t want to alarm anyone, but her gut told her she was right.

Freya looked over the clothes she had on. She quickly made her way back to the vehicle. In the back was a zip up leather bag. She quickly grabbed it and started strapping items to herself.

“Hey, what are you doing?” Sam asked nervously as Jason watched her with an intense gaze.

“Just a precaution.” Freya’s voice was terse. She was going into huntress mode. She was trying to block everything out and focus on finding her target. It would be reverse hunting in a way. She would be hunting for Jin and Susan and by finding them she would find what took them. She was convinced they didn’t just wander off.

She straightened up. “You guys wait here in case they make it back. I am going to go looking for them.” Freya gave them a weak smile.

Sam eyed her suspiciously. “I’m calling Wyatt to see what he wants to do.”

“There is no time. Wyatt will want us to stay put.” Freya didn’t mean to sound the alarm with what she said. In fact, she could have kicked herself for what she blurted out.

“Enough time? What is it you are not telling us Freya?” Jason’s voice was low and murderous. Just the idea that something may have happened to Jin was making him go feral.

Freya looked at him and sighed. “I don’t know. I just need to go.”

“I’m coming with you.” Jason said firmly.

Freya glared at him for a moment. “Don’t get in my way or slow me down. I’m not waiting for you.”

Jason scoffed. “Just the way I prefer it.”

“Look I am calling Wyatt now so...” Sam began to plead again but Freya was gone and so was Jason. “Shit.” He looked at Renee and punched the car.

“Sam. What’s going on?” Wyatt answered his phone.

“I think there is a problem.” Sam said quietly.

“What is it? What is going on? Is Freya okay?” Wyatt’s voice started to sound distressed over the phone.

“Jin and Susan aren’t where they were supposed to be. Freya went and grabbed her things out of the car. She had a weird look on her face. She and Jason left. I tried to make them wait Wyatt...” Sam trailed off as a loud roar sounded over the phone.

“Where are you?!” Wyatt snarled angrily. He was livid. Jason and Freya both knew they should have waited to hear from him. He didn’t want anything to happen to Jin either, but he had already been through so much with Freya. He couldn’t lose her. And Jason wasn’t thinking. The only thing on Jason’s mind was Jin.

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Jin felt the familiar shackles on her wrists first. She opened her eyes to look around. She was in an old, abandoned building. It was full of dust and cobwebs. She heard a soft whimper and her gaze directed in front of her. Susan was tied to a post and was bound and tied with silver chains.

“Our pets are awake.”

The sound brought a chill down Jin’s spine. She knew that voice. She watched as a familiar figure squatted in front of her. It was Lionel, the demon who was her caretaker when she was the demon pet. Though being called a caretaker was untrue. He was just the one that made sure she continued to stay alive.

Lionel reached his hand out and lifted Jin’s chin upwards. “Look at you. Someone went and ran off to a new family. Look how well kept and fed you are. What is the matter? Didn’t you like how your masters cared for you? Instead, you ran off and found a new family.” His lips curled up in a disgusted snarl. “One of them even put a collar on you I see.” He tilted her head to the side as he looked at her mark.

“Aww. Someone already stole your pet’s innocence.” The other man behind him said as he clicked his tongue. “What do you want to do with this one?” The man gestured over to Susan.

“I don’t want her. We will just leave her here. It’s not like she can go anywhere. Either she will be found, or she will rot here and die. In either case that doesn’t matter to me. But this one... this one is personal.” Lionel sneered at Jin.

“I couldn’t believe it when I saw you sitting there. Laughing. Without a care in the world.” He clicked his tongue loudly. “I thought we taught you better than that. But look at you trusting again. Well... we will just have to remedy this spoiled attitude you have developed.” A cruel grin spread over his face.

Jin had learned her lesson long ago with the demons and how to act. You didn’t talk to them. And you avoided eye contact. Otherwise, you would be disciplined and taught respect. So, she kept her eyes averted and looking at the ground.

“Where are we taking her? You taking her back to Leoric’s? Or to the crevasse.”

“Everyone is on the move and Leroic’s is too far away. The crevasse is closer to the others. This way I can visit my pet often until we put an end to this silly war.” Lionel stood up and turned to look at the other guy.

“To think the wolves and fairies think they stand a chance. No one stands a chance since Mephisto is fighting. He is going to make himself the god of this world. This will be the world of the demons soon.” Lionel smirked and then looked at Jin. “Are you going to be good and behave yourself or do I need to knock you out again?”

Jin continued to keep her head lowered. She couldn’t afford to be beaten now. She had to protect her unborn child. She had to be obedient and docile. She was hoping beyond all hope that Jason would find her. And then she was also afraid of him finding her. She didn’t want him to be killed. She felt conflicted between wanting to escape and of keeping the ones she loved safe. She felt Lionel lift her up and flung her over his shoulder. She continued to hold still and made it easy for him.

“Looks like someone remembers her place after all.” Lionel chuckled. “Glad to see you remember your real master.”

Jin looked out of the corner of her eye at Susan. She continued to watch Susan as they took her out of the abandoned building until she was out of sight. She hoped they would find her. Sam should be able to track her down. At the very least Freya should be able to. Her stomach rolled with nausea. She had been captured again. Was she once again going to be forced to be their pet?

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Chapter 66 On the Trail

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Freya dashed around following the slight trace of scent in the air. Once she hit a wooded area, she caught the other scent again. The putrid scent of decay stung at her nose. She stopped and looked around. The sunlight danced on the leaves of the tree’s as they swayed with their secrets. A scent wafted from some of the weeds that was even stronger. They had stopped here for a moment. She could smell Susan, Jin, and two other creatures from the dark. It was exactly what she had feared. And there was going to be blood spilt.

“What is going... wait... Jin was here. I smell her.” Jason turned his head in different directions trying to figure out which way she was.

“It’s no use for you. You are only smelling her because she was set down for a moment here. They have since been covered in something to hide their scent.” Freya touched the bark of a tree and ripped a piece off of it. “This is the scent we will be following now.” She handed it over to Jason. “It’s faint but you should be able to get a small whiff of it.”

His nose turned up at it and a low growl came from his throat. “Who has taken her?”

“Doesn’t matter. They are dead the moment I see them.” Freya looked around. “They covered their tracks well up to this point. But they got a bit sloppy. Idiots. They didn’t realize I’d be tracking them, or they never would have made this mistake. Good for us.” She turned to look at Jason’s agitated face. He was an emotional wreck. He looked so worried and angry. He was scared for his mate.

“Don’t worry Jason. Tracking these things is what I do. I know it has taken a long time, but I have the trail now. It doesn’t look like they hid it from this point on. They are carrying two people so we will be able to catch them.” Freya smiled at him as she tried to comfort him.

“Thanks Freya. I know Wyatt is going to kill me for this. But it’s my Jin…” Jason’s voice cracked as it trailed off.

“Kill you for what? All you did was chase after me because as Wyatt’s mate you couldn’t let me go alone.” Freya winked at him, and he chuckled.

“I guess we are both going to be in trouble then.” Jason grinned.

“I’ll handle Wyatt. For now, let’s worry about finding them.” Freya turned her head in the direction the scent was left. “Just make sure you keep up. I won’t come back for you.”

“You won’t have to.” Jason was not as fast as Freya, but he was able to keep her in his sight. He would run with everything he had. Getting to Jin was his first priority.

“Jason, I know your emotions are all over the place. But I need you to lock it up. And listen to me.” Freya eyed him and he gave her a small nod. “Alright. Let’s go.”

The two of them blurred from the area. The unimaginable speed from Freya was being met by a determined and angry mate. They both shared the same thought. Whoever took them was going to die.

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“Wow he got here fast.” Sam said as he motioned for Renee to stay behind. Adam and Winston were also marching up behind Wyatt. Adam looked beside himself.

“You haven’t heard anything from them?” Wyatt asked as Sam walked up to them.

“No. They just vanished.” Sam said with a frown he was worried too. That was his sister that was missing.

“I didn’t tell your father. This situation already has high emotions taking place. Squad B is heading to this area just in case we need them. I don’t know what we are dealing with here, but we need to be prepared.” Wyatt turned back and looked at Adam. “I understand how you are feeling, but you follow my lead.”

“I will. I trust you Wyatt.” Adam said as he shifted side to side and anxiously looked around. He wanted to find Susan.

“Sam, send Renee home. You come with us. They have a tremendous lead on us, but we will start tracking them down.” Wyatt nodded as Sam left to send Renee home with their driver.

“How are we going to find them, Wyatt?” Winston asked quietly.

“I’ll find Freya, that’s how. Even without my sense of smell I could find her.” Wyatt reached up and touched his chest. “She has a string tied right here that pulls me in her direction. I can always find my queen.”

Sam walked back up and Wyatt turned looking down the street. “Let’s move out.”

Lionel sprinted through the dead forest. The trees were barren, and the ground was covered in dirt. A heavy mist covered the ground. It was the cursed woods. The area was lifeless, and greenery would never touch the area. He continued to dash through the shrubs with Jin obediently holding still on his shoulders. When he reached a wide river, he suddenly halted. Him and his companion took a small step back as they ran into an unexpected group.

“What do you have there?” A voice hissed out.

“It’s my pet. I’m just going back to the crevasse.” Lionel answered nervously.

“And you chose MY territory to cut through?” Another deep voice sounded from behind them.

Lionel turned to see a large man step out from the shadows. He lowered his head showing respect to the demon that was higher in rank.

“Forgive me lord Harley. It was my mistake.” Lionel said with a small quiver in his voice.

“Indeed. It is your mistake.” Harley’s yellow eyes looked at the girl laying on top of his shoulders. “She looks like she’d be a good mate.”

Lionel gulped and glanced up at his yellow eyes. “I’ll give her to you if you’ll let us go.”

A cruel smile curled over Harley's lips. "I was going to take her whether you gave her to me or not. But I guess for bringing me a mate the least I can do is let you go. Now... set it down and get out of my territory." His voice dripped into a low growl.

Jin was set on the ground and Lionel sped away with his companion. She looked up at the towering man before her. He was large and muscular. And compared to her, a giant. He was about seven feet tall. He took a step closer to Jin and grabbed onto her wrist. Her eyes were filled with worry as he looked her over.

"Time for us to get better acquainted I think." He licked his lips and then hoisted her over his shoulders.

Jin's heart was racing as he carried her to the other side of the river. She knew what to expect from Lionel. Severe beatings and neglect. But this demon was different. One that was just as strong as Leoric. Another son of an original demon. She had heard his name before but had never seen him until today. She was afraid. He said he was taking her as a mate. As much as she wanted Jason to be safe, she was also praying that he found her soon. She didn't want anyone else to touch her but Jason. Her chest squeezed and she was finding it hard to breathe. She bit her inner lip as she kept herself from crying. Jason...I'll try to be brave until I see you again. She had to be brave and strong. And no matter what, protect her unborn baby. No matter what would happen it wouldn't change anything, right? No matter what happens... Jason would still want her...

Freya paused in the middle of the woods. She could see an old mill sitting isolated in the woods. She knew this building. She has actually stayed there and has supplies hidden in there. The scent led to the building. She listened carefully as she tried to pick up any sounds from the building. She could hear a quieted muffled sound as well as the sound of someone moving.

Jason crept up quietly to Freya's side. "Are they in there?" Jason asked in a whisper.

"Someone is. But I don't sense any demons." She then frowned and looked at Jason. "There are no demons in there and that includes Jin. But..." She turned back to the building and lifted her nose in the air. "Susan's scent is strong. Let's check it out."

Freya was so fast that she looked like a blur. Jason was following closely behind her. She pushed the door open, not sensing any danger. In the middle of the room was a girl hunched onto the floor. She was bound with silver and gagged. They both raced over towards her. Freya ripped the gag from her mouth while Jason broke the chains effortlessly. Susan had tears trickling from her eyes.

"Where is Jin?" Jason said hurriedly.

"They took her. They called her their pet. And they took her." Susan had wet droplets dripping from her eyes.

Jason put his hand on Susan and patted her into his chest. He grew up with her after all. She was like family to him and had been through something traumatic.

“How long ago did they leave?” Freya asked worriedly.

“It’s been a couple hours now.” Susan turned and looked at Freya.

“Shit.” Freya pressed her lips together tightly.

“What is it?” Jason looked at her and could see her deep in thought.

“They are far enough ahead to be lodged safely in demon territory.” Freya rubbed her hand over her brow. With a heavy sigh she walked over to the far side of the building. She pulled a loose board over to the side and grabbed out a bag.

“What are you doing?” Jason looked at her confused.

“It’s one of my stashes.” Freya took her hand and motioned over herself. “I can’t go demon hunting in this.” She then just started stripping her clothes off of herself. Jason quickly turned his head away to give her privacy. Before long she was fully decked out as the demon huntress from head to toe including her combat boots.

Freya walked back to Jason and put her hand on his shoulder. “I’ll bring her back.”

“Wait a minute I am coming with you.” Jason said immediately.

Freya shook her head. “You need to stay with Susan. She can’t be left alone right now. But more than that... I can’t do this with you Jason. I am going to have to move through the area quietly. We can’t make any noise. I can make myself invisible when hunting. I’ve had years of practice.”

“I’m coming with you. That is my mate. And I can’t allow you to go alone.” Jason was adamantly refusing her.

Freya smiled at him and put her hand on his shoulder.

“I’ll be okay on my own.” Susan said quietly.

“Jason... I can do this better without you. I can avoid major groups. I can run through the trees. And-”

“I can’t Freya. I can’t sit here and wait. If that was Wyatt missing and I told you that I could get him back better without you... could you just sit and wait?” Jason looked at her almost pleadingly. If she decided to take off without him there was nothing he could do.

“Damn it Jason.” Freya shook her head angrily. He was right, she would demand to go as well. “You are coming as my client then. That’s it. You are paying me for a job if we run into anyone. Susan, are you sure you are okay to wait here?”

Susan nodded her head. “I’m sure my brother is already looking for me. I can wait here until he finds me.”

“If anyone comes, shift and run. Understand?” Freya watched as Susan nodded her head. She looked up to Jason. “This is about to get pretty risky and potentially very dangerous.”

“It doesn’t matter. Just lead me to Jin. I’ll take out a demon army to get to her.”

“That’s good to hear because we may have to.” Freya smirked and turned back to the door. “We will be back as soon as we find Jin, Susan... And if you see Wyatt... tell him not to worry. He probably won’t listen but tell him to wait here for us.”

“I will.” Susan watched as the two people ran out of the building racing into the distance.

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Chapter 67 Disheartening

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Freya stopped suddenly and wafted her nose in the air. The smell was giving her mixed signals.

“What is it?” Jason asked as he looked around.

“The trail goes through the cursed forest, but the scent is coming from along the tree line here. They must be trying to throw us off. Anyone else wouldn’t have checked the air for their scent.” Freya looked away from the trees and upwards to where the scent was now coming from. She led Jason up the tree line. Little did she know they were running farther and farther away from Jin.

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I can smell Susan. She is really close. Adam began to get antsy. His wolf was also restless. He struggled against himself to continue to follow his alpha and not take off running towards the scent.

I don’t like this. If we are catching up to Susan already then why is Freya’s scent not strong? Wyatt frowned as they continued to race through the woods. They had been running in their wolf forms since that was when they were at their fastest. Blaze was testing the air with his nose and

was disappointed that Freya's scent wasn't close. He was able to follow her scent, but it was still faint. Meanwhile, Susan's scent was getting stronger. This was not a good sign.

They slowed down as a building came into their vision. They could smell Susan's scent coming from it and Adam was starting to whimper wanting to go to her.

Adam, fall in line or wait here. Sam growled lowly. He was anxious to get to Susan too but they had to follow their alpha's lead.

I don't sense anyone else in there. Blaze lifted his nose and could pick up Freya's scent in another direction.

I can hear someone inside... that must be Susan. Winston said as they all waited to see what Wyatt wanted them to do. Thank goodness she is alive. He sighed in relief. No one said it but they were all thinking the worst when they realized her scent was alone. They figured for Freya and Jason to not be there that the scent was going to lead to a lifeless body.

There is no one else there. Let's go. Wyatt said and quickly shifted back to his human self. The rest of the men followed suit and they jogged over to the building. They opened the door and saw Susan sitting with her arms around her knees in the middle of the building.

"Susan!" Adam yelled and sprinted to her. She lifted her head up as he crashed into her body. "Are you okay Sues? I was so worried. What happened? Where is everyone else?"

Susan wrapped her arms around Adam and sighed in relief. She took in his comforting scent that finally allowed her to relax. "Adam." Her voice choked out. She knew her brother would be coming but she was so happy that Adam was there. It made her start tearing up just being back in his strong safe arms.

"Susan. I know you've been through a lot but we need some answers. Can you talk with us?" Wyatt's voice was gentle, and he spoke in a quieted tone. He was happy to see she was okay but at the same time they were still missing three other important members.

She pulled away from Adam's chest to look at Wyatt. Her eyes pooled with tears. "The men who took us left me here and took Jin with them. The one man called her his pet. Freya and Jason found me. They took the chains and gag off of me. Then they continued on looking for Jin." Susan looked at Wyatt's grey eyes. "Freya told me to tell you not to worry and to wait here for them to return."

Wyatt scoffed and shook his head. "I'm not going to just wait here."

Susan smiled. "She didn't think you would, but I guess she had to try anyway."

"Now what Wyatt?" Sam asked. He could see that Susan was fine. A bit shaken up, but she was okay. Now they had to worry about Jin and the two who went after her.

“We will leave Adam here with Susan. I don’t like leaving her alone. The trackers will meet up with them before long. When they do tell them to stand by here for further orders. Then you take Susan home.” Wyatt looked at Adam and then to the other men. “Us three will continue on.” Wyatt frowned and looked back at Susan. “How much farther are they ahead of us?”

“You are a few hours behind them.”

Wyatt inhaled sharply and looked back at the door. The sun was making its descent casting a rich orange hue over the woods. Darkness would be falling soon. “We better get going. At least we can see good in the dark.” As werewolves their night vision was excellent. And they would have to use it.

“I’m glad you are alright, Sues.” Sam said with a smile. “Look after her Adam.”

Adam looked over at Sam and smiled. “Nothing will happen to her. She is safe now.”

“Alright let’s get going.” Wyatt shifted into his wolf and sprinted out of the building. He was getting more and more nervous as time went by. What had started out as a normal day had turned into a terrifying day. Not knowing how Jin was, or where Jason and Freya were, had him nervous and agitated. He needed to get to them. Freya and Jason were going to have a fight on their hands, and he needed to be there to help. He surged forward even faster. He was following his instincts as well as the faint scent of his mate. He had to hurry.

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The sun had vanished from the sky a couple hours ago. Freya and Jason had continued to race at an exhausting speed. The scent of the demons was getting stronger though. That was their driving force as they fought off the fatigue that was beginning to protest in their muscles.

The scent of smoke hit her nose first before she saw the soft orange glow. They both stopped running and looked at the flickering light. “Quietly, Jason. And don’t lose control.” Freya breathed in a soft breath. He only nodded his head at her while he kept his eyes fixated on the light.

Through the cover of the darkness, they crept in silence. Freya was surprised by how stealthy Jason was being. The wet dew on the tall grass brushed against their legs. The wind swirled gently and brought the scent of the demons with it. Freya knew these were the demons they were hunting but she was confused she couldn’t smell Jin. She looked over at Jason and she could see the same thought was on his face. Looks like she would have to extract information. She hoped Jason had a strong stomach.

They were almost upon them now. She could see the two demons sitting around the dancing light. And as she feared there was no sign of Jin. She sized up the demons. The one was a low-level weakling. The other was tougher but nothing she couldn’t handle. But she needed one of them alive. And the stronger one would have the higher rank. He would be the one who knew more. Freya looked over at Jason and then nodded her head to advance.

She whipped out metal stakes that blurred through the air. At the same time a werebear came crashing through their campsite. As the demons tried to prepare themselves against him another set of daggers pinned them through their feet to the ground. Then pushing her combined vampire and werewolf strength forward she grabbed the stronger demon and slammed him into the ground. With lightning-like moves she had him bound with a knife at his throat. She looked up to Jason who had the other demon on the ground.

“Kill him. We don’t need him.” Freya said coldly. She then directed her gaze on the other man. She recognized this demon.

“One of Leoric’s lackies.” She pressed her knife against his throat. She knew this was probably one of the demons that had beaten Jin in the past. The sound of a neck breaking echoed in the quiet night sky and then a large bear came closer to them.

“What does the demon huntress want from me?” Lionel spat out angrily.

“Where is the green haired girl at?” Freya asked pointedly.

Lionel scoffed. “You are going to kill me anyways. Why would I tell you?”

Freya’s lips curled upwards, and her eyes lit up. “Good you know me. Then you must know my reputation. Listen. I can either grant you a swift death... or I can slowly fillet your skin from your body.”

Lionel’s eyes widened as he looked at Freya. He knew very well she was serious. “Now... the girl?”

Lionel sneered. “She was taken from me.” Freya pressed her knife deeper causing blood to rise from his skin. “By the demon Harley.”

Freya clenched her jaw tight. “Where? What does he want with her?”

“At the cursed forest.” Lionel then smiled cruelly. “He took her as a mate.”

Freya curled her lips in disgust, she plunged her dagger into his chest angrily. She pulled the blade out and wiped it off on the ground below. He didn’t deserve a fast death. But she was true to her word. And they had bigger things to worry about than torturing the demon.

“Shit.” Freya swore between clenched teeth. The cursed forest was a two-hour run in the other direction. They had run away from Jin. Not only that but the demon Harley had her.

“This just got difficult.” Freya sighed as she stood up. “Harley is just as powerful as Leoric.” She looked up at Jason. “We can’t defeat him on our own. And he won’t be alone. I can try talking with him... a favor for a favor... but if it goes sour...” Freya rubbed her forehead. They were both exhausted but there was no way either one of them could rest. She could see how worried and scared Jason was. Especially after hearing the reason Jin was taken.

“Don’t worry we are going to get her back.” Freya stood up and sighed. “We have a long run back in the other direction. Let’s get going.”

Jason could see how tired Freya was and he was feeling it too. But they were both being driven by the driving force of rescuing Jin. It was disheartening and they felt defeated. They came so far only to find out they were still only getting started. Now they had to face a stronger demon and they were both depleted. Jason would risk his life to protect Jin and his unborn child. And this fueled an energy inside of him he didn’t know he had. The two turned and raced back in the direction they had just come from. Maybe he could be a distraction so Freya could get Jin out of there?

His poor sweet Jin. If they touch her, he wouldn’t be able to contain his anger. She had already been through so much and now she was going through it again. This time though he was coming for her. Just like he promised when she first came to them. No matter what... he would find her. And he would save her.

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Chapter 68 Forgive Me

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The fireflies danced in the darkness. The rustling wind danced through the weeds and tousled them side to side. The frogs and crickets joined in on the night chorus as the main melody of two bodies running hummed through the air. Freya glanced up at the night sky. Small diamonds peppered the sky and dark clouds floated slowly in the horizon. The moon was following them on their journey and creating a small illuminating light that pierced the darkness. They were almost back to the cursed forest when she halted abruptly.

Her senses were tingling, and it didn’t take her long to understand why. The sweet scent of her mate rose in the air. Wyatt had come and he was close. She looked over at Jason who had his hands on his knees trying to catch his breath.

“Guess Wyatt didn’t listen and wait.” Jason chuckled as he felt his brother's presence. He felt a sense of relief knowing Wyatt was here. With his brother joining them they now had a another strong power joining them. Freya had mentioned earlier that they couldn’t defeat Harley. But Jason had already decided he would protect Jin no matter what even at the cost of his life if necessary. With Wyatt here the power was shifting in their favor.

The rustling sound got closer and soon the beading eyes of wolves came into view. Freya locked eyes with the silver wolf who shifted before her eyes.

“Freya, thank goodness.” Wyatt walked up to her and pulled her into his chest. At first, he felt relieved until he looked over to Jason. Jin was still not with them.

“Where is Jin?” Wyatt asked as he pulled back slightly.

“We caught up with the demons that had kidnapped her. However, another demon has taken her.” Freya frowned. “Unfortunately, it is a much stronger demon. He is on the same level as Leoric. The son of an original demon.”

“And he has Jin now? Why?” Wyatt frowned looking at Jason. His brother’s face was worn with exhaustion and worry.

“He took her as a mate.” Freya said quietly.

Wyatt’s eyes flashed black as a low growl reverberated in his chest. He walked up to Jason and slapped his hand on his shoulder. “We are getting her back. Don’t worry. We are getting her back.” He could see his brother nod his head and look away as his bottom lip quivered slightly. Wyatt would rip this demon apart. He didn’t care how powerful he was.

“We will try to negotiate with him first. We don’t know how many other demons he will have with him. Worst case... Jason takes Jin and runs while we hold them off.” Freya looked at Wyatt with her green pinning eyes.

“No. You take Jin and run. I will hold them off.” Jason said in a low threatening tone. “You need my strength to hold them off. No matter how strong you two are you are not a guardian.”

Freya turned and looked at Winston and Sam. “They can take Jin and run. The three of us can hold them off then.” She could see Wyatt’s silver eyes looking at her and she gave him a soft smile. Of course, Wyatt didn’t want her staying but she didn’t want him staying either. This was a compromise. And when it came to demons, she had the most experience. “We have no time to waste. We need to keep going.”

Wyatt looked at her and Jason. “You both are exhausted. What good are you fighting in this condition?”

“I couldn’t rest now anyways. I can’t rest not knowing what is happening to Jin...” Jason trailed off quietly. He clenched his fists at his sides and squinted his eyes shut. All he could see was images of his Jin happy and laughing. Stealing his hidden chocolate from his drawer, running through the candy store, the way she looked when she told him she was pregnant. He was seeing it all. It was painful. He set his jaw and inhaled deeply. He would not live in this life without her. And he hated himself that he was dragging his brother into this. He was supposed to be keeping him safe but was no relying on his strength. He was taking his brother into danger.

“I’ve tracked for days straight before. I’ll be fine. We will sleep for days after this to recover. Unless you are too tired to go on alpha. Then you can just wait for us here.” Freya winked at him and he chuckled.

“Why aren’t you running in your feral forms?” Wyatt asked, looking at the two of them.

“I have more agility and can move just as fast in this form. Thanks to being part vampire.” Freya answered with a shrug.

“I find running in this form faster.” Wyatt frowned. He was a tribrid too.

“It is just what you are used to that’s why. And I am used to running this way. Honestly... it doesn’t matter right?” Freya grinned and Wyatt lifted his head to Jason for his response.

“My bear form is too loud. It would be sounding the alarm for me to run in that form. I am able to keep up like this though, so it is for the best. I shifted into a bear when we took out the demons.” Jason sighed heavily and a white cloud formed from his mouth.

“I’ll lead the way. Try to keep up or I’ll leave you behind.” Freya smirked back at Wyatt who shook his head and chuckled. There was no time to lose. Every minute... no every second could be torture for Jin. They had to get to her fast.

The cursed forest welcomed them with a cold mist that blanketed them as they moved through it. They were moving slower now as Freya tried to track the old trail of the demons. Periodically a twig snapped in the distance and they all would freeze to analyze what could have made the sound. Once they discerned it was nothing to worry about, they would continue on. The land was barren so there was nothing to hide behind. The sound of water moving pricked at their ears. At this same time the scent of other demons wafted in the air. The trail they were following stopped here. There was also a faint scent of Jin from where she had been standing for a moment.

Freya could see Jason looking around frantically for Jin. Smelling her scent had him more distressed. Usually, the scent of your mate relaxes you, but that is when you can get to them. Now it was having the opposite effect. A large silver wolf brushed up against Freya and lifted his nose in the air. He glared towards the river and Freya nodded in agreement.

“They crossed the river. From this point on we are in Harley’s territory. You are all hired mercenaries that I am using to fulfil a job for a client. So don’t act irrationally.” Freya turned and pierced her green eyes with Jason’s brown ones.

“How far away do you think they are?” Jason asked with a frown.

“I’m not sure. They aren’t really close, but they can’t be far either. They will be somewhere in this territory.” Freya could smell the different scents but none of them were strong. Though that might change once they cross the river. “We will need to move quietly and a bit slower. I know you are anxious Jason, but we will find her soon.”

“I hope she is alright.” Jason’s voice cracked slightly and Wyatt shifted back to his human form. He walked up to his brother and wrapped his arms around him.

“We are going to find her. And she is going to be alright. He was taking her as a mate. He would not have killed her. And no matter what as long as she is alive that is all that matters, right? And she will be alive, and we are taking her back.” Wyatt held on to his brother tightly and felt him nod his head. He could feel the small tremors from his brother’s anxious body. He really felt for him. It would be hard if something traumatic happens to your mate. Not because of what happened or that they are damaged but because you would feel like you failed as their mate. Your strongest drive and desire is to protect them and keep them from harm.

“Do you think she will forgive me?” Jason choked out.

“Jason, she would never blame you and you know it. You are the one who will have to forgive yourself.” Wyatt patted his brother hard on the back. “Let’s go get her back, Jase. And then let’s go home.”

Jason nodded his head and lifted up his arm to wipe his eyes. He was mentally preparing himself. It had been hours since Jin had been captured as the demon’s mate. And he just hoped that Jin was okay and would be okay. His chest hurt. He wasn’t there to protect her. She was probably scared and frightened. He squeezed his hand into a fist as Wyatt stood apart from him. He looked at his brother and then to Freya. He gritted his teeth and nodded his head to continue. They were close. Soon he would see his sweet Jin again. And then she would never leave his sight again when they were out. He was going to be the annoying hovering mate. He would heal her wounds and be there to support her. He never wanted a mate or so he told himself. But she was the best mate he ever could have asked for. Falling in love with her was a wonderful surprise. And having a family with her was more than he ever could have hoped for. He needed to see her, his sweet chocolate loving slushy slaying demon.

Freya led them up to the fast-paced river. It would be challenging for a regular human to cross but not for them. She forged ahead with the silver wolf at her side. The icy water stabbed at her legs and then swallowed her up to her chest. Soon she was having to swim as the water frothed and splashed at her face. Wyatt was doing his best to be a barrier for Freya against the current. Even though she didn’t need his help he was still trying to make the crossing as easy for her as possible.

Freya and Wyatt waited as each of the others made their way onto the shore before she turned her attention back to tracking. The scent was nowhere and everywhere. She needed to focus on the most recent scent that was there. She took a few small steps away from the others and searched over the land in front of her. There were several tracks but only one group was the freshest. It matched the scent across the river as well.

She slowly proceeded forward, and the others followed her as well. She hadn’t really seen Harley before. She had run into his goons before at the informational tavern. He probably wouldn’t be happy to see her if he had found out she was the one who killed a couple of his men not too long ago. She did give them a choice though. They were told to let Ciana go or die. They

chose death, right? Though Harley probably wouldn't see it this way. But maybe he didn't know about it.

The leaves and greenery started filling in again as they got farther away from the cursed forest. This would at least give them more cover, but it would also shield their adversaries. Freya went to take another step forward but stopped mid stride. Her body became rigid as a stronger scent came into play. She quickly drew her dagger and whipped it towards the bushes. Her knife landed at the throat of a demon and behind him were several other eyes glaring back at them.

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Chapter 69 Harley

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Freya linked the others in her group to freeze and not make a move. She would handle this as the demon huntress. The demon in front of her looked on in amusement.

“Huntress. What do we owe the surprise of your company in OUR territory?” The demon she had her blade up to hissed out.

Freya smirked and then raised her blade, taking a step back. She didn't want to provoke a fight... yet.

“As always, a job. I think your boss has my target. We are going to need to negotiate this over.” Freya said in dripping agitation.

The demon scoffed. “Lord Harley may just decide to kill you, little huntress. You have taken a number of names from our guys.”

“I can't possibly remember ever demon I have killed. But yes, I am sure I have killed your guys. They get in the way or are on my list... it's business. And I have never failed a client yet.” Freya said with a threatening hint.

The demon looked over at the werewolves and the tall man behind her. His eyes locked onto the abnormally large silver werewolf that had a suffocating aura pumping out of him. “I can see you brought some muscles for this job...” He then looked at Freya. “Can it wait? The boss just took a new mate and he won't be happy getting disturbed.”

Freya's green eyes pierced into the demons. “Either take me to your master now or enjoy an eternal nap.”

The demon clicked his tongue. “You have no patience. Fine. Doesn’t matter to me if he up and kills you.”

Freya rolled her eyes. “As if I am that easy to kill. Don’t you think they would have done it already if I was that easy? I’m useful, even among you demons. I have my own value. Let’s get going. We are wasting time.”

“Easy huntress. I don’t take orders from you.” The demon growled lowly. “Rhett, run ahead and let the boss know the demon huntress is here to see him. I don’t want us interrupting anything when we show up with company.”

Easy Jason. Easy. Freya linked to the man who was shifting side to side.

The demon looked at Jason noticing his irritability. “Where’s his problem? What is he anyways?”

“Jay, shift.” Freya said coldly. She wanted them to see the werebear. It would definitely make them think twice before trying anything. She watched the demon’s eyes widen as the massive bear formed before their eyes. Jason roared at him just for extra theatrics and because he was really pissed.

“His only problem is that he isn’t sinking his fangs into you right now. Though depending on what your lord says he may still get his chance.” Freya said disinterestedly.

“You don’t mess around, do you?” The demon shook his head and turned. “Follow me.” They hated that the huntress was in their territory. But his boss had never wanted to kill her before. He fancied her a pet or a tool that could come in handy. Here she was walking into the devil’s lair all on her own. Though, she may not be walking out of it.

Freya could sense Wyatt’s apprehension. He was walking behind her but side by side with Jason’s bear. Winston and Sam were directly behind them. They were following in line with the huntress as if she were their boss. But Wyatt didn’t like not being at her side or being able to stand in between her and the demons. She might be a demon huntress, but she was still his mate. She is the one who had the experience with demons and dealing with them. This was what she determined would be the best way to achieve what they wanted. And so, all they could do was act according to Freya’s plan.

A barn owl suddenly took off from the trees and flew away from the savage beasts from below. Luckily, the group wasn’t jumpy and continued on like nothing. They had to put on the front that they feared nothing. They were fearsome mercenaries who always fulfilled their marks.

Freya was surprised to see the stone cottage in the distance. Most of the demons she knew didn’t live in modern society or in modern houses. At least none that belonged to the horde. This was intriguing to her. She expected a cave or swampy hut. But not this.

The demon walked up to the thick wooden door. The door had dark silver bolts securing the frame and a large dark silver handle. He knocked loudly on it and then waited.

The door opened and Rhett stepped out. "He will see just the huntress. You lot stay put."

Freya nodded her head and looked back over her feral companions. "Wait here while I work out the details."

Wyatt growled lowly and pawed at the ground impatiently.

Freya smiled. "No killing any of the demons until I say. Unless they start it of course." She smiled poisonously at the other demons before her poker face fell back on her. She knew Wyatt hated this, but this was their shot and they had to take it.

Freya walked into the room and Rhett shut the door behind her.

"You'll find him at the top of the stairs." Rhett said as he stayed put.

Freya rolled her eyes in annoyance to the demon and slowly walked up to the stairs. The place was very elegant inside. A red carpet ran to the wooden stairs and then above her a chandelier provided a soft light. This did not seem to fit a demon's taste. But Jin was a demon and didn't fit the norm either. She could smell Jin's scent in the air and knew she was just up these stairs. She took in a deep breath and braced herself. She needed to stay composed no matter what she came across.

When she reached the top of the stairs there was a door directly in front of her. She reached her hand forward and knocked on the door.

"Enter." A deep resonating voice spoke out.

Freya pushed the door open. She looked over the room. The walls were all wooden with wooden floors. A rectangular carpet stretched in the center of the room. Beyond that was a large wooden desk. A man sat at the desk with his hands folded together. His fingers were interlaced, and his chin rested on them.

"Shut the door." His voice was deep and commanding as he talked.

The man was dressed in a dress shirt and had a black jacket on the back of his chair. He looked to be about her age in appearance, in his young twenties. He was a large man; she could even tell that from him sitting. But his presence was not at all how she had pictured. He was in his human form of course but was still sizeable. And very well kept. She pushed the door behind her until she heard it click.

She took a few more steps into the room and then a green blur crashed into her chest. She looked down to see Jin clinging to her chest.

“I knew you would come for me.” Jin said in a sniffling voice.

Freya wrapped her arms around Jin but kept her eyes on the demon in front of her. So much for keeping up her demon huntress persona.

“Are you okay Jin? You aren’t hurt are you? If someone hurt you then I will-”

Jin shook her head. “No I am fine.” She pulled back and looked up to Freya with small droplets at the corner of her eyes.

Freya smiled at her and patted her head. She wanted to let Wyatt and Jason know that Jin was okay. But mind linking now would be a problem. The demon wouldn’t know what she was saying. It could start an unprepared fight. They would have to wait until she knew what his intentions were. She then looked up at Harley. “What is your game here?” Her voice sounded like a whip cracking into the air.

Harley smiled and then began laughing. A heart chuckle left from his chest. “This is a very interesting side of you huntress.”

“Funny, I could say the same about you.” Freya said in an unamused tone.

“Freya, be nice. He isn’t a bad one.” Jin said with a small smile. “He rescued me from Lionel and the other demon that was with him.”

“They’re dead now.” Freya said simply which made Harley chuckle quietly again.

“Is it so weird for a demon to be a businessman?” Harley said with a small smile on his lips.

“A demon like yourself... yes, absolutely.” Freya said as she tried to figure this demon out.

“You are very suspicious of me, aren’t you?” Harley leaned forward and rested his head on his hands again.

“No offense. But you are a demon.” Freya said matter of factly.

He lifted his hand and pointed it towards Jin. “So is she.”

Freya smiled. “But she is Jin. I’m convinced one of the only demons of her kind.”

“She is dangerous if you have chocolate though.” Harley frowned as he lifted his empty chocolate box of candy. “These were imported you know.”

“And they were delicious.” Jin said beaming back at him.

Freya looked between Jin and Harley who were acting like good friends. Jin was treating him like he was a good guy. Harley? Another original demon’s son. There had to be a catch, right?

“I don’t understand. I thought you took her as a mate. What is it that you want?” Freya was feeling agitated. This did not make sense and she needed more information. She hated when things did not add up.

“It seems like you are not what everyone thinks you are. Well, the truth can be said for me as well. I knew your father, Gilbert and Jin’s father Jhett. I wouldn’t say we were friends, but we were on good terms. We had heard that Jhett’s whole family had been killed and that Gilbert’s daughter was the only survivor from his family. Had I known that the little wind demon had been captured I would have freed her.”

“Just because you were on good terms with our fathers you would risk your neck?” Freya quirked her eyebrow up at him. This didn’t make sense.

“No, because Leoric annoys me. She just would have been the perk out of it. I had men always around and keeping tabs on you. They would let me know what you were up to and your reputation. All up until recently when you vanished.” He gave her a crooked smile and then continued on with his story. “When I saw the green haired girl, I knew immediately who she was. Her green unique hair plus she has a similar scent to her father. So, I claimed her as a mate. Something no one could refute. Not that they would.”

“Then he brought me here and we talked. He took the element sealing cuffs off of me too. He was only keeping me here until you arrived. I told him you would definitely come for me. Either you or Jason.” Jin said happily.

“He is here too.” Freya gave her a soft smile and could see Jin’s eyes begin to water in response.

“How is he? Is he worried?” Jin asked with a small frown.

“Of course he is worried sick. He will be much better seeing that you are okay though.” Freya then looked back at Harley. “So, whose side are you one then?”

Harley scoffed. “I’m a true demon. I don’t do sides. I am uninterested in the war. I do what I feel like doing and that is it.” He grinned and looked at Freya. “I’m not for yin, yang, demon or whatever. I am just for me and what I feel like doing.”

“And you felt like saving Jin?” Freya wasn’t sure how she felt about Harley.

“Have you never thought it weird that I never looked into retaliation against you for the men of mine that you have killed?”

“I assumed it was because you figured there was some use for me.” Freya answered honestly.

“I find you interesting. There is the element of you two being Jhett and Gilbert’s kids but overall it is because there is an interest there. With Jin, I didn’t know her and so I took her. I was curious what she was like. And you, dhampir, you interest me. Of course now I find you even more

interesting with the werewolf blood coursing through your veins.” He smiled as he watched her shocked face. “I’m not a low level. I can smell what you are.”

“Okay, just so I am understanding this correctly. You took Jin because you were curious, and you have left me alone because I interest you. Are you saying we are free to leave then?” Freya watched as his eyes flickered and she was preparing for whatever it was he was going to say next. He said it himself he was a selfish demon. He did things that interested himself. She had a feeling he was about to ask for something else. She just hoped it was something they could do.

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Chapter 73 Destiny

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“You promise you will keep her safe?” Jason asked as he held Jin into his chest. Her small frame next to him made him feel like she was even more vulnerable. He wanted her here and safe but leaving right now was gut wrenching. It was hard to leave his mate and unborn child.

“I promise. She will be perfectly fine. Go concentrate on what you have to.” Harley then looked up at Wyatt. “Nothing will happen to the Diamond pack territory with me here.”

“Jin.” Jason reached his hand up to her chin and tilted her head up to him gently. “I love you so much. I’m coming back to you, okay?” He watched her eyes water as she tried to fight off the tears. This tore him apart even more.

“You better come back to me.” Jin offered him a brave smile and reached up to him on her tiptoes. “I love you, Jason.” She whispered into his lips before she met with his own.

Jason pressed into her and moved his lips against her own. He deepened the kiss, pouring his love into it. Just in case, just in case he didn’t make it back to her she would know how much she meant to him. He slowly pulled apart from her and traced his thumb over her cheek. He kissed her forehead and glanced up to see Wyatt and Freya already gone. The packs were all assembling and meeting up at Elysium and the Diamond pack was finally moving out.

“I’ll be back before you know it.” He squeezed her body gently before he released her. “I have to go.” He said in a hoarse voice as he felt his eyes starting to blur from the rising tears. He quickly mustered up his resolve and strength to walk away from her. He quickly left the area while he could. He didn’t turn around to show her the tears that were forming in his eyes. But then he stopped walking pausing for a moment. He turned to the side slightly. Not so much that she could see his eyes completely though.

“Destiny.” Jason said quietly. He smiled and then turned his head more to look at Jin. He could see the crystal streams flowing down her cheeks. “Let’s name her Destiny. Since it was my destiny to be with you.” Just in case he didn’t make it back he wanted to feel like he had at least a small part in his daughter’s life. He watched Jin smile and nod her head. This was even harder than he imagined. He looked behind Jin and to Harley who was smiling hearing the name of his mate.

“Take care of my girls.” Jason said quietly and then shifted into his bear, running away. Jin would be safe. He knew that. Harley would keep her safe. He just wasn’t sure if he would ever get to see her again or the face of his baby girl.

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The next day...

“There isn’t anything we can do. Now what?” Tyler reached his hands up and rubbed Lilly shoulders.

“I’m scared. I’m so afraid because I have this really strong feeling screaming at me inside. Gosh, Tyler I’m afraid our babies are going to get stuck inside of that hole.” A wet crystal streamed down Lilly’s face as she leaned back into Tyler.

“As long as Titus is alive there will always be hope that they can return.” Tyler shook his head and then forced a smile upon his face. “Lills we don’t know what is going to happen. They might make it back out just fine.”

“Baby if I could, I would go in their place. I would do anything to protect our family.” Tyler leaned his head and rested his chin near her neck.

“I wish we could. But there would be no way for us to find our way back out.” Lilly shook her head and looked down at the floor. “Mom and Dad are going to keep studying, but I’m sure if there was another way the moon goddess would have tried it already.”

“Come on Lilly. Let’s go and visit with your brother before all hell breaks loose. He came here early to visit with you. You know how much he misses his ‘Lillybug’.” Tyler smiled into her neck and brushed his lips over her sensitive skin.

“Yes, I haven’t gotten to see him and his son Ace much. But after the war is over things will finally be peaceful. I just hope that we will be able to visit with everyone. I don’t know how I will handle it if-”

“Let’s not think about it. We already agreed to let them make their own decisions over this matter, right? All we can do is support them and trust them. And if it all goes to hell... we will be here to pick up the pieces and hold the family together. That is our job, Lilly. Freya, Levi, Cody, Jason, Jin, and Kelsie will all need us. Same with Titus.” He kissed her neck sweetly and

wrapped his arm around her. “Come on baby. Let’s have a few more good moments. And when the battle starts don’t you leave my side for a second.”

Lilly giggled. “You are the one who left my side last time, remember?”

“Yeah, and I had a siren wanting to keep me for a mate.”

Lilly growled. “Glad she was made an example of. If Rowan didn’t kill her, I would have gone back to do the job.”

Tyler chuckled. “I know you would have baby. I know.”

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Tristan, Lilly and Tyler left Elysium with the fairies who were able to fight. They didn’t have to ask the kelpies twice they were always blood thirsty and ready for battle. Others were a bit more hesitant but still rose to the call. There were many different species gathering; all were answering the fairies call for aid.

Aaron and Ace walked out with them just as the werewolf packs starting trickling in. The werewolves had run in their wolf forms the whole way making travel way faster. They wanted to make sure they had time to rest and setup before the demons arrived. They shifted back into their human forms and began making preparations; setting up their camps.

Wyatt, Freya, and Jason strayed from the gathering packs and walked up towards Lilly and Tyler. They passed Aaron and Ace who nodded their head in acknowledgement as they continued back to their pack. Lilly outstretched her arms and hugged both Wyatt and Freya. Then she hugged Jason and squeezed him tightly.

“Rest easy knowing she is at home safe.” Lilly whispered in his ear. Then in a breath only audible to him. “I bet your brother wishes he could have left Freya there too.”

Jason smiled and nodded his head. He understood what his mother was saying. He needed to actually be thankful that Jin wasn’t here. Because Wyatt has the real worry of losing his mate. Their whole family was fighting against the demons and he knew they were all nervous. There was a chance their family would forever be altered after this war. He glanced over at Wyatt who was holding Freya’s hand as he talked with their dad and Tristan. He would do his duty as a guardian. It was his job to protect Wyatt no matter what and that is exactly what he was going to do.

“Little cub.” Tristan took a step towards Jason. Lilly smiled up at Tristan and then walked back to Tyler’s side. “I know you have had a few fights before, but this is going to be completely different. There is no holding back here. We can’t afford to offer mercy. Every enemy we encounter is a dead enemy. No matter what. You understand?”

Jason smiled. “Yes, Uncle Tristan.”

“We are going to make sure we get you back to your mate.” Tristan said with a smile as he slapped his hand on Jason’s shoulder.

“Did mom tell you that I am having a little girl? I sent her a letter explaining everything.” Jason was proud and feeling a bit sentimental thinking about his pregnant mate.

“Yes, I heard. You are sure we don’t want to just off this demon?” Tristan asked quietly.

Jason chuckled. “Actually, I left Jin with him for protection. If anything, I guess I will know she has a strong protector.” Jason said with a small smile. “We are going to name her Destiny.”

“I think that’s a great name.” Tristan sighed and squeezed Jason shoulder. “Don’t get flustered and forget everything I have taught you.”

“Wyatt, your mother and I have been trying to find another way with this black hole business, but we can’t find anything.” Tyler looked at his son’s silver eyes. “We are going to win this demon war. And then you are going to do what you have to do. No matter what we won’t give up on you. No matter how long it takes we will be waiting for you and Rhea to come back to us.”

“Don’t worry dad. We are going to make it out of there.” Wyatt felt Freya’s grip on his side tighten. He squeezed her back gently and nudged her lightly.

“You are going to make it out of there no matter what.” Tyler nodded his head agreeing as he looked at Lilly.

Wyatt could hear the noise coming from the packs and he turned his head to look. He could see the army of the vampires slowly coming into view. As he glanced over at the different packs, he could see they seemed a bit unsure and antsy.

“I better go and keep the packs calm and greet the vampires. I’ll be back shortly.” Wyatt turned and looked at Freya. “You can stay here I won’t be long.”

“Nonsense. My place is at your side.” Freya smiled up at him and he grinned down widely at her.

“Yes, it is.” Wyatt looked up at his parents and then Jason. “We will be back. Jase, go ahead and stay here with mom and dad.” Jason nodded his head to him and then the two of them headed towards the vampires. He wasn’t sure if the king and queen would be there, but he was certain Jester would at the very least. And maybe Irene too.

Jason watched Wyatt walk away until a dark shadow fell upon the ground. He looked up and his eyes widened. “Hey look!”

The sky was covered with large ancient beasts. They sky monsters blocked the sun as they slowly made their descend. In the front were the largest dragons. And on top of a familiar blue dragon was Rhea waving down at them. The moment they landed they all took to their human forms.

Rhea smiled as Lee cradled her in his side. Her premonition that she had before was no longer valid. The dragons were here. She had done her part to change the future. Grayson and Ruby strolled up to her side and looked ahead towards where her parents and brother were standing. Cody jogged up to them along with Titus and Lila.

“That is my twin brother over there.” Cody grinned pointing at Jason.

“Another bear with a voracious appetite?” Weston teased as he strolled closer.

“I don’t want to hear that from you Wes. You can eat more than me.” Cody laughed and Weston chuckled and shrugged.

“I am a dragon after all so that makes sense.”

“Come on. I want to introduce you all.” Rhea said as she dragged Lee along. They might be getting ready for war, but Rhea was still her excited self. It was better this way. Why worry about it? She was going to have faith in the army they have prepared. And she was ready to do her part in the war. She would believe in Lee because she had to. He was their only hope against Mephisto. She wasn’t under the illusion that this would be an easy fight. Quite the contrary. But all the more reason to make these last moments as precious as possible.

“Jason! Where is Wyatt?” Rhea asked as she dragged Lee behind her.

“He is over there greeting the vampires.” Jason nodded in the far direction behind them.

“Mom, Dad, Uncle Tristan. I wanted to introduce you to the other dragon kings. Of course, you already know Titus and Lila.” Rhea said as she turned to look at the others. “That is Dex the king of the north and by his side is Ciana his mate. Then this here is Grayson the king of the east and his mate Ruby. Then last and possibly least is Weston the king of the south.”

“Hey. I resent that.” Weston said and he clicked his tongue.

Rhea giggled. “You were meant to.”

“Kelsie should be with Jin now.” Cody said as he looked at Jason. Their chocolate eyes stared at the other and he nodded in understanding. Both of their mates were pregnant and carrying their future. Lilly and Tyler began talking with the other kings and Cody took this moment to walk up to Jason and hug him. He then whispered quietly to him. “If something happens to me... take care of them for me.” He had died once. This was a real reality for him. And he was worried about leaving Kelsie and their future child.

“I will Code. And you do the same for me.” Jason said in a whisper only Cody could hear. The two brothers were both in agreement. And they were both bound by their duty. They were the guardians of the fairy prince and princess. They would fight to protect them and secure the future for the fairies.

Of course, their quiet whispers couldn't be missed by the deity's ears. Levi slowly made his way over to them while Rhea was poking fun at Weston some more. He looked at Cody and Jason with a smile on his face.

"You two are going to make it through this. You know how sad my fairy would be if you didn't? I already saw her like that once. I won't have her going through something like that again." Levi winked at the two guys. "No Locke family members are dying on my watch."

"You just worry about keeping yourself alive. We won't have another fairy princess without you, right?" Cody winked and Lee laughed quietly.

"Unless there is already one in there cooking." Jason said with a wink.

"Ha if that was the case Lee would have locked her up." Cody chuckled.

"She is lucky I am not locking her up as it is." Lee said with a disapproving scowl.

Rhea giggled and slid her arms around Lee's waist. She tilted her head around him and beamed up at him. "He knows better than to lock me up, don't you, my Lee."

"Doesn't mean I haven't thought about it."

"That's bedroom talk." Rhea said in a sultry tone.

Lee chuckled grabbing onto her wrist and pulling her around to his front. "I'm letting you know this. You are my number one priority. Over everything. Let the world burn down, but I will always save you first. If I have to choose between the world or you, it is you. So, don't put yourself in a lethal situation."

"Don't worry about me. I will be fine. You just worry about destroying Mephisto."

"Yeah, don't worry about Rhea. Besides, I'll be by her side the whole time." Titus slapped Lee's shoulder as he walked in front of him. "Rhea and I are going to put our awesome Gemini powers to the test. Maybe it will be like getting the star off of Mario or something equally cool."

"Are you comparing our powers to a video game?" Rhea giggled and Titus beamed widely at her.

"If you haven't noticed princess our lives are like a real-life video game." Titus chuckled. "I mean Cody even got a continuation after his game over."

The others chuckled and nodded their heads. Their lives were like a video game. Except to their knowledge there wasn't a star that made them invincible.

Rhea looked up and noticed her mothers' green eyes staring at her. She smiled up at Lee. "I'll be right back." She walked away from his side and towards her mother. She was sure she wanted to give her one last pep talk while they still had time.

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As Rhea walked over to her mother's side, Freya, Wyatt and Jason walked up. She watched as her mother's eyes met with Freya's and motioned for the girl to join them as well. Freya patted Wyatt's arm and then walked over curiously to Rhea and Lilly.

"Walk with me." Lilly said in a gentle calm tone. The two girls smiled and nodded their heads. They looked at one another as they followed behind the blonde haired beauty. Looks were deceiving in Lilly's case. She still looked just as young and beautiful as she did when she first met Tyler. A regular human would mistake her for a young girl. As they got farther away from the group Rhea noticed another woman coming out from the pine trees.

"Grandma?" Rhea said with a confused smile. She rushed up to her and wrapped her arms around her. She had not seen her grandma Alice in quite some time.

"Rhea. Look at you, you look stunning." Alice then raised her eyes to meet with Freya. "And you are Wyatt's beautiful mate, Freya. I have seen you before in my visions. Though, I think you are more stunning in person."

"Thank you." Freya said shyly. "You've had visions of me?" She tilted her head to the side as she asked curiously.

"Yes... I have. Several in fact. But I don't know which future we will get." Alice said with a frown. "The goddess and priestess can't see a clear future either." She then looked up at Lilly. "Are we far enough away? You know what... I want to be safe about this."

Alice raised her hand up and a green transparent light engulfed them. "There, now no one can hear what is going on here."

"Is this secrecy completely necessary?" Rhea giggled but the smile quickly disappeared as she saw her mother and grandmother's serious faces.

Lilly walked up to Rhea and reached towards her neck. She felt downward until she felt what she was looking for. "It's here..." Lilly said with a frown. She then looked back at Rhea in anger. "Damn it Rhea. What the hell are you thinking?!"

"Mom... I have to. I can't... I have to. How did you know? I... did you have... what happened in those premonitions?" Rhea asked wide eyed.

"Okay... what am I missing?" Freya looked at Rhea and could see her worried eyes. She protectively walked next to Rhea. Even though they were her family she still felt protective over her.

Lilly looked at Freya and frowned. She tapped her hand against her head. "I hate this, but I can't blame you. Either of you. But damn what a time..."

"Wait either of us?" Rhea said and looked at Freya. "You too?!"

"Me too what now?" Freya looked up as Lilly stared her down.

"We know." Alice said calmly.

Freya gulped and looked backwards. "You are sure they can't hear?"

Alice smiled and nodded her head. "Looks like someone finally figured out how to keep a secret." She looked at Rhea who smiled sheepishly.

"So, you are pregnant too?!" Freya asked, looking at Rhea.

Rhea smiled. "I guess congratulations to you too?" She chuckled dryly.

"If Wyatt finds out..." Freya looked up and shook her head.

"Can you imagine if Lee knew too? He has been so preoccupied lately that is the only way I have managed to keep this from him." Rhea bit her bottom lip nervously. "He is already looking for any reason to lock me up."

"What did you see in your visions? How did you know?" Freya asked. She was a little bit unnerved how they knew about her.

"We have seen many different futures. Every scenario. So don't be alarmed about what we are going to tell you because nothing is certain." Lilly said and she looked between the two girls. "How bad is the separation from Lee? Does that amulet from the Grandpa Sage work?"

"The amulet draws in Lee's energy when he is in the vicinity of me. So, when he is away my body slowly draws what it needs from the energy sealed in it. For now, it has worked." Rhea watched as her mother nodded her head.

“If you get stuck in the black hole... you will be in immense pain. We have both seen it. Well blurred glimpses of it. It is hard to see clearly there.” Lilly then looked at Freya. “We have seen you heavy with child and alone. You continually wait and watch for Wyatt to return. We have seen a future where you are close to giving birth and he still isn’t by your side. We have also seen the four pregnant Locke girls together. Sitting at a table eating watermelon and drinking lemonade. You are all happy... The premonitions keep changing and each has a different scenario. Some visions were without Freya and Rhea. But when we saw you both you were always pregnant in every single one of the premonitions. This told us one thing. That you two were already expecting. That part of the future is never changing which means it is set.”

“But we don’t know where Rhea will be giving birth or if Freya will be alive, pregnant and alone or if Wyatt makes it back. We don’t know. I was able to see the amulet that the Great Sage had given Rhea. And from the vision I was able to understand what it did better.” Alice looked up at Rhea. “You don’t have to go into the black hole now. If you can’t make it out... it will be a very hard pregnancy for you.”

“I know grandma. I know. I’ve thought about this. I feel like this is something that I need to do.” Rhea appreciated her for what she was saying. But she had given this a lot of thought. This was something she knew was important for her to do.

“You know how me and your father work. He already knows everything. But we agreed we will not say anything. The truth is...” Lilly looked at Rhea and Freya. She gave them both a small smile. “I understand. I don’t like it but if it were me... Hell it was me. When I was pregnant, I fought against Abaddon. Now it got sprung on us and I didn’t have a choice. However, I would have chosen to fight anyways. And being completely honest... if I was in the same situation that you are in now, I would also fight.” Lilly grabbed each girl’s hand and squeezed it.

“Everyone is going to make it and be together after this. And we are going to have a whole new generation being born. With all these new babies it is going to be so much fun.” Lilly pulled both girls closer and wrapped her arms around them both. “Be careful out there. And your mates are going to be livid when they find out.” Lilly chuckled as the two girls laughed, nodding their heads.

“They’ll be mad but once the danger is over, I think they will be more focused on the excitement.” Rhea bit her bottom lip. At least she hoped so.

“Hey, I told Wyatt if he got me pregnant, I would fight anyways. I wasn’t joking... though when I said it... it may have seemed like a joke.” Freya giggled and shrugged. “I’m fighting for a future that my child can live in. Me hiding to keep us safe means nothing if we don’t succeed.”

“Freya and I have a different circumstance than Kelsie and Jin. I am the fairy princess and the Gemini twin. Freya is the Queen of the werewolves. We have to be here. Our powers are needed.” Rhea looked at Freya. “Can we just take a second though and be super excited for each other!”

Freya giggled. “So is this another twin thing? You and Wyatt had to make sure you both were having kids at the same time? I got pulled into some weird twin world, haven’t I?”

Rhea giggled and then her eyes widened. “Gosh I didn’t think about that. I wonder if we are due around the same time too?”

“After all of this is over, I think it is time for a proper examination. I say we book the four of you and hook up four screens. We can compare gestation times then.” Lilly had to focus on the positive. They couldn’t worry about what might happen. She had too many precious loved ones fighting. Instead, she would focus on life. And making sure they end this war once and for all. It was time for her family to finally have peace.

“Freya.” Lilly said and watched as the girls’ green eyes lifted up to meet hers. “Trust yourself and your instincts. Your fairy power calls out to you when it knows it can help. Believe in yourself and concentrate on that power when it happens. As fairies we discover our powers for ourselves. There seems to be more to you... and more to your fiery wolf.”

“About that. I don’t think I am going to fight in my wolf form. It isn’t that I don’t trust my wolf. But I am an experienced fighter as is. I think I can be more effective in this body. But if I think I need to, I won’t hesitate to bring Ember forward.” Freya hoped they didn’t try to argue with her over this. She really felt she would be nimbler and would be an efficient killer in her current form.

“Fight however you feel most comfortable, Freya. You have plenty of time to hone your skills with your wolf. You were not born a werewolf. It is natural that you would not already feel comfortable fighting as one.” Lilly agreed with Freya, and it made sense.

Alice walked forward and hugged the three women in her arms. “I’ve never been a fighter. Elysium is relying on you all for protection. I will fortify the fairy kingdom on the inside. In the worst case... we can’t let the demons have Elysium. If all hope is lost then I will permanently seal Elysium and relocate the kingdom.” She sighed and looked at her daughter. “One day the time for fairies and magical creatures will come to an end. And it will be the fairy queens’ job to seal Elysium permanently so that no one can enter. And also, so no one can leave. I’m hoping this won’t be for a long time. Like a few thousand years?” Alice giggled. “But it is our job to keep this place safe no matter what. Even sealed it will continue to be a beacon of pure light and hope for the world. It is something we must never lose.”

“Don’t worry mom. We are going to protect Elysium. Maybe one day Elysium will have to be sealed... but it will not be this time.” Lilly smiled back at her confidently.

Alice smiled and nodded her head. “Okay. Go kick butt... or whatever it is you would say in this situation.” She gave a crooked smile and they all laughed.

One day when magic was no longer wanted in the world or when Elysium was in danger of being invaded... then it would be sealed. But Lilly was right. It wouldn’t be this war. Or anytime in the near future. However, that day would indeed come...Book 3

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“Did the king and queen of the vampires come?” Rhea asked as Alice took the barrier down around them.

“No, they didn’t. But they have sent their army to fight.” Freya glanced backwards to see Wyatt looking over at her. She made an eye motion to Rhea. “Thanks for the pep talk, Lilly. Don’t worry, we promise after all this is over to visit more.”

Lilly smiled and bit her bottom lip. “And if my son is rough on you for any reason you just let me know. He might be the alpha king but I am his mother.” She said acting stern.

Freya chuckled. “Thanks. But I’m not worried about Wyatt. I can easily handle him and his moodiness.”

“Oh gosh he is moody, isn’t he?” Rhea giggled. “Sorry I should have given you the warning label to read first.”

“Eh, it would not have mattered. These Locke men don’t follow the manual at all. You have to learn them as you go, unfortunately. You should feel lucky. I at least had some influence over the boys. But when I got Tyler... wow now that was a puppy that had not been house trained. Tyler is wonderful now but things for us started out... well interesting to say the least. I’ll tell you all about it after the war.” Lilly smiled and shook her head. She looked up to see the men all looking their way now.

“Uh oh, dad knows you are talking about him.” Rhea teased.

“Let him know. There isn’t much he can do about it. He might be the king of the fairy’s but I am the queen. The king has no real power here.” Lilly giggled and looked up towards Tyler. When he was the alpha he had the ultimate say. But in the fairy world, it is the queen who is the top ruler. Though none of that mattered. The two of them always made their decisions together. Which was best since they knew each other’s thoughts.

“Alright mom. Better get back into the safety of Elysium and back to dad. You know he is probably a nervous wreck that you are even out here.” Lilly hugged her mother sweetly.

Alice looked over the three women one more time. “I expect to see you all soon.” She quickly turned around and headed back into the seal around Elysium. The truth is that she was really worried. She was afraid they were going to lose Rhea and Wyatt. And if that happened the fairy magic would work to secure the child in Freya’s stomach. That child would be next in line. But

that would be complicated since it would also be the alpha king's heir. They would wait and sort out the future when it got there. She stopped for a minute hidden in the pine trees.

It was Rhea and Wyatt that her visions couldn't pick up clearly. She hoped it was just because of the nature of the black hole and not because their lives were uncertain.

"Let's go back and join the guys." Lilly walked up to Rhea and Freya. She smiled at both of them and then nodded her head. They could do this. All of this. They would win this war. And Rhea and Wyatt would make it back out of the black hole. They had to make it. She would trust in her family. In a battle, you had to. You couldn't worry about protecting everyone. You had to trust in their skills and that they were competent enough to handle their opponent. Otherwise, you could easily end up in a life-or-death situation of your own.

"Your mother is bad mouthing the Locke men again." Tyler chuckled and rubbed the back of his neck. "Your mother was giving Freya the scoop on how unruly the Locke men are."

Wyatt chuckled. "I think Freya already understands what she has gotten herself into. But even if she wanted to leave, I'd chase her down. I would end up being the one who hunted the huntress."

"That is incredibly cheesy Wyatt." Freya let out an airy laugh as she walked into his outstretched arms.

"A puppy who was not house trained? Really my dear?" Tyler gave her a frown as he tilted his head down to her.

"Oh? Are you questioning how I described you in the beginning of our relationship?" Lilly quirked her eyebrow up at him and he laughed.

"You loved it." He wrapped his arms around her and pulled her into his front. All this time and they were just as much in love. They adored one another. Tyler kissed Lilly on the forehead. "Thanks for making my life magical."

"Now you see where the cheese comes from in our family." Rhea giggled and stepped into Lee's outstretched arms.

"Hey young lady." Tyler furrowed his eyebrows down at Rhea.

"She isn't wrong though." Lilly added and watched as Tyler grinned down at her. "It's another thing you love though."

"Maybe." Lilly said with a small smile.

"What are they doing?" Rhea asked, looking back at the dragon royalty who were with Cody and Jason.

“They are going over the demons they have scouted. Remember how the scout had come to us earlier? Well, another scout just arrived and another horde of demons have met up. As far as numbers go... the demons have the advantage.” Lee took his hand and sifted it through Rhea’s long strands. He was worried about having her here. He wished he could lock her in Elysium too.

Rhea leaned against his chest. “Don’t worry. We will all be just fine.” It was as if she could read his mind right then. She knew he was worrying. And she knew that he would be beside himself if he knew she was pregnant. For the first time, she was finally able to keep something huge a secret. She felt bad about it but she had to be there. She had to fight in this war. Better to ask for forgiveness than permission, right?

What were you guys talking about? Wyatt mind linked to Freya with his eyes curiously looking at her.

I believe it would be considered girl talk. I’m a bit new to the concept but I believe those conversations are confidential. Freya playfully nudged him with her shoulder. She felt relief when she saw him give her a wry smile back. At least he didn’t seem to suspect anything.

“Tony and Xander are here. They have joined their packs with the others. They are talking with Aaron and Ace right now.” Wyatt pointed in the distance to Freya who nodded her head with a smile.

“It looks like my old friend Reed is here as well.” Lilly nodded to the isolated group of witches.

“Yes, they agreed to assist against the witch doctors in the war. At least try to even out the playing field the best they can.” Freya looked over to the vampires. They had briefly spoken with Jester and Irene but then had to leave. They wanted to greet the arriving dragons and most importantly Rhea and Cody.

“This is quite the army we have assembled here.” Tristan said breathlessly looking over everyone.

“This is the best we can do. Let’s hope it is enough.” Tyler said quietly.

The wind began to blow and with it, the soft sound of tapping arose with it. They could hear the sound of drums. A promise of the army that was soon to come. Everyone in the grassy knoll fell silent as they listened to the sound. It was still far away but it was proof that by tomorrow the demons would be upon them. This was the moment that everyone, every species recognizes their creation. Their life. It is this moment that they are called to awaken inside and understand what they are fighting for.

This is the reality they were all facing. This was not just something they were talking about anymore. This was the time to embrace the reality of what was coming. They needed to wake up every being and dormant power within them in order to save themselves. In order to save the future.

Wyatt pulled his arms tighter around Freya who leaned back into his chest. This would soon be a battlefield. A strategic chessboard has been placed right here and all the players were finally arriving. Every pawn had been assembled in order to secure the desired future. Each side was certain of their victory. Each side was certain that they were the ones right.

Freya was different than most of the ones here though. She understood both sides the best. She herself had fallen into the side of darkness and knew how they felt. Most of them were being manipulated and following the stronger demons. They justify their actions by following the higher-ranking demons. Since surely this will secure them a place in the future. But she was someone who had also felt the bitter sting of the dark side. She didn't let herself become poisoned by it. Instead, she stayed true to herself and unknowingly continued to search for the light. She had found it. Her light was Wyatt and the Diamond pack. And Rhea and the Locke family. They were her light. And this was her destiny. Her years of experience fighting against demons have prepared her for this moment. So that she could protect her light and finally snuff out the dark.

She smiled as she looked over at everyone. They were all worth fighting for. And this wasn't a battle worth dying for... no. It was a battle worth living for. Inside of her, she was carrying the future. And she couldn't wait to let Wyatt in on the good news. She knew better than that now. If Wyatt knew then he would not allow her to fight, and she could not risk that. They would need her strength. Like Rhea said. The two of them were two strengths that were needed in the war.

"Rhea." Titus walked up to her and Lee. "So I think you and I need to fight a bit farther back. Now let me finish." He smiled seeing her already getting ready to object. "The two of us together can put up a protective barrier around everyone but we can't concentrate on keeping that up if we are fighting constantly. We don't know what powers we are going to be up against. Even having the witches, it may not be enough to hold the demon's magic off. I'll be in my dragon form and have you ride on my back. Then you can still use your elemental skills and I can use my skills."

"But Lumi is a powerful fighter and I'm not sure we should take her off the front lines." Rhea felt a bit hesitant though she knew that her Gemini power could benefit everyone.

"Let's see how it goes first. See how much magic arsenal there is. If the witches can handle it then go and rip out some throats. But as a whole, if the magic is strong, we can protect more people this way." Titus could see her nodding her head.

"Rhea. I think he is right. Look out there. Look at everyone. If they have a lot of witch doctors or other magical demons that will cause a problem against the fighters. None of the werewolves can protect against magic. A single witch doctor could subdue a whole pack." Lilly looked over all the warriors who were making camp.

"Okay but if there isn't a lot of magic on their end, I'll be joining in. You are right. And this way I can keep an eye on all of you while fighting." Rhea smiled. Also, although the dragons weren't there, and Kelsie was, but in her premonition, she was standing back from the fighting as well. She wondered if this was a sign of what she should be doing. If she and Titus could shield them then that would be more important than her fighting up close.

“So who is cooking? I’m starving?” Cody grinned as he and Jason walked back to their family together.

“When aren’t you hungry?” Rhea giggled.

“The fairies will be bringing out food for everyone. It is the least we can do. There are so many there who either can’t or won’t fight. So this is their way of helping.” Lilly looked at her children. “Can we all stay together tonight?”

“Sure can, but you two better go and see Kade, Cedric and Caleb before they spaz out.” Wyatt chuckled and motioned his head towards the Diamond pack.

“Well, why on earth are they just staying down there? I thought those old men stayed behind.” Tyler chuckled. “Come on Lills let’s go get the rest of our family.”

“Wait up. I’ll go down with you. James is down there and I’d like to talk with him some before chaos erupts.” Tristan said walking next to Lilly and Tyler. He had grown up in the Ashton pack as Jame’s twin brother. They might not be blood-related but he was family to him. And it would be good to talk with him some before tomorrow.

“Hey dad, tell Sam, Adam and Winston to join us too. The pack will be fine. We are still close to them.” Wyatt watched his dad nod his head as him and his mother walked down to the pack. Tomorrow would be intense for them all. They should spend this time with all their loved ones. Just in case... they would leave nothing unsaid. They would keep their friends and family close. And just in case... tell them all farewell. Book 3

Chapter 76 Drums of War

Chapter 259 - Dr.Luna

Darkness fell around them as orange glows lit up across the area. A group of close friends and family sat around a large fire. They were laughing and talking happily amongst one another. As if the small drumming sound in the distance wasn’t coming closer.

“After this is all over Irene and I would like to visit the Diamond pack if that is okay? We would like to get better acquainted with the ways of werewolves.” Jester said, looking over at Wyatt.

“I think that would be nice. It will be a good way to start gradually building up relations.” Wyatt smiled and nodded his head. It would be good to start acclimating the pack to vampires. Especially if his daughter would be mated to one.

“We are going to have like a demon war after party, you guys are more than welcome to attend.” Rhea grinned up from Lee’s arms to Jester and Irene.

“An after party? Well, I don’t think that is something for all the vampires but maybe Irene and I will join in on the fun. What do you think?” Jester looked over at Irene who shyly nodded her head.

Loud laughter came from where Lilly and Tyler were sitting.

“You should have seen his face though!” Kade slapped his knee with tears coming from his eyes from laughing. “When Tristian walked through the door the mixture of emotions on his face was priceless. And when Cedric said ‘This is Lilly’s guardian’ he will help us get her back.” Kade began laughing out of control. “I think that was one of the funniest moments in my life.”

“He never wanted to kill someone as much as he wanted to kill Tristan at the moment. Plus, he was confused as heck because he thought he belonged to the Ashton pack.” Cedric grinned up at Tyler who had a cheesy smile on his face.

“And even then, I knew he loved me.” Tristan winked at Tyler, and they all started laughing. “I told you we would be close.”

“If I had a looking glass that could show me this future now, I would never have believed it.” Tyler chuckled and rubbed his hand over Lilly’s arm. “I am so glad our getting kidnapped days have come to an end.”

“What? You don’t want me stealing your mate again?” A voice said coming up from them in the dark.

They turned their head to see the centaur, Drake, coming into the light. This was the centaur who had kidnapped Lilly many many years ago. He had taken her for her own protection knowing the half demon Abaddon was after her.

“Oh my goodness!” Lilly said and hopped up with a smile on her face. She rushed over and hugged the centaur. “What are you doing here?!”

Drake chuckled. “Well if that mate of yours is able to stand toe to toe and fight then I am able to too.” He nodded off in the distance. “The centaurs and minotaur’s have grouped together. We will answer Elysium’s call.”

“Drake, it’s nice to see you again. It’s been awhile. How’s that son of yours doing?” Tyler shook the man’s hand firmly.

“He is not too happy right now. I made him stay home to watch the women folk and the elderly.” Drake chuckled and rubbed the back of his head. “He is only sixteen. He doesn’t need to be out in something like this.”

“I agree with you. He is much too young. Hell, I don’t even want my kids out in this.” Tyler glanced back to his children with a small frown.

“I wonder what happens after all of this...” Drake said quietly.

“What do you mean?” Lilly asked as she moved into Tyler’s arms.

“When we defeat the demons. It isn’t like we are eradicating them. What happens? Are you making them submit to your rule?” Drake looked at Lilly who shook her head no.

“No. This isn’t about dominating or controlling demons. It isn’t about asking them to be anything other than what they are. It is about protecting ourselves. After the war those who live can continue to live as they always have. I am not expecting to turn them into angels. But I plan to eradicate the very thought of taking over Elysium again. This world is not here for any one species to dominate.” Lilly smiled. “We can all exist and live the lives we are led to. We may still fight but that is part of life.”

“We aren’t looking to change the order of things. But we are not about to allow ourselves to be taken over. We are going to secure a future for our children and grandchildren and great grandchildren.” Tyler smiled and Lilly nodded up to him.

Drake nodded his head. “That’s the way it should be.” He glanced over to the distance. “Well... I wanted to let you guys know I was here. See you on the battlefield.” He nodded at everyone before he disappeared back into the darkness.

Tyler and Lilly sat back down near the fire. They looked over at their companions Caleb, Cedric, Kade and Tristan. They were always together in the beginning, and they were now together in what might be their end. Tyler looked across the flames to the other side where the next generation was all laughing together. They had raised strong independent children. All of them were trustworthy and have gathered powerful allies and friendships. He trusted their power and skills, but still. He was their father. And even during the fighting tomorrow he would continue to check on his children. If it came to it he wouldn’t hesitate to sacrifice himself for them.

Lilly interlaced her fingers with Tyler’s and slowly nodded her head in agreement. As much as they loved each other they both agreed. Above all, they would protect their children and their future.

“So I heard you guys took out the witch Meryl? She cursed me and I wasn’t able to touch anyone for years. I couldn’t even be around my own mate. I’m glad she has been taken care of.” Grayson looked up to Wyatt and Freya.

“The only one missing is her granddaughter. To my knowledge she still hasn’t been found. But we are letting the covens deal with her for now. She is a child and was probably just being manipulated.” Wyatt watched as Grayson nodded his head in agreement.

“During the fight tomorrow Ciana will stay back at Rhea and Titus’ side. She will use her strength as a mass healer.” Dex gripped his arm around Ciana who had a bright unique mark on her neck.

“It takes a lot of my energy but if I try to just use it in extreme situations, I should be able to manage.” Ciana looked over at Jason. “I promised Jin that I would make it back and that I would keep you all safe. I know you have accelerated healing but what I have is a bit different. It isn’t accelerated healing but more like instant. I can’t use it much... but if the situation is dire I will do what I can.” She had made up her mind that she would focus on making sure Jason made it back to Jin. Of course, she would watch over everyone, but Jason would not die on her watch. She had the power to make sure that happened. He would make it back to his mate and child. Jin deserved happiness.

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The drums of war continued to sound in the distance while the demons marched through the night. The Locke family rested near their loved ones. Tonight, was the last guaranteed night they had together. Rhea was snuggled deep in Lee’s side who had his arms lovingly embraced around her. While she slept, he kissed her forehead and squeezed her body a little tighter.

He would keep her safe no matter what. He would be facing off against Mephisto and honestly... he did not know how that was going to go. An original demon was at the same level as a tier one deity. And while he tried, he couldn’t get any other deities to join in the fight. They all refused to participate in the war. If only they had one more strong deity they could tip the scale in their favor. Suzaku was a tier three deity who was Lilly’s summon. She was the only other deity they had fighting on their side. The others all took a wait and see approach. To hell with them.

If he fell... Rhea thought she would too. But he couldn’t allow that to happen. He couldn’t let her light go out. So, he did something that she didn’t know about. He breathed in her scent and sighed. He had to make sure he won no matter what. He knew better than to offer a mindless prayer up to the gods. They didn’t care. The only one who did was Selene, and she couldn’t get directly involved. Instead, he hoped against hope that this wouldn’t be their last night to ever hold one another.

Wyatt kept his arm around Freya’s waist as he laid up beside her. She was still awake but had her eyes closed.

Freya... I just want you to know how much I love you. Just in case... you have made me happier than I ever could have imagined.

Wyatt. We don’t have to do this. Everything will be fine. But... you are my reason Wyatt. You have breathed a new life in me that I didn’t know existed. It is more than how much I love you. You are part of me and my existence. No matter what my heart will always be with you.

Of all times now to not have a room of our own... Wyatt mind linked to Freya with a smirk playing over her face.

Probably a good thing. We both need our rest for tomorrow, and I don't think a private room would allow for that.

Lilly looked over at her children resting comfortably. Jason and Cody were laying side by side like they used to when they were children. The two of them always had a close bond. So much that Lilly had felt bad about them having to part ways as guardians. It seemed like only yesterday her four children were running around the house playing tag. And now here they all were. Ready to fight in the war they have been preparing for all their lives. She felt Tyler's hand gripped into hers and hold her tighter. This was their destiny. This war was always their family's fate.

Tomorrow... hell would be unleashed along with its spawns. The green ground would be soaked red with the blood of friend and foe alike. And tomorrow it would all be over. They would face the storm together and fight for the new beginning. They would win. They would be victorious, Lilly was certain of it, but at what cost? Who among them would not be making the trip back home? How many of them would they have to bury?

The sounds of the drums continued to rhythmically play. With each moment the hum was coming closer. With each step, with each second the war was now inching closer.

Lilly closed her eyes and settled into Tyler's chest to get some rest. Before she drifted to sleep, she reached out to the moon goddess. Please protect my children. I've lived my life, take mine if you must but spare theirs... please shield my children. Book 3

Chapter 77 Mephisto's Secret

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"We have reports that the vampires have joined the army in front of Elysium." Leoric said as he walked by Mephisto's side.

"It doesn't matter if they have joined. It is still only Leviathan? He is the only upper deity there?" Mephisto asked.

"Yes, he is the only tier one deity that appears to be there." Leoric watched as a cruel smile rose over his father's lips.

"Perfect." Mephisto said in haughty arrogance. "Once Leviathan is out of the way I'll be able to flatten all the others. He is the only one who is a threat against me." He grabbed something hidden under his chest and smirked. The time had finally come when he would use the ace he had up his sleeve. It would only give him a few moments of time but that was all he needed. He only needed to freeze Leviathan for a few minutes. He only needed long enough to kill the deity.

With Leviathan out of the way there was no one who could stop him. He would ravage over all of those who opposed him and take the little fairy princess for himself.

“Make sure after I take care of Leviathan you secure the princess for me.” Mephisto ordered to Leoric.

Leoric scowled and rolled his eyes. “I don’t understand it at all. Wouldn’t your offspring be stronger with another demon? I mean look at me? Look at my strength. Why waste your time on a weak fairy?”

Mephisto growled and looked at his son with disgust. “You are too narrow-minded to understand, aren’t you? That or perhaps too stupid? Fairy magic is unlike any other magic in the world. It is different from witch magic and demon magic. It is different from deity magic. It is a magic that takes on a life force of itself. It is a power that develops within you over time. It never stops. It continues to grow. Can you imagine mixing a power like that? The possibilities.” He looked at Leoric. “Besides...” He licked his lips as a smirk rose over his face. “You know how much fun it is to tame a willful bride?”

Leoric almost choked. “I’m sorry... did you say bride?”

“Why not?” Mephisto looked at his son and all but dared him to object.

Leoric didn’t get it. It was like his half brother and father have become obsessed with a weaker race. Honestly, it disgusted him. The idea of touching one of those sweet floral scented fairies was revolting. In his eyes it was counterproductive. How did they know they would create a more powerful species for their side? The child would be part fairy and could easily rise up against them. His father could very well be sealing their doom. Whatever. He wanted no part of it. Repulsive.

“Do you think the moon goddess will sit idly by after you kill Leviathan?” Leoric decided to change the topic. There were not a lot of things that could turn his stomach. But procreating with a fairy was one of them.

Mephisto stopped walking behind allowing the horde of demons to slowly march away. He turned and looked at Leoric. “We have to play their game in order to win. Selene and Kali won’t do anything as long as there is hope to bring their precious Endymion back. We only need to make sure the Gemini souls survive. The fairy princess is one of them. The other will be the one staying close to her side. We only need to avoid killing those two. So make sure that happens.” He looked at Leoric with a very dark expression.

“If one of the Gemini twins die...” Mephisto curled his lip up angrily. “That damn goddess will make sure the world suffers for her mistakes.” He then smirked slightly. “Not sure how that goddess is much different than us demons.” He chuckled at this and looked at the perplexed look on Leoric’s face. He obviously wasn’t following along and this frustrated him. “The goddess will suck this world into the black hole if she doesn’t get her way. That is the true nature of the perfect moon goddess. She is childish and petty. She is so stuck on one man that she ignores

everyone else's existence. She refuses to look at anyone else. So focused on what she lost that she can't try something new."

"Oh. My." Leoric held his hands up and then stared his father down. "I have never been more disappointed in you than I am at this moment." Leoric said coldly. "You might be an original demon but you have gone soft."

Mephisto scoffed and stared at his son. "Would you like me to teach you a painful lesson in the difference between us?"

"You are in love with the damn moon goddess. That is what all of this is about?! Isn't it? Damn it. I knew you agreed to this too easily. You were doing it to be spiteful. She never showed interest in you after Endymion was gone. That is the problem here. The reason you have gone down this road. It is because of the moon goddess, isn't it?"

"You can't understand, son. You'll never understand. Demons are supposed to take what they desire. It is what we do. Instead, I am mocked over wanting something that is considered unobtainable. Am I doing all of this to piss off Selene? Sure, why the hell not? And to make sure I really hit her in the sore spot I am taking that fairy princess she favors so much. I'm going to make a mess of her. Selene won't be able to interfere because she will still be holding out for damn hope." Mephisto started to walk again slowly as the horde was pulling away. Leoric met his pace and stayed by his side.

"What are you doing dad? You are better than this." Leoric whispered out quietly.

"When you have a craving for something until you have it you are never satisfied. No matter how many different substitutions you try. It isn't what you have been craving. You never focus on the bigger picture son. You are so focused on world domination that you are not thinking ahead. If you want to be on top you must plan for the present and the future." Mephisto looked ahead and slowly continued walking.

"And what future are you looking at now?" Leoric asked, looking up at his father.

"One where Selene will know despair." Mephisto smirked in the darkness. A cloud covered over the moonlight as they walked in the nighttime. He glanced upwards and sneered at the diminishing light. "What is the matter, my lady? Don't wish to see how this ends up?"

The tapping of drums continued along with the sounds of footsteps marching through the night. No other sound was heard. There were no crickets or tree frogs making themselves known on this night. Instead, darkness overtook the area as the cloud remained covered in front of the moon.

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The drums were louder now and the sound of marching could now be heard. Everyone was slowly moving into positions to brace for the incoming demon army.

Wyatt hugged Rhea tight. “Be careful.”

“Don’t worry I will. You are the one I am more worried about.” Rhea said, arching her eyebrow at him.

“I’ll protect him.” Freya said and kissed Wyatt’s cheek.

“We will be leading the werewolves. But we will be just over the dip here.” Wyatt motioned to where the werewolves were now shifting and getting ready.

“Sons.” Tyler looked at his three boys. “Fight conservatively. Don’t take any unnecessary risks.” He then looked at Cody. “The kelpies are fighting alongside you. I think Kelsie insisted on that. Rowan is here to lead them.”

Cody smiled and nodded his head. “Don’t worry Dad. We are all going to make it.”

They each took turns hugging their parents then they hugged each other. “Just another day in the Locke family paradise.” Jason chuckled and squeezed Cody hard in his chest. “No dying this time, alright?”

Cody chuckled and nodded his head. He then grabbed Wyatt by his head and pulled him into a hug. “Stay safe little brother.”

“I’m not so little anymore.” Wyatt chuckled.

“You’ll always be my little brother.” Cody said with a warm smile.

“Take care of yourself. I want both you and Wyatt at the after-party.” Rhea squeezed her arms around Jason tightly and he hoisted her in the air twirling her side to side.

“Love you Ray Ray.” Jason sat her down gently as the vibrations of the incoming army were starting to be felt beneath them. He placed his hand on her shoulder and squeezed it. He felt reluctant to leave her side and Cody’s. With a deep breath, he released her and looked up at Leviathan. “You take care of yourself too. And you...” He then turned to Titus. “You keep my baby sister safe. You are a dragon king so I am depending on you...” His voice croaked out quietly.

“Don’t worry about her. She will stay safely by my side.” Titus looked at her brothers and then up at Tyler and Lilly as he said this. He then turned his head to Lee and gave him an affirmative smile. He would protect Rhea no matter what. He wanted Lila to stay by his side too but she insisted on fighting next to Dex since Ciana would be by Rhea. He looked farther past Lee where the dragons were assembling. They were all shifting as well. Ciana was giving Dex one last hug goodbye. He also needed to see Lila before the war began. “Please excuse me for a moment.”

Lilly hugged and kissed all of her children, including Freya and Lee. “I know I shouldn’t be expecting miracles, but I hope we don’t suffer many casualties. And I need you all to make it

through this. I love you all. You are all my family. Now. Let's push all of our buried anger forward and rid the world of the army coming for us. Don't hold your strength back. And remember to trust in yourselves and your hidden strengths."

"And if either of you two boys lose to a hellhound, I am going to appoint new guardians." Tristan smirked at the two bear cubs he helped raise.

"Easy there, old man. I worry you might break a hip while fighting." Cody teased back as Tristan chuckled lowly.

"You just better hope I don't outdo you out there. Time to see what a real guardian can do." Tristan winked and grinned widely.

"Alright. I need to get going and rally the packs. See you for dinner." Wyatt winked back at everyone as he walked away with Freya and Jason.

"Look after yourselves too. Be careful out there." Tyler clasped Kade's arm and then looked at Caleb and Cedric.

"Hey, don't worry about us. You are the weak fairy king, remember?" Cedric teased his old alpha.

Tyler chuckled and nodded his head. There was a time in his young life when he called fairies weak. That was before he knew anything about guardians and the fairy world. Man was he naïve.

"Like Wyatt said... see you for dinner." Caleb winked at Tyler and Lilly. The three left their former luna and alpha. They headed down to join in with the werewolves as they followed their alpha king into battle.

"Come on Lills. We need to address the fairies as well." Tyler said quietly. They both looked at Rhea and Cody who were talking with Lee. "We have raised them to be strong and taught them the best we could. Let's believe in them."

"Mmmm. You're right. That is all we can do." Lilly whispered out before they too went to perform their duties.

"I'm going to go heckle Weston some more. Let him know how much more suitable it is for him to die because he has no mate to leave behind." Cody chuckled and headed towards the young king leaving Rhea to have a moment alone with Lee.

"No matter what, we are going to live through this. I won't lose to Mephisto. I don't want you worrying about me." Lee said, wrapping his arms around Rhea, pulling her deep into his chest.

"Our lives are connected. I know you will give it everything you can in order to win." Rhea said quietly. She wanted to tell him about their child. She knew he deserved to know. But not now.

Not on the brink of war. And not before she entered the black hole. She didn't want him worrying anymore than he already was.

"I love you Rhea. My fairy." Lee whispered and lifted her head up to him. He leaned down and pressed his warm lips against hers. He gave her one of the softest sweetest kisses. She was his reason for living. His heart belonged only to her. And he would love her for the rest of their lives and beyond.

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Wyatt paused and pulled Freya to the side. "Don't get yourself killed trying to protect me, Freya. If I am in danger don't worry about me. I can handle myself."

Freya giggled and shook her head. "Is that what you are going to do if I am in trouble?" She watched as a wry grin formed on his mouth. "That's what I thought. Don't be telling me to do something you have no intentions on following. We fight together. Side by side. Protecting each other."

"I love you Freya."

Freya smiled up at him lovingly. "I love you... my mate... my alpha." This was the first time she ever referred to Wyatt as her alpha. A sign showing, she had fully accepted herself as his luna. She reached up on her tiptoes and he wrapped his arms around her pushing her upwards into his lips.

He held her body possessively and growled into her lips as his wolf accepted her acknowledgement. Their kiss was raw and passionate, there was a sense of urgency in it. He pulled apart and panted into her lips. "When this is over my queen... when this is all over..."

He didn't need to say it. She understood exactly what he meant. And when this was all over she also had something important to tell him. Something that was going to change their lives forever. She was excited and nervous. She couldn't wait to see his reaction. Damn wolf... he did make sure he spread his seed before the war. She warned him though. That even if she was pregnant, she would stay by his side to fight. She would make sure she protected her mate. And even though it wasn't ideal she was glad to have the proof of their love growing inside of her.

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